
Tabernacle Baptist Church

TBC Members,

Thank you for your continued prayers for myself and our church family. Currently we are under a state mandate by the Governor and the CDC which prohibits us from meeting with numbers over 50 persons. We have prayed and discussed this matter extensively and have decided in order to maintain our witness, character, and integrity we will suspend all services at Tabernacle Baptist Church during the 2 week mandate. We will continue to have services yet they will be streaming on our website (www.sptbc.com/watch-live.html) and on our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/sptabernaclebaptist/>). Sunday service will stream at 11 o'clock am and Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock pm.

Another question being asked is concerning tithing. We know tithing is an essential part of our worship as well as our obedience to our Lord. We also understand we are in a building program and this work must continue. I understand this isn't our normal way of giving and you may feel uncomfortable and if so, call me and we attempt to satisfy your concerns. We have several ways for you to continue to give.

First - you can give online during this time. **Online** giving allows for your continual gifts to the church **without requiring any of our people to be exposed to the potential dangers of this virus**. If you mail a check someone will be required to visit the Post Office and then the Bank for deposit. We don't want anyone to have more exposure than necessary or place themselves at risk.

At this point I encourage all to give online until we can resume normal services. This can be done on the church app or you can go to our website (www.sptbc.com/online-giving.html). Both are SSL encrypted and safe to use. If you choose to give online I would encourage you to use ACH (Automatic Clearing House). ACH uses a routing and account number of checking account. The ACH only charges .75% compared to 2.6% by a debit or credit card. I personally have been using ACH online giving since we started in January. This money is deposited directly in the church account and recorded for your statement.

Secondly - You can mail your tithes and offerings to the church office at:

Tabernacle Baptist Church
PO Box 740
Stony Point, NC 28678

Lastly - we must be vigilant. Take this time to call and check on each other and especially our seniors and elderly. If anyone in our congregation needs help please contact me or your deacons.

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Psalms 62:6-8

6 He only [is] my rock and my salvation: [he is] my defence; I shall not be moved. 7 In God [is] my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength, [and] my refuge, [is] in God. 8 Trust in him at all times; [ye] people, pour out your heart before him: God [is] a refuge for us. Selah.

Verse 6 **Defense** = security, stronghold... has the picture of a parent lifting a child above the ocean waves.

Verse 7 **Refuge** = shelter, safety, protection. Picture of a child running to hide behind the parent. The child is frightened till it has safely found refuge behind the parent.

Verse 8 **Trust** = confidence, feel safe, to be careless. The picture here is you don't have to be on guard when you are trusting in the Lord. You can allow yourself to let down your guard knowing you are protected.

We are living in days we have not planned for yet, here we are. Many are frightened because of the uncertainties of the current situation while others are simply ignoring it all together. In a day of so much turmoil in our nation we, the church of the Living Savior, Jesus Christ must continue to be steadfast in our faith, devoted to our calling, and determined to be a witness to our community and the lost world around us.

It is in time like these when those who do not know Christ begin to look for answers... they begin to look at us. We have told them during the good days Christ is the answer and you can trust Him no matter what... well, no is the 'no matter what' times. We, as Christians, have a great opportunity to minister to our community and to the lost world around us by being today what we claimed to be before covid-19.

We must use wisdom and prudence in our quest to reach and minister but we must minister. But how? We should be selfless. Make sure your neighbors have the necessities they need during this time. If not, share what you have. Be willing to do what others refuse to do - consider others. We need each other and together the church can be stronger than ever in our communities.

If we put in practice in our daily lives now what we have communicated to them in the pasted you will have solidified your witness and testimony in the heart of an unbeliever. That's powerful...