



# Mount Pisgah Missionary Baptist Church

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Dear Mt. Pisgah!

I greet you in the magnificent, majestic, mighty, miraculous and merciful name of Jesus Christ! God can be trusted at all times!

I want to ensure each of you that God is still in charge, despite the chaos, calamity, confusion and commotion this Coronavirus pandemic has stirred. Let me assure you, this pandemic did not surprise God nor catch Him unaware. Again, He remains in control, in charge and in command.

Please know that the deacons and I have been monitoring this pandemic and have been diligently educating ourselves about this disease. We are in close communication with Disease Control Prevention (CDC) and the various agencies in Howard County. **Your safety is our first concern!!**

Because of the Coronavirus, we are going to make some immediate adjustments in how we do business at The Mount. We are a touchy – huggy - kissy type of church, and for this I praise God. We see each other as family, and we greet each other that way. However, we must make some immediate adjustments and modifications to our worship and fellowship.

### Please note the following immediate changes:

1. During the welcome period, we will not be greeting each other with handshakes, kisses, and hugs. Our welcome period will consist of waves and nonphysical acts of welcome!
2. Our intercessory prayer has been suspended. We will not be holding hands with the intercessor during prayer; in fact, we will pray in our pews as one or two people pray from the pulpit.
3. Communion has been totally revamped. Both cracker and juice will come in its own sealed individual package.
4. No Children's Church until further notice.
5. The nursery will not be open and available to be used.
6. No baby dedications will take place until further notice.
7. Baptisms will be postponed until further notice.
8. Bible Study has been postponed, and will continue after the first Sunday in April.

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Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen. -Matthew 28:19-20

9. All calendar events at The Mount have been suspended for the month of March.
10. All sub-ministry meetings have been suspended for the month of March.

**Steps your Church are taking to ensure your safety:**

1. Intensifying our cleaning and sanitizing of the building.
2. Being vigilant with sterilizing light switches, doors and doorknobs.
3. Bleach & Lysol are being used to help fight the spread of any germs.
4. We are educating ourselves about the Coronavirus daily.

**What your Church needs from you:**

1. Please wash your hands, and keep hand sanitizer on you at all times.
2. Please respect others who desire not to hug or be embraced.
3. If you are sick, PLEASE stay home. If you have any symptoms of illness, please remain at home and don't go to work, school, church or public areas.
4. Please continue to be responsible Biblical stewards and give **The Lord's tithes** and **The Lord's offerings** consistently on **Civility** or drop them off at the office.

During this time, we ask that you continue to pray. Pray for the individuals who have fallen ill. Pray for those in the medical field, public health officials, and all others who may encounter or be affected by COVID-19.

As of 3/14/20 @12:00PM:

**SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES  
WILL CONTINUE AS NORMALLY SCHEDULED – “UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE!”**

I certainly recognize that each of you must make a choice that coincides with your faith and convictions. To not attend worship doesn't make you faithless or a bad Christian. This is something that **you** must pray about and ask God for direction. **The decision for corporate worship will be made each week!**

We will continue to monitor this pandemic and ask The Lord for guidance. We cannot live in **FEAR**, but we **MUST** be **WISE** and **DILIGENT** in our affairs. We walk in faith and not fear! I must say, that walking in **FAITH**, does not mean we have the right to **IGNORE** God's warning-signs either!

We will continue to keep our MPMBC family informed on the current status and any additional modifications due to the coronavirus pandemic. Always remember, God is in control! ***“For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and love and of a sound mind.”*** 2 Timothy 1:7

I love you Mt. Pisgah and I'm praying for you, our nation and world!

Saved and Sure,

*Pastor L. E. Anderson, Jr.*