



Senior Pastor

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Dear St. John Church Family and Friends,

Here is our latest update concerning how the COVID-19 pandemic is impacting us. Our Security Ministry Director and I met with Nueces County Health officials last week to discuss how we should move forward with the latest CDC guidelines of fully vaccinated people resuming activities without wearing a mask or physically distancing. Our Leadership Team was briefed on the results of this meeting and we have made the decision to continue our current safety protocols until further notice.

We will still perform, temperature checks, complete the CDC questionnaire, practice social distancing of six (6) feet, and wearing masks while in the St. John building. This is for the safety of all persons, especially those with compromised immune systems.

I also want to inform you how our Deacon Ministry has continued to serve ensuring your spiritual and physical needs are met during this pandemic. Although the CDC guidelines have altered some of the Deacon Ministry usual methods of contact, they have continued to visit some members in the hospital, in their homes and nursing facilities. They have provided transportation for members who are homebound or physically unable to pick up medicine and food.

When feasible, our Deacon Ministry would love to recognize and celebrate with you some of the most important milestones in your life (graduations, anniversaries, birthdays etc.). In the unfortunate event in the loss of a loved one, please contact one of your deacon tribal leaders or the church office at 361-855-9351. If you need assistance with food, the St. John Food Bank Ministry is open twice a month. Please contact your assigned deacon for assistance if you are physically unable to come to the church to pick it up. We ask that if you are experiencing a financial hardship, please contact one of your deacon tribal leaders so that they may discuss the process with you.

Lastly, so that we may remain in contact with you and assist as needed, please notify the church office or contact your deacon to update us if there has been a change in your address or phone number. The St. John Deacon Ministry pray God's continued blessings upon you and your families.

Please help me pass the word to all of our members. We love you and are continuing to pray for you, your family and for all those who have been affected by this virus. Remember, God is at work in and through uncertain times.

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