

PRAYER REQUEST

Members & Faithful Attendees

Pat Abbitt, Kenneth Carwile, Maxine Clements, Helen Dudley, Lennie Dudley, Jack Hamilton, Vivian Hamilton, Joel Kramar, Phyllis Minnick, Cindi Murphy, Doris Sechrest, Patsy Smith, Mary Thaxton.

Friends, Relatives & Community Concerns

Benjamin Alger (Alexis Hamilton), Kevin Belcher (Alexis Hamilton), Brenda Crawford (Jana Terrell), Doris Dailey (Kathy Noel), Joe DeCeasar (Kristen Tatlock), Barbara Dodge (Lexi Hamilton), JoAnne Doyle (Pat Abbitt), Bill Hamilton (Lexi Hamilton), Tracey Hamilton (Vivian Hamilton), Charles Hubbard (Rick Hubbard), Laura Hunter (Lexi Hamilton), Ednee Irving (Lewis Noel), James Jennings (John Jennings), Greg Kirby (Jana Terrell), Avis Lovell (Pam Hubbard), Marvin Manning (Pat Abbitt), Eric Maness (Kathy Noel), Andy Mays (Jana Terrell), Jay Murphy (Joel Kramer), George Murray (Paul Stober), Phyllis Nickolas (Lewis Noel), Martha Noel (Lewis Noel), Ron Pelletier (Pam Hubbard), Anita Price (Jana Terrell), Larry Short (Eddie Wieringo), Earl Talley (Kanzada Phillips), Mary Thomas (John Jennings), Frank Tomlin (Marie Murphy), Julia Tyree (Joe Hedges), Patricia Young (Allena Tarvin).

Military & Support Personnel

Sarah Harrell, **Sarah Sullivan (deployed)**, Michael Grubbs, Jr.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAFER AT HOME FROM YOUR REGIONAL MINISTER

Dear All,

I want to once again urge you to not return to your buildings at this time. Although there is some good news to celebrate that gives us hope for a time when it will be safe to return, these are currently the reasons for not returning at this time:

- ❖ *Church gatherings are a great way to mix and spread things.*
- ❖ *The virus is clearly still with us.*
- ❖ *We can spread it without knowing or showing signs of the virus for up to 14 days.*
- ❖ *We as a church people struggle with not shaking hands and hugging.*
- ❖ *Our congregations often involve some of the most vulnerable populations.*
- ❖ *The safety and cleaning protocols are elaborate and may expose clergy and other members to the virus.*
- ❖ *Many in our congregations do not believe it is safe to return to the buildings.*

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Please join us live on Facebook at 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.

FROM YOUR GOVERNOR

SAFER AT HOME: PHASE ONE RELIGIOUS SERVICES MANDATORY REQUIREMENTS

- Occupancy shall be limited to no more than 50%.
- Individuals attending religious services must be seated at least six feet apart at all times. Family members, may be seated together.
- It is recommended that persons attending religious services be encouraged to wear face coverings over their nose and mouth at all times.
- No items must be passed to or between attendees who are not family members.
- Any items used to distribute food or beverages must be disposable and used only once and discarded.
- A thorough cleaning and disinfection of frequently contacted surfaces must be conducted prior to and following any religious services.
- If any place of worship cannot adhere to the above requirements, it must not conduct in-person services.

Best Practices

In addition to the requirements provided above, faith communities are encouraged to utilize the following best practices to the extent they are feasible:

- Designate a health coordinator and/or health equity team who will be responsible for COVID-19 planning and preparation for your place of worship.
- For the **building**:
 - Conduct thorough cleaning before and between services.
 - Allow interior doors to remain open to limit touching of door handles.
 - Provide sanitizing stations throughout the building, particularly at entry and exit points.
 - Use social media for announcements to eliminate use of bulletins and handouts.
- For weekly **religious services**:
 - Members are safer at home. Continue to provide and encourage use of online streaming. No place of worship should feel obligated to return to in-person worship before they are ready to do so.
 - Suspend the choir as part of services.
 - Consider discontinuing use of common items (e.g., microphones, books, hymnals, scriptural texts) that may be shared between people and are difficult to clean.
 - Discontinue shared meals and other activities where people may gather in groups.