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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.

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.

We are looking for nominations to fill various positions within our Finance and Operations Ministry. We are looking for energetic and committed people who want to serve Christ. To submit nomination, visit our SJBC website> Members Area> Electronic Nomination Form. Please nominate yourself or someone else who you believe would be a committed leader.

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:

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

High School Seniors/Current College Students: 1ST 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 1st 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 as we host guest speakers.

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Each Saturday before the 1st Sunday, we will be offering Drive up Communion and Daily Bread pick-ups from 12:00-2:00 p.m. 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 also have Deacons onsite for prayer. We look forward to seeing you then.

Join the Men's Ministry and Chief Grayling G. Williams of Prince George's county, on Thur., Oct 29 at 7:00 p.m. as they host a candid conversation regarding what it is like being a black police officer in America. Chief Williams has been in law enforcement for 39 years. Come with your questions and be ready for answers. Join on [Zoom](#) or dial in using: Meeting ID: 160 439 6712 Passcode: 630508 +16468287666,,1604396712# US (New York).

Join us for our Special Congregation meeting on Sat., Oct 31 at 10:00 a.m. We would like our members to have a voice in the decisions that we make as a church. We will be voting on refinancing our mortgage. Please register on Eventbrite and the Zoom link will be emailed one day prior to the event.

The Howard County Health Department will be hosting a FREE drive-thru flu clinic in the SJBC parking lot for anyone over the age of 6 months on November 1 at 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Keep yourself safe during the flu season and get your flu shot.

Carol Ann Trotman will be hosting a 'Dealing with Loneliness and Anxiety workshop' on Tue., November 10 at 7:00 p.m. You will leave this workshop with tips and knowledge on loneliness and anxiety as it relates to COVID-19. We encourage you to register on Eventbrite.

On Tue., November 17 at 6:00 p.m. the Grief Share Ministry will be hosting a Surviving the Holidays Seminar. This seminar is for anyone who is grieving a loved one. You will learn tips on how to deal with many emotions and changes during the holidays. You may register at www.griefshare.org/holidays

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.



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Every Tue., and Thur., at Noon, we are offering Gentle Yoga on Zoom. 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 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. Register on Eventbrite and the Zoom link will be emailed to you. For more information, contact Rev. Truitt at 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, 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.

Food Bank

Our Food Bank is open on the first and third Saturday of each month. On 1st Saturdays 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 3rd Saturdays 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.

How to Listen or View Our Service/Sermons

1. How to listen:

Visit 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.



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- 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 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 neckjohn@verizon.net Dea. Lee Harris Harriswl13@comcast.net Lorna Carmichael Lornac7@icloud.com
Adult Class II	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	* Zoom	Henry Johnson henrylloyd@verizon.net Bernadette Christmas bchristmas@esr-inc.com
Adult Class III	Sunday's 9:10 a.m.	*Zoom	Herb Massie Hmassie1@verizon.net Rev Regina Mitchell reginamitchell@aol.com Peggy Anthony peggysemail@verizon.net Michelle RhodesBrown mrb@michellerb.net Gloria Glasper Gloria.glasper@comcast.net
Couples Class	Sunday's 9:30 a.m.	*Zoom	Frankie Merrick Henri.merrick@gmail.com Dea. Kathleen Cheek k.ridleycheek@verizon.net Milton and Talitha Darby Twatkins11@msn.com miltondarby@yahoo.com

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Young Adult I	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	*Zoom	Yvonne Bronner Yvonne.bronner@morgan.edu Tracey Gainor Traceygainor1@verizon.net
Pre K class	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	*Zoom	Tanji Johnson Tanji.letspray@verizon.net Hope Dowe hgarydowe@gmail.com Bernadette Christmas bchristmas@esr-inc.com
Joint Class Grades 1-8 (Primary, Intermediate, Middle School)	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	Google Meets	Annette Olney aolneyhome@gmail.com
High School Grades 9-12			Dea. Lee Roy Bronner Lbronner1@verizon.net Kimmie Carmicheal Kdh892@gmail.com

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. Turner's letter from March 13, 2020, please locate below:

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

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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