



*"Building God's Kingdom on the Power of His Word"
Psalm 127:1a, Ecclesiastes 3:1a, 3b*

PARKER MEMORIAL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH

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Members and Friends of Parker Memorial MBC:

I pray that everyone is well. On Thursday night, we had a meeting with our Deacons and Ministry Leaders. We discussed the way forward during the COVID-19 pandemic; within the boundaries of Florida Executive Order #2020-19 (EO) issued by Gov. Ron DeSantis on April 1, 2020. I have read the order very thoroughly. There are "essential services" that are authorized, and there are "essential activities" that are authorized. IAW Section 3.A.i. of the EO, we are allowed to attend religious services conducted in churches, synagogues and houses of worship; ... consistent with social distancing guidelines. Based upon the law, we can come together to worship and conduct Communion as long as we meet those conditions.

At the same time, we must adhere to Section 1 of the EO. Section 1 mandates **that "Senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition (such as chronic lung disease, moderate-to-severe asthma, serious heart conditions, immunocompromised status, cancer, diabetes, severe obesity, renal failure and liver disease) shall stay at home and take all measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19."**

Therefore, we must do our part to encourage those among us who fall into those categories to remain at home.

This Sunday, April 5, 2020, we will open the doors from 11:30 A.M. to 1 P.M. to administer Communion and a Prayer to groups of 10 or less ONLY. THERE WILL NOT BE A WORSHIP SERVICE. Each Communion and Prayer session will last no more than 5 minutes. Our objective is to serve everyone and avoid long waiting in the parking lot.

We will also offer Communion and a Prayer to those who prefer to stay in their vehicle. Just line up and proceed to the front entrance and we will service you in your vehicle.

We will have an OUTDOOR Easter Sunrise Worship Service, at 6:30 A.M. on April 12, 2020. We will adhere to social distancing, or you may sit in your vehicle and enjoy the worship service. The agenda will be: Worship Song, Prayer, Hymn by Deacon Ministry, Resurrection Word (10-15 min), Invitation to Discipleship, Song, Prayer, Benediction.

Let's get through these next 2 weeks with that plan. We will be posting "**Letters of Spiritual Encouragement**" weekly on the church website and Facebook to help keep you spiritually lifted during these perilous times. Let us all remain prayerful for one another.

Please pass this information to those members who do not use social media. You may view the Governor's Executive order at: <https://www.flgov.com/2020-executive-orders/>. Click on #2020-91.

May God Bless and Keep Us All,

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