

Blessings Family

God continues to do great and mighty things always reminding us that He controls everything. With Him nothing shall be impossible.

I pray all is well with you and your family. March 2020 to the present has been a strange journey. The pandemic has altered our lives immensely from the personal to the public. For our church to be closed for more than a year, not being able to worship corporately and not be able to experience the proclamation of the gospel message in person, has been overwhelming.

With Spring upon us and the Summer nearing, it seems very odd that we are not able to gather for church and return to our desired activities which include various social gatherings. At present the federal government and state governments have lifted all the safety protocols for COVID-19. The Holy Spirit is helping us to know, now is not the time to relax our safety protocols. We respect the state and local government officials, but our direction will be to remain steadfast in our safety protocol practices. Our church family has experienced too many untimely deaths over the past 14 plus months.

I am not prepared at this time to announce when we will be returning back to church corporately. I am praying and hoping we will be able to return in the latter part of 2021. My objective and priority is for us to do our very best in keeping safe. I believe when we do our best our God will do the rest.

For those who desire to attend a Sunday Morning Service, you can call 443-996-7390 and we will schedule you for a Sunday. Our practice is to have not more than 100 persons in attendance. Our church has a 350 seating capacity but we have decided to do a fraction. Those who are scheduled to attend will be seated according to safety protocols with social distancing requirements. Service starts at 10:00am and doors are locked at 10:00am. If scheduled for service you, will need to be there no later than 9:45am.

This pandemic has really stretched us in worship. We now have a virtual church that is healthy and committed. My thoughts are, at the end of this pandemic, we will have two churches, a face to face church and a virtual church. God is awesome and far beyond our thought patterns.

The postal system we once had confidence in on yesterday is not the system that is serving us today. We are in a difficult place but must remain patient. Over the past few months, we have used the postal service to mail out palm crosses and mother's day gifts for the mothers. It has been brought to my attention that some did not receive those items. We have no way of knowing that and you probably have no way of knowing we mailed those things to you. If you did not received a palm cross in the mail or a Mother's Day mask, something went wrong. Perhaps we do not have your current address. If that is the case, please call us at 410-539-1591. If you get our voice mail leave your information. You may also go on the website and leave your information www.arkchurch.com .

Continue to remain strong in the Lord. His promise us is, "***I will never leave you nor forsake you.***" In God we trust!

Bishop J.L. Carter, Pastor