Brothers and sisters in Christ, **Vaccine News** 

First, we want to express our gratitude for all those working in healthcare whether in clinics and hospitals, or those making sure vaccines get in arms—we honor your service. Mississippi is steadily increasing in allotment of vaccine quantities and growing the amount of community partnerships there are to distribute them. According to the Mississippi State Department of Health (MSDH), Walmart is offering vaccines at 31 locations across the state. The vaccines coming to those locations are federally allocated and will be in addition to the average amount that is distributed at the drive-thru vaccination sites around the state. Click here to schedule receiving a COVID-19 vaccine. You'll have to create an account if you don't have one, search by location and then schedule an appointment. You can also <u>click here</u> to view state drive-thru sites' vaccine availability. The state department now has a dedicated line for those who are elderly and without the digital devices and/or technological knowhow to register online. Call 877.978.6453 and listen for the prompts. We encourage everyone to pursue getting vaccinated, especially if you are in a vulnerable population like the elderly, or you are a care giver for an elderly person. After you receive both shots, it is still necessary to continue wearing masks and practicing social distancing.

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## How You Can Help

Even in a global pandemic, children of God—The Mission Continues. Opportunities abound all around us to utilize tech savvy and vehicle-owning parishioners from a plethora of church sizes, cultural contexts and ages to serve vulnerable or underserved populations. Congregations, Sunday school classes, youth groups and the like can enlist volunteers to help those with little to no access to the web register for a COVID-19 vaccine, or help take someone with no means of transportation to a drive-thru vaccination site.

"Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ,"

-Galatians 6:2

Praying that your soul prospers as your health prospers,