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Dear St John Family,

We would like to continue to update you with information regarding our church during this Coronavirus pandemic.

Updated information for the week is in red.

### **Ministries and Clusters**

We are asking all ministries and clusters to continue to conduct your meetings via conference calls, Zoom, or Facebook instead of in-person meetings.

### **Youth Ministry**

The Youth Ministry is offering weekly zoom calls to encourage students to stay connected as they meet virtually during this pandemic. Please review the below schedule:

**Youth ages 6-11 (E-Kidz):** Wed., 3:00 – 3:30 p.m. Meeting ID # 300034122

**Middle & High School (Teen LIFE):** Fri., 7:30 – 8:30 p.m. Meeting ID # 788601216

**High School Seniors/Current College Students:** 1<sup>ST</sup> Mon. of the month, 8:00 – 9:00 p.m. Meeting ID # 82595493261

To Join Youth Ministry Zoom Calls:

- 1) Download the “Zoom” App
- 2) Click “Join”
- 3) Enter the Meeting ID

### **SJBC Services and Events**

Sunday Services are broadcasted on Facebook Live for our 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and Noon service. Please tune in, share, and invite others to watch as well. We are also offering dial-in services at 8:00 a.m. that allows individuals to listen over the phone.

We are streaming our weekly Power Half-Hour service each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook. Each 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month, Rev. Rickey, Rev. Donna Givens, and Abi Oyebode will host a Power to the Parents Power Half Hour. Join them for an educational and inspiring event as we tackle home schooling for the first quarter. Tune in for a mid-week spiritual journey and an anointing word each Wednesday.

Each Saturday before the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday, we will be offering Drive up Communion and Daily Bread pick-ups from 12:00-2:00 p.m. Drive up to the SJBC parking lot on Sat., Sept. 5

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and receive your Communion elements. This will prepare us for first Sunday. Keep your masks on, stay in your car, and grab your items from the table as you drive up. We will be offering updated calendars, voting information, and Deacons will be onsite for prayer. Spread the work and tell others to stop by as well, we hope to see you there.

Howard County General Hospital will be offering free COVID-19 testing in our SJBC parking lot on the following days:

**Sun., September 13, 2020 | 8 a.m. – 11 a.m.**

Advance registration is strongly encouraged. Please register [here](#). For questions please email [HCGH-J2BH@jhmi.edu](mailto:HCGH-J2BH@jhmi.edu) or call (410) 720-8788.

Join two Morgan State University Professors in the School of Community Health and Policy on Tue., September 15 at 7:00 p.m. for our Self Care Empowerment workshop. Dr. Yvonne Bronner in the Public Health Program and Ms. CiVonnia Harris, M.A. in the Nutrition Program, will discuss nutrition and physical activity. This event is for individuals who are interested in receiving tips on living a healthier life. Registration on Eventbrite is required <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/feed-your-body-to-nourish-your-spirit-tickets-116655290113>.

Join the Deacons Ministry on Sat., September 19 at Noon for a virtual Afternoon at the Movies to watch a Christian drama film, Overcomer. Registration on Eventbrite is required. Only registrants will receive the email Zoom link. Pop your popcorn, grab your snacks, and spend time with your SJBC family as we watch and discuss Overcomer. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/an-afternoon-at-the-movies-tickets-114558343088>.

Connect with one of our Prayer Team members on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays at 12 noon or Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. through conference call line:

**Dial: 1 480-297-0773 Access code: 847 6906.**

Every Tue. until October 6 at 7:00 p.m., the Grief Share Ministry will host a “Journey from Mourning to Joy” Zoom call. This support group will help grievors learn how to walk the journey of grief and be supported along the way. If you lost a loved one, this group is for you. Please register at [griefshare.org](http://griefshare.org) and select St John Baptist Church. This event is free, but the workbook is \$15.00. Grief Share is also looking for individuals to join their ministry. If you are interested or have questions, please contact Tonya Gorham at [smedley86@aol.com](mailto:smedley86@aol.com).

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Every Tue., and Thur., at Noon, we are offering Gentle Yoga on Zoom and every Thur. at 7:00 p.m. we are offering Yoga. This 30-minute class is open to all ages and is a great self-care class to release tension and energize the mind, body, and spirit. Join by clicking the yoga flyer on our SJBC website or using Zoom access code below:

<https://mwe.zoom.us/j/3855818860?pwd=b0h0SG9YMG9yWkV0TzZWaXJ3aVRPdz09>

Join the Women's Ministry for upcoming events. On Sat., September 19 at 10:00 a.m., Dr. Joy Challenger Slaughter will teach Bible Study on Facebook live, on Fri., September 25 they will host a virtual game night on Zoom, and on Sat., September 26 at 10:00 a.m., they will host a prayer service with the Prayer ministry on Zoom. Sun., September 27 is Women's Day and we will have guest artist, Maurette Brown Clark and guest preacher Rev. Dr. Millicent Hunter.

Join Rev. Truitt each Monday night in October at 7:30 p.m. for Bible study via Zoom. This is an opportunity to study God's word and learn about the biblical reflection on what it means to live in the Power of the Holy Spirit. For more information, contact Rev. Truitt at [Otruitt@stjohnbaptistchurch.org](mailto:Otruitt@stjohnbaptistchurch.org).

