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Re: **TABERNACLE – UPDATE – CORONAVIRUS – 3-24-2020**

To My Dear Tabernacle Family,

I greet you in the Strong and Matchless name of Jesus. It is my prayer that this communication finds you well. This letter comes to you as an update concerning the Coronavirus and how it impacts us at Tabernacle. I must express how grateful I am to all of you: officers, ministry leaders, staff, and members in general for your prayers and outstanding support during these times.

Even though we have suspended in person meetings and worship services at both campuses, we have not suspended ministry. I am glad to report that the outreach ministry from 6125 Beechwood is fully operational. The workers and volunteers have been exceptional. I also want you to know that God truly blessed our virtual worship experience on Sunday. Many of our church family viewed the service via live stream and so did many of our family and friends. Some of our members called in and listened to the service by means of teleconference. I am so grateful for the team of people who made all this possible.

Michigan is under the Governor's Executive Order of 3/23/2020. We will do all we can to comply with the Governor's order and yet honor the Word of God.

The Lord has provided for us opportunities to continue to worship and study God's Word by utilizing live-stream and teleconference.

- **On Sundays**
 - **Virtual Church School – 9:30AM -- Live Stream via YouTube, Facebook, and Zoom**
 - **Virtual Worship – 11:00AM – Live Stream via YouTube, Facebook, and Teleconference**

- **On Wednesdays**
 - **Prayer – 6:00PM – Live Stream via YouTube, Facebook, teleconference, and Zoom**
 - **Bible Study – 6:30PM – Live Stream via YouTube, Facebook, teleconference and Zoom**
 - **Join Zoom Meeting**
 - <https://zoom.us/j/584878336?pwd=OFdSblVlM0xhRFVnb094eFgxRXlBQT09>
 - Meeting ID: 584 878 336

- You can connect to these opportunities by:

- going to our website at www.tbmcddetroit.org
- subscribing to our YouTube channel: **TabernacleMissionaryBaptistChurchDetroit**
- like our page on Facebook at **TabernacleMBCDetroit**

The teleconference number is 351-999-3940. NO ACCESS CODE IS NEEDED!

- You will be updated on future virtual opportunities. Please check the website and Facebook for postings. Please pass on this information to other members of our church family.

This will allow us to still worship together even though it is virtual, thus fulfilling the scripture which says, “do not forsake the assembling of ourselves together” (Hebrews 10:25). This also allows us to comply with the Governor’s Executive Order.

I also want to thank you for your continued financial support of our church. In order to maintain ministry and to take care of our obligations, your support is crucial.

- You may give online:
 - **Using Givelify**
 - **Using PayPal on our website**
- You may bring your offering to the church (9am-5pm Monday – Friday) – 20280 West Grand Blvd
- You may mail your offering to: **Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church**
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Please note that we have continued and will continue our Outreach ministry at 6125 Beechwood. Precautions have been taken to protect our workers and still provide this necessary ministry to our community. **Volunteers are needed! Please call the church if you can volunteer.**

I am counting on and praying for your continued support and cooperation in this matter. We must “Trust Him Through It,” never forget that we have “The Immanuel Factor” (God Is With Us) and always remember we have “The Personal Promise of His Presence.”

As we continue to move through this unique period in which we find ourselves, I want to reiterate these five suggestions.

1) Be Informed

- a) Check with official sources for current information concerning the Coronavirus – 19.
 - i) <https://www.cdc.gov/>, CDC
 - ii) https://www.michigan.gov/mdhhs/0,5885,7-339-71550_5104_97675---,00.html Michigan Department Health and Human Services
- b) Know your risk level.
 - i) **Older adults and people who have severe underlying chronic medical conditions** like heart or lung disease or diabetes seem to be at higher risk for developing more serious complications from COVID-19 illness. Please consult with your health care provider about additional steps you may be able to take to protect yourself.
- c) Do Not rely on Social Media or word of mouth for information.
- d) “Enthusiasm without knowledge is no good; haste makes mistakes.” (Proverbs 19:2, NLT)

2) Be Wise

- a) Ask God to give you discernment/wisdom as to how you should apply to your life the most current information from credible sources.
- b) Do not panic! *"If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking."* (James 1:5, NLT)

3) Practice These Things

- a) Wash your hands often with soap and water for 20 seconds
- b) Wash hand after blowing your nose or coughing
- c) Use a hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol
- d) Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth with unwashed hands.
- e) Clean and disinfect daily even at home
- f) Put distance between yourself and others. This is especially important for those who are high risk.

4) Stay Connected

- a) Call family and friends to keep a check on them.
- b) Use social media to keep in touch with family and friends.
- c) Go to the church's website (tmbcdetroit.org) to be current on church activities and important updates.
- d) Tune into Sunday Services via YouTube to view or call in to Conference Call Number to listen.
- e) Use Online Giving to continue to support the ministry of the church. You may also mail in or bring your contribution to the church.
 - i) <https://tmbcdetroit.org/tithes-offerings>
 - ii) <https://tmbcdetroit.org/announcements/get-the-gively-app>
- f) Update your email information in the Clerk's office
- g) *"Let us think of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works."* (Hebrews 10:24, NLT)

5) Stay Faithful

- a) We must remain faithful!!!
- b) We must refuse to be fearful!!!
- c) God has never failed us, and He will not fail us now! *"Don't be afraid, for I am with you. Don't be discouraged, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you. I will hold you up with my victorious right hand."* (Isaiah 41:10, NLT)
- d) Always remember: *"For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind."* (2 Timothy 1:7, NKJV)

Shalom!

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