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To The Saints at New Deliverance Evangelistic Church Bishop's Pastoral Letter

Friday, March 27, 2020

2 Chronicles 20: “ 7 Art not thou our God, *who* didst drive out the inhabitants of this land before thy people Israel, and gavest it to the seed of Abraham thy friend for ever? 8 And they dwelt therein, and have built thee a sanctuary therein for thy name, saying, 9 If, *when* evil cometh upon us, *as* the sword, judgment, or pestilence, or famine, we stand before this house, and in thy presence, (for thy name is in this house,) and cry unto thee in our affliction, then thou wilt hear and help.”

I write this brief missive to update you on the status of our Sunday morning worship schedule in light of the minute by minute changes facilitated by the exponential and indiscriminate attack of this Coronavirus Pandemic.

As you know, global efforts are continually being focused on lessening the spread and impact of this deadly virus. To this effect, the federal government is working closely with state, local and public health partners to respond to this public health threat in the forefront of the obvious question: What are the saints to do?

First, suffice it to say, we are living in perilous times, but certainly not without a divine remedy to survive, overcome and to emerge safely and victoriously. In fact, the same way God exercised His power to save Israel from every disease which struck the land of Egypt, even so did our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ demonstrate Himself to be the Son of God in accomplishing the healing of every widespread outbreak and pandemic affecting the regions wherever He traveled.

For this reason, I too, want to share and reinforce some practical guidelines for elevating our awareness while fully engaging our faith.

Stay aware of the latest information on the COVID-19 outbreak available on the World Health Organization (www.who.int) and CDC (www.cdc.gov) websites and through your state and local public health authorities. These authorities will have first-hand, the most up to date and most reliable information on the situation in your area. I ask that you make every effort to tune-in to your regular local press briefings, comply with all bans and restrictions, social distancing, and together, we will stay fully informed, well-prepared and safely empowered.

Saints, we do not have to panic or be fearful, we still have hope. We “Absolutely Trust God!” During this crisis, our faith in God is most responsibly exercised in trusting those voices whose entire lives and professions have been dedicated to the awesome task of ensuring our public health. Proverbs 24 expresses how far better it is to be wise than strong. Intelligence will always outrank stamina. Strategic planning is the key to warfare. Therefore, to win, you must remain connected to good counsel.

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“Be not deceived” nor vulnerable.

1. Continue to routinely wash your hands with soap and water or an alcohol-based solution. This kills viruses that may be on your hands.
2. Avoid touching eyes, nose and mouth. Why? The same hands we lift in worship also touch many surfaces and can pick up viruses. Once contaminated, hands can transfer the virus to your eyes, nose or mouth. From there, the virus can enter your body and cause you to become sick.
3. Above all, stay home if you feel unwell. If you have a fever, cough and difficulty breathing, seek medical attention—but call in advance. Follow the directions of your local health authority, and by all means, avoid travel.
4. Be mindful and adaptable to the caution that larger worship gatherings (more than 10 people in some states) offer more opportunities for person-to-person contact and therefore pose greater risk of COVID-19 transmission.

While we do not have all the answers to why this pandemic has stricken the land, we as Spirit-filled believers are assured in **Psalms 33:19** that our God is sovereign, He is still in control and He is ready to come to our rescue in critical times.

Finally, still believing that God has sent His Word to heal, after prayerful deliberation and consultation, we are suspending our Sunday morning (3/29) worship at 1701 Turner Road. I will update you later in the week about future public worship services.

Prayerfully this suspension will minimize our staff and congregant's exposure to this “unseen enemy” in a large gathering. We are obediently and prayerfully doing our part to combat and bring relief to this severe crisis. “5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god,...14 Wherefore they cried unto the Lord,” [**Jonah 1:1**]

“Not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*; and all the more as you see the day drawing near.” **Hebrews 10:25**

Meanwhile, let's stay in touch and pray one for another. I will be sending you periodic “NDEC Handouts” until we we come together again for worship in our beloved “Church House.” “I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.” **Psalms 122:1**.

We do not know what tomorrow holds, but without a doubt, we know Who holds tomorrow.

Soli Deo Gloria! [To God Alone Be The Glory]

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