

# Second Missionary Baptist Church

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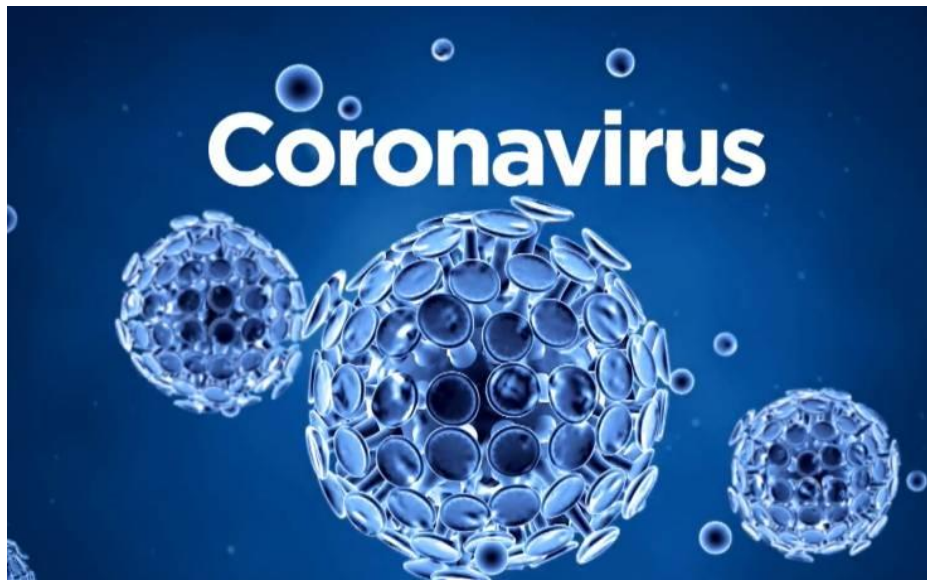
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## **Coronavirus CHURCHWIDE UPDATE**

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We are closely monitoring the status of the coronavirus (COVID-19), following Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) guidelines and local health officials as it relates to Howard County/Kokomo, Indiana. This situation is evolving quickly and we ask that you look at our **Facebook page** and **website** ([www.smbchurch.com](http://www.smbchurch.com)). During this time, we ask that you continue to pray. Pray for the individuals who have fallen ill. Pray for those in the medical field, public health officials, and all others who may encounter or be affected by COVID-19.

Due to the ongoing pandemic of the Coronavirus, see the following updates:

- ❖ School of Methods has been postponed
- ❖ Child Dedication meeting and Service are postponed
- ❖ Nursery Service is suspended
- ❖ Let's Worship! **ALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL CONTINUE AS NORMALLY SCHEDULED**, although we will not engage in Passing of the Peace and Altar Prayer moments. We will modify to no handholding, handshakes, hugs, and kisses. We will use fist bumps, elbow bumps, and

waves as acts of endearment. During Altar Prayer stay in your pew and simply stand to show reverence.

- ❖ **ISOLATE.** Just like when you have the flu, if you have any symptoms of illness, please remain at home and don't go to work, school, church or public areas.
- ❖ All prayer services, bible studies, ministry meetings, rehearsals, and activities have been suspended until further notice. If necessary ministry leaders are encouraged to utilize freeconferencecall.com and establish a free conference line to meet via phone with ministry volunteers.
- ❖ The church office is still open.
- ❖ Visitations will no longer be conducted in person if at all possible, but we will ask that you keep us posted of any pastoral care needs (illnesses, deaths, births, hospitalization or other prayer concerns)
- ❖ We are engaging in deep cleaning and sanitizing of common areas and frequently touched surfaces (i.e. doorknobs, light switches, countertops, etc.) at our church.
- ❖ Congregants are encouraged to feel safe at worship! As long as we all respect this virus, wash our hands, provide more social distancing than we normally provide, take heed to all precautions with Christian integrity, we can all worship God in peace and with assurance.
- ❖ **Use Good Hygiene Practices.** The best way of protecting us from spreading this virus is for everyone to use good hygiene practices.
  - Contain it - sneeze into a tissue
  - Dispose of it - throw away the tissue
  - Kill it - wash your hands with soap and water
  - Do not touch your face unless you've washed your hands
- ❖ We ask everyone to join together in prayer at 12Noon on Wednesdays, we will not meet in person, but rather ask that you pray wherever you are. Remember *"If my people who are call by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* 2 Chronicles 7:14
- ❖ If anyone is in need of any assistance or has questions, please feel free to contact the church office at **765-452-8214**.

We will continue to keep our SMBC family informed on the current status and any additional modifications due to the coronavirus pandemic. Always remember, God is in control! "For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and love and of a sound mind." 2 Timothy 1:7

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