### **Giving**

Please continue to support our ministry financially by using PushPay (text 'sjbcgive' to 77977). If you are not able to give electronically, you can mail your check to the church. If you prefer to use an offering envelope, you may contact the church receptionist, Tia J., at 410- 992-6977 or by email, [sjbc\\_churchadmin@stjohnbaptistchurch.org](mailto:sjbc_churchadmin@stjohnbaptistchurch.org), and request offering envelopes to be mailed to you. Remember to put your check and/or offering envelope inside a regular envelope addressed to the church, Attention Financial Secretary.

August 30<sup>th</sup> is our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Community Outreach Initiative. We are asking all members and guest to give a special offering towards our Youth Enhancement Fund. YEF will be donating \$25,000 to Community Action Council to help build their Head Start center in the Long Reach Village Center.

### **Food Bank**

Our Food Bank is open on the first and third Saturday of each month. On September 5 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will be at the Deep Run Park located 6500 Deep Run



Parkway Elkridge, MD 21075. On September 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., we will be at the Harper House located at 5495 Cedar Lane Columbia, MD 21044. Food is available on a first come first served basis while supplies last. If you would like to volunteer please sign-up here <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/904054EA4A828AAF94-september>.

**How to Listen or View Our Service/Sermons**

**1. How to listen:**

Visit [www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org) and listen to our sermons on the website. You can find our sermons by following these steps:

- a. In the menu bar at the top of the page, press media > press sermons.
- b. You also have the opportunity to dial-in and listen over the phone on Sundays at 8:00 a.m. using: telephone # 1-480-297-0773 and passcode: 2161871.

**2. How to watch:**

You can watch our services on Facebook. You can visit our St John Baptist Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SJBCTDiscover/>

- a. On a computer or smart phone visit our website [www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org) and press the Live Stream button at the top of the page.

**Sunday School Schedule**

If you are interested in attending Sunday School, please contact the leaders below:

Adult Class I	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	Conference Call 515-603-3180 Passcode- 575742#	Dea. Jesse Clay <a href="mailto:neckjohn@verizon.net">neckjohn@verizon.net</a> Dea. Lee Harris <a href="mailto:Harriswl13@comcast.net">Harriswl13@comcast.net</a> Lorna Carmichael <a href="mailto:Lornac7@icloud.com">Lornac7@icloud.com</a>
Adult Class II	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	* Zoom	Henry Johnson <a href="mailto:henrylloyd@verizon.net">henrylloyd@verizon.net</a> Bernadette Christmas <a href="mailto:bchristmas@esr-inc.com">bchristmas@esr-inc.com</a>
Adult Class III	Sunday's 9:10 a.m.	*Zoom	Herb Massie <a href="mailto:Hmassie1@verizon.net">Hmassie1@verizon.net</a> Rev Regina Mitchell <a href="mailto:reginamitchell@aol.com">reginamitchell@aol.com</a>



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Couples Class	Sunday's 9:30 a.m.	*Zoom	Frankie Merrick <a href="mailto:Henri.merrick@gmail.com">Henri.merrick@gmail.com</a> Dea. Kathleen Cheek <a href="mailto:k.ridleycheek@verizon.net">k.ridleycheek@verizon.net</a> Milton and Talitha Darby <a href="mailto:Twatkins11@msn.com">Twatkins11@msn.com</a> <a href="mailto:miltondarby@yahoo.com">miltondarby@yahoo.com</a>
Young Adult I	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	*Zoom	Yvonne Bronner <a href="mailto:Yvonne.bronner@morgan.edu">Yvonne.bronner@morgan.edu</a> Tracey Gainor <a href="mailto:Traceygainor1@verizon.net">Traceygainor1@verizon.net</a>
Pre K class	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	*Zoom	Tanji Johnson <a href="mailto:Tanji.letspray@verizon.net">Tanji.letspray@verizon.net</a> Hope Dowe <a href="mailto:hgarydowe@gmail.com">hgarydowe@gmail.com</a> Bernadette Christmas <a href="mailto:bchristmas@esr-inc.com">bchristmas@esr-inc.com</a>
Joint Class Grades 1-8 (Primary, Intermediate, Middle School)	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	Google Meets	Annette Olney <a href="mailto:aolneyhome@gmail.com">aolneyhome@gmail.com</a>
High School Grades 9-12			Dea. Lee Roy Bronner <a href="mailto:Lbronner1@verizon.net">Lbronner1@verizon.net</a> Kimmie Carmicheal <a href="mailto:Kdh892@gmail.com">Kdh892@gmail.com</a>

Please continue to visit our SJBC website and follow us on our social media platforms:

Facebook **St John Baptist Church**

Instagram **sjbc\_discover**

Twitter **sjbc\_discover**

To review Rev. Turners letter from March 13, 2020, please locate below:

<https://www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org/blog/sjbc-updates-concerning-coronavirus/#/>

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We will keep you informed of any updates as we receive them. Please let us know how we can better serve you as we go through this global health pandemic. Be Prayerful. Be Safe. Trust God and Stay Well.

Thank you,  
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