



*"Where there is no vision, the people perish"
~ Proverbs 29:18*

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From the Pastor's Heart

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As you are aware, the global spread of the Coronavirus, COVID-19, has become a central topic of discussion and concern for many of us. It has caused us to think and rethink about many things we take for granted. This invisible enemy has caused us to even think about the daily practices of our everyday life.

In the church, this pandemic has caused us to consider new ways to approach what have been longstanding practices and traditions. Over the past few weeks, I have been in prayer to the Lord seeking His guidance in the midst of this storm. Many questions have come to my mind just as yours. Do we have church service? Do we have Bible Study? How do we conduct Holy Communion? What do we do about our sick and shut in?

My prayer is that this communication will help you understand better how I truly believe we should move forward as the church, the born-again people of God.

First, please allow me to say thank you to our wonder-well trained Health Ministry. They have done an outstanding job for our church family. Next, to our leadership (the Deacon Ministry), I personally want to thank you brothers for your prayers and support of this church during this time of crisis. As well, I want to extend my thanks to all church leaders and members for your prayers, understanding and support.

Now, to questions stated earlier, we will postpone Bible Study and 2nd Saturday Leadership Sessions as a group until further notice, please read and study your Bible Study handout. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to call me, your deacon or your ministry leader. Let us remember Ephesians 4:12. I am requesting that we check on our sick and shut in by phone. We don't want to make visitations and put those who are sick at more risk of getting the Coronavirus.

Lastly, what about church service. We will continue to have at this time, 1st Sunday Prayer Time, Sunday Service and Worship Service as normal, but modified conditions (TBA). I need you to know that I am very aware of the spread of the Coronavirus, and until the Governor or higher authority, mandate a "shelter in place" order, we will continue to have church, but under our new social distance guidelines.

As a church family, let us be witnesses of hope, encouragement, generosity, patience and prayer. Rather than being controlled by fear, let us live by faith. Now, with that being said, if you are sick or vulnerable (due to age young or old) or have existing medical conditions, please stay at home. We will ensure that you get some form of the worship service.

In closing, please remember we are stronger and better equipped to face these challenges of every degree as a calm, collective body of baptized believers in Jesus Christ. Rather than live in fear, let us approach this challenge in faith. We have been given an opportunity to be a model to our children, our family members and each other, but above all, to our God. The Just shall live by Faith.

Yours in Christ and Because of Calvary,

W.L. Talley, Sr., Pastor

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