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From the desk of Rev. H. R. Jolley

March 23, 2020

Good day to all. My continued prayer is and will be that this communication finds you and your loved ones well. We have come to an end of our first week of not being able to come together physically. You were missed dearly. This past week has been one of uncharted territory that has presented many challenges and opportunities to reimagine ministry as we know it. I know many of you may have questioned why we did not have some type of worship this past Sunday March 22nd. A decision was made by me and other leadership to step back in order to make some crucial decisions. The standard at SMBC is not to just go with the flow but whatever we do, we desire to present God with our best. What we do reflects who we are and the standard we have.

Over this past week, discussions were held regarding our website, options regarding what will be recorded or streamed live, and best tools to use for a superlative online presence and engagement. We have been praying and working feverishly on this matter. Coming up with the tools to utilize during this unprecedented time does not occur overnight. We as a church have been striving to move in this direction for the past eight years, but we need your participation. Based on what has been reported from federal, state and local governments, we will not be meeting physically any time soon.

With this being stated, here is what is being presented until further notice. The time of our prayer and study for Biblical Insight will come to you using the software WebEx. The link is <https://hjolley73.my.webex.com/meet/hjolley73>. The call-in number is 1-650-215-5226 and the access number is 149-795-326#. Our prayer call will begin at 6:30 pm and our time of study will begin at 6:45 pm. WebEx is free and allows us unlimited time for both videos with call-in options. We can get up to 100 people on a call. This will occur every Tuesday. We will also, have a special prayer call every Friday morning at 6:00 am, using the same information. The current website we have www.smbapt.org until it is revamped will provide options to see and hear messages through our YouTube channel and options to give. Because of the requirements to not gather in person, I will be offering weekly sermons either pre-recorded or streamed live from WebEx, Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. Please keep in mind there will be no music being offered during this time. I will be moving our worship time up to 9:30 am in order to avoid the disruption of broadcasting. This past Sunday, I noticed many other churches broadcasting during the time we would normally meet, and many broadcasts were delayed.

Our church office will still be in operation but remotely until further notice. The best way to contact the front office is by using email smbapt1301front@outlook.com. The messages will be checked. Please give us at least 24 hours

to return calls.

I hope this note answers some of the questions that you may have had. If not feel free to contact me.

Until we can see each other.

Blessings

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