

Zion Hill Baptist Church

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OFFICIAL ANNOUNCEMENT RESPONSE TO COVID19 PANDEMIC March 20, 2020

To: The Congregation of the Zion Hill Baptist Church,
Effective immediately, all worship services and activities at Zion Hill are cancelled. Online and conference call options will be sent to members via email.

CLOSING OF ZHBC FACILITY –

Access to the church will be restricted to 1) Pastoral, Officers, and Administrative Staff and 2) Any Activity deemed Critical, Urgent, or Essential by trustees and coordinated by the Pastor.

ZHBC EVENTS, ACTIVITIES, AND MEETINGS – As a result of the Closure of the ZHBC Facility, All Scheduled Events and Activities (e.g. Worship Services, Annual Events, Bible Study, Meetings, Fellowships, Seminars/Workshops, Dinners, and Rehearsals) will be CANCELLED or POSTPONED. Additionally, NO Unscheduled Events/Activities (e.g. Homegoing/Funeral Services, Memorial Services, or Weddings) will be held until further notice. (See details below)

ZHBC PASTORAL SUPPORT

- **SERMONS – All worship services will be held each Sunday at 11am via Zoom online and conference call (links and directions will be provided). Additionally, plans are underway to upload Sermons via YOUTUBE, and made accessible via the ZHBC Website (www.zhbcva.com).**
- **VISITATION - Pastoral Visitation of ZHBC Members will be by EMERGENCY ONLY. Visitation will also be subject to Access Restrictions of Area Hospitals, Nursing Homes, and other related Medical Facilities. Home Pastoral Visitation will also be by Request Only, and subject to a *clear and stated urgency* by the Requester.**

- **BIBLE STUDY** – Pastor will send WEEKLY via E-MAIL, Bible Study materials, Spiritual Helps, and Words of Encouragement. ZHBC Members are encouraged to request information of Pastor on any Biblical Topic.
- **DEATH/BEREAVEMENT** – Upon Recommendation of the Virginia Department of Health, and recommendations by area Morticians, NO Homegoing, Funeral, or Memorial Services will be held at the ZHBC Church Facility. Bereaved Families will be encouraged to consider Graveside committal Services with limited attendance, of which Pastor can be available. An appropriate memorial service may be scheduled at a later date when all restrictions are lifted.
- **AVAILABILITY** – Pastor will be available by Phone or Text 434-327-3315, 24 Hours a Day, 7 Days a Week for any questions, inquiries, concerns and requests. If NO ANSWER, callers are requested to leave their name, a detailed voice message, and callback number.

ZHBC SENIOR / AT NEED SUPPORT - All ZHBC Ministries are Authorized to Assist Pastor in Servicing and Supporting our ZHBC Senior and At-Risk Populations. Seniors and At-Risk Persons are encouraged to contact either the Pastor, Deacons, Deaconess, or Missionaries for assistance with any personal needs. These personal needs may include:

- Grocery and Retail Shopping
- Routine Errands (Post Office, Cleaners, etc.)
- Prescription Drop-Off / Pickup
- Transport to Scheduled Appointment(s)
- Delivery of Cleaning and Hygiene Supplies
- Other Related Support/Services not listed above

ZHBC MINISTRY NOTICES/ANNOUNCEMENTS – All Announcements, Notices, and Updates will be sent to ZHBC Members via E-Mail.

It is imperative that members communicate information to our members who do not have e-mail accounts. We will supplement email correspondence with “phone tree” outreach. This supports all within the congregation and supports the needed social interaction during a crisis.

FINANCIAL SUPPORT OF ZHBC – The Pastor and Officers are appealing to All Members to continue Your Financial Support of Our Zion Hill Baptist Church Ministry. Although Our Church Facility will be CLOSED, Our ZHBC Ministry remains OPEN and ACTIVE. The following guidelines are provided for Member Comfort, Convenience and Confidence.

- **Members may mail their Tithes/Offerings/Donations to the Church Facility – PO Box 213, Keswick, VA 22947**
- **Designated Trustee(s) will be at the Church Facility every Saturday Morning from 10AM to 12NOON to personally receive Member Tithes, Offerings, or Donations.**
- **Members who are Shut-In, Health Challenged, or have Transportation Challenges can request Pastoral/Trustee pick-up of their Tithes/Offerings/Donations upon request.**

Again, due to our ever-changing Landscape, All Guidelines listed above may be subject to Change, Removal, or Refinement as necessary. Additional Guidelines will be provided as occasions warrant.

Let us remain steadfast during these Times as we, “seek ye first the Kingdom of GOD, and His Righteousness”, and “Be Strong in the LORD, and in the Power of His Might”

To GOD be the GLORY. Remain in the Word. Here are some encouraging scriptures for such a time as this:

Zephaniah 3:17 The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Matthew 6:34 Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.

John 14:27 Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Psalms 55:22 Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

2 Corinthians 4:16-18 So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison, as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

Psalm 9:9-10 The Lord is a refuge for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble.

Submitted by The Order Of The Church this 21st Day of March, 2020.

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