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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. 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 offer 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.

We are combining our 5th Sunday Community Outreach initiative with our Christmas Gift Outreach initiative. We want to be a blessing to families in need of some holiday cheer. Are you interested in sponsoring a family for Christmas? If so, please visit the 'Members Area' on our SJBC website and complete the form. Once submitted, a team member will email you a family. This is the opportunity to assist families in need as the holidays approach.

Samira Jones is a published author, life, and business strategist. Her purpose and passion is to help others remove the excuses and execute, and in this 2020 climate her work and message hasn't changed. Samira is coming to share those nuggets you need to prepare for a progress forward new year. Are you ready for the shift? Bring your pens and paper on Tue., Dec. 1 at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook Live as we host 'Renewing your Mind' a Spiritual Empowerment Workshop. Register on Eventbrite today!

Join the Prayer Ministry on Mon., Dec. 7 at 6:00 p.m. for The Spirit of Christmas prayer service. This will be an evening of fellowship and prayer as we celebrate the true meaning of Christmas. This pandemic has changed our lives in many ways, so let's come together and pray for the true meaning of Christmas. Register on Eventbrite today.

Join us for our Annual Virtual Congregation Meeting on Sat., Dec. 12 at 10:00 a.m. During this meeting we will review our 2020 accomplishments, vote on elected officers, and approve or 2021 budget. Let's prepare for the upcoming year. Registration is required. Go to Eventbrite and secure your spot today!

The 5th Sunday in November begins a season of waiting and preparing to celebrate the birth of Jesus. Over 2 thousand years ago the magi brought gifts to the manger to celebrate the coming of Jesus into the world. Join Rev. Truitt for a four-week Bible study to see how during this season of waiting we can prepare to bring Jesus the best gift we can offer, ourselves. Classes will be held every Mon. at 7:30 pm beginning, Nov.30 Please register on Eventbrite and the Zoom link will be emailed to you.



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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., 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>

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.
- 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.



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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 Harrisw113@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
Young Adult I	Sunday's 9:15 a.m.	*Zoom	Yvonne Bronner Yvonne.bronner@morgan.edu Tracey Gainor

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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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