



Rev. Stephen F. Mason, Pastor

August 4, 2020

Dear Congregant,

On August 4, 2020, the governor of the State of Mississippi, along with the State Health Officer, expressed their concern to decrease the number of coronavirus cases. The governor expressed his concern for the children of the state returning to school. He asked that we participate in a TWO WEEK period of reducing our social gatherings to help the numbers continue to move in a DECLINING direction. The resistance of some people to social distancing and wearing a mask has caused a burden on others.

As Christians and for the good of society (especially our children), we want to make sure we are not acting selfishly but responsively to do our part for the good of EVERYONE. Based on the governor and the state health officer's recommendation, we will suspend our face-to-face worship services and reevaluate this present situation in TWO WEEKS. *We will continue to share the gospel and other teaching ministries via social media.*

As your pastor, I will continue to make decisions in the following ways.

1. Considering the SPIRITUAL NEEDS of this congregation
2. Listening to the Holy Spirit
3. Protecting this congregation physically
4. Complying with the health communities' recommendations
5. Gathering information (although it fluctuates daily)
6. Staying sensitive to how Satan can use these times to keep people from coming to Jesus Christ.

Remember, it is during these times you will realize how much you have/have not matured in the faith. I will always try to keep this church in the spiritual position where we, as a church, can say that we are a part of the solution.

Always Trusting Him,

Rev. Stephen F. Mason
Pastor