

## **BURRESS TEMPLE APOSTOLIC COGMPGT** **CORONAVIRUS (COVID 19) SAFETY PLAN**

Objective: To serve as a preventive measure for Coronavirus (Covid 19), with the intent to prevent the spreading of the virus to others coming to church to worship God. We must operate with the assumption that we don't know who has the virus.

### **PROCEDURES**

1. If you are a member of the church, and you have tested positive to covid 19, please notify the Pastor/Assistant Pastor, so that we may pray for you and please stay home. If you have tested positive or been around someone with the virus, please stay at home for the safety of other members and follow the recommendations from your primary care physician. You must test negative 2 times within 48 hours prior to coming to church. If you or anyone in your household has a temperature, cough or any other form of illness please stay home.
2. Everyone should wear a face mask/shield to enter the church building. Temperatures will be taken upon entering the building.
3. Everyone must immediately wash their hands or use the hand sanitizer available in the gathering hall when entering the building, we should have three stations set up.
4. We will not hold Sunday School during the pandemic until clarification on spacing is announced.
5. Our debit finance team members will arrive at church early to pay bills prior to service start.
6. We will continue physical distancing by sitting 6ft away from your neighbor. We are going to utilize sitting in every other pew. This means we must sit only three to a pew unless you already live together in the same home. Children must sit with their parents/guardians. The nurses will only attend the pulpit area.
7. The use of restrooms, maximum of two persons at any given time. The lounge area in the women's restroom is closed until further notice.
8. New method for collecting offerings - no one will hold an offering tray, it will be placed on the table with a noted designation. The emcee will offer the prayer for the offering and give instructions as to what is being collected. The emcee will also oversee the offering trays. At the ushers direction we will maintain 6ft distance, when placing our offering in the tray(there will be no change made during the offering or counting of the money). One deacon will then collect the trays and take the offering to the office.
9. The finance committee will put on appropriate PPE (gloves and mask) to count the money.
10. After discussion with the choir representatives, it was deemed that we would not have the choir to sing. We will have musical selections.
11. The preacher will not wear a mask/shield but he/she must remain in the pulpit, and must remain 6 ft away from others.
12. The preacher/emcee will extend prayer for the needs of the congregation at the end of the sermon.
13. Upon dismissal of the service we must maintain 6 ft distancing, and wear mask/shield to our cars.
14. The church will be sanitized after every service on Monday, Thursday and Saturday. Volunteers are needed.

Parents/Guardians we need your assistance to help us carry out these procedures for the care and safety of everyone. Our children are social beings, as we all are, except they don't fully realize the ramifications of their actions. Please be aware that the coronavirus has not gone anywhere, so we must be patient, kind and loving as we go thru this together, above all we must watch and pray.