

High Street Baptist Church

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Greetings Church Family:

The scripture says, "I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord." *Psalm 122*. I am anticipating with great excitement when we can echo these words and resume services at the church.

The safety of our congregation continues to be of primary concern to me. I am working diligently with church officers to fulfill all mandatory requirements for re-opening our church doors for Sunday morning worship and other services. Repairs are continuing in the lower area of the church and installation of the new audio equipment in the sanctuary will be completed soon. In the meantime, I encourage you to continue to worship with us via Facebook live on Sunday morning at 10:30am and attend Wednesday Bible Study via Zoom at 11am [meeting ID 292 636 3100, access code 2M8Xxm]. Also, I am working on establishing an alternate Bible study class on Saturdays.

As I previously stated, while the world is speaking COVID-19, we are declaring **Christ Overcoming Viruses and Infectious Diseases**. As His disciples, God is challenging each of us to fulfill His mission in a virtual and safe manner. In the near future, officers will be reaching out to you for information to plan for the 2021 church calendar and your service in ministry. COVID can't stop Christ! That is why I cling to the scripture in 2 Chronicles 7:14: "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." So please pray for one another and this world.

Earlier this year after 36 years of service, our beloved secretary, Sis. Waltee Utterback retired. I would like the church family to show appreciation to her for all her hard work and dedicated service to this church for so many years. Those individuals or ministry groups that would like to express appreciation to her with gifts and well wishes are asked to drop them off at the church no later than Thursday, October 1, 2020. On Sunday, October 4th during our virtual service, we will acknowledge her retirement and the gifts will be delivered to her.

In our church covenant, we agree that we will pray for and watch over one another. So please stay connected with the church body. Each-One-Reach-One with phone calls, cards, prayers, and other means of virtual communication. Please make sure that your email and mailing address is updated in the church office. Please continue to be faithful in supporting the church with your tithes and offering. Please mail your checks to the church office—Attention: Finance Ministry or conveniently give online via GIVELIFY.

God be with you until we meet again. Stay safe and trust God through it all. My prayer for all of you is that you test positive for faith... keep distance from doubt... and isolate from fear. Be well, be healthy, be blessed!

In His Service,

Pastor Serenus T. Churn, Jr.

Not by might, nor by power, but by my spirit saith the Lord of host. Zechariah 4:6

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