



True Light M.B. Church Coronavirus (COVID-19)

Update (4/3/20)

Greeting My Brothers and Sisters,

Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord (*1 Corinthians 15:58*). This text provides clear direction for our lives regardless of the circumstances. COVID-19 has altered our work, family, and church. It has changed how we engage and interact with one another. But it cannot touch our resolve to stay on the Lord's side.

As stated on March 18, we would continue to monitor this situation and let you know as soon as possible about the next steps. Each week I have met with an extended leadership team of the church to assess the current condition of the coronavirus and its impact on the True Light Church family. Out of an abundance of love for God and you, I believe we must continue in our current mode of operation. It was my desire to have an in-person worship celebration this Sunday; however, that will not be the case. **With great hope and expectation in our God, I am continuing our suspended worship celebrations, rehearsals, Sunday School/Small groups, bible study, and programs until further notice.**

There are a number of ministry ordinances, rituals, and activities that are important to all, which are suspended or postponed due to the pandemic.

- Holy Communion will not be administered this month – suspended
- Pastor's 14th Year Appreciation – postponed
- Easter Sunday Services – postponed
- Mother's Day Observation – To be announced
- Annual Youth Day/Baccalaureate Services – postponed

These actions do not compromise our faith but show that as His children, we seek to obey Him in every area of life, privately and publicly. We will continue to assess the situation and communicate with you any new developments through our church leaders.

Prayer and preaching remain a priority (*Luke 18:1; Romans 10:14-15*). We will continue broadcasting worship service and bible study via YouTube and Facebook Live. I invite all members and friends to subscribe to my YouTube channel @Rev.MarcusCheeks and our Facebook account True Light Missionary Baptist Church for our services. Times remain the same.

Likewise, Worship in Giving is vital to the work of the ministry. The ministry still has obligations and I encourage you to continue to be a cheerful giver through both tithe and offerings. **You may give in several ways: (1) Givelify – True Light Missionary Baptist**

Church (2) Mail – P.O. Box 911, Jackson, MS 39205 (3) Drop off during regular bible study and worship service hours (4) Contact a Deacon Leader to pick up.

I want to encourage each of you to stay with the Lord. He has not left us, nor has he forsaken us. Let's continue to set that best example possible for our family and community by following the directions of our local, state, and national leaders. The team and I are here for you. Please remain prayerful for days to come as we trust God to bring us through. He remains in charge.

One in Jesus,

Pastor Cheeks