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Dear St John Family,

We would like to continue to update you with new information regarding our church during this Coronavirus pandemic.

Our church is open; however; public gatherings are prohibited.

### **Ministries and Clusters**

We are asking all ministries and clusters to continue to conduct your meetings via conference calls, Zoom, or Facebook instead of in-person meetings. Zoom is a free video conferencing application that you can sign up for at [www.Zoom.com](http://www.Zoom.com). You can also sign up for free conference calls at [www.freeconference.com](http://www.freeconference.com).

### **SJBC Services and Events**

Sunday Services will be broadcasted on Facebook Live for our 8:00 a.m., 10:15 a.m., and Noon service. Please tune in, share, and invite others to watch as well.

We will also stream our weekly Power Half-Hour service each Wednesday at 7:00 p.m. on Facebook. This will be a service of worship, singing, and a powerful word given by a guest speaker each week.

Our Prayer Ministry event will continue to occur on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 a.m. However, this will be a virtual experience only. You will be able to experience this on our Facebook Live. This will be an hour of praying, praise, and worship.

We will continue to collect items for our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Community Outreach initiative. We are partnering with Hope Works, an organization that supports men, women, and children who are affected by partner violence. We are collecting deodorant, body wash, baby wipes, and cereal (hot and cold). Our goal is 1,000 items. You may drop your items off to the church on Sunday, March 29 from 7:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

Our 7 Last Words Service will continue to occur on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. This will be a virtual experience only that you can watch on Facebook. We will have 7 dynamic preachers give the 7 Last words of Christ.



### **Giving**

Please continue to support our ministry financially by using PushPay (text 'sjbcgive' to 77977). If you are not able to give electronically, you can mail your check to the church. If you prefer to use an offering envelope, you may contact the church receptionist, Tia J., at 410- 992-6977 or by email, [sjbc\\_churchadmin@stjohnbaptistchurch.org](mailto:sjbc_churchadmin@stjohnbaptistchurch.org), and request offering envelopes to be mailed to you. Remember to put your check and/or offering envelope inside a regular envelope addressed to the church, Attention Financial Secretary.

### **Senior Citizens**

We are in the process of developing a Senior Care Plan. This plan will allow SJBC to assist our seniors who may need help with various tasks. Please stay tuned for more information.

### **Food Bank**

Our SJBC food pantry will be closed starting March 21<sup>st</sup>. We will provide updated information regarding reopening.

### **How to Listen or View Our Service/Sermons**

#### **1. How to listen:**

You can visit [www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org) and listen to our sermons on the website. You can find our sermons by following these steps:

- a. In the menu bar at the top of the page, press media > press sermons.

#### **2. How to watch:**

You can watch our services on Facebook. You can visit our St John Baptist Church Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/SJBCTDiscover/>

- a. On a computer, you can also find this page by visiting our [www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org](http://www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org) and press the Live Stream button at the top of the page.
- b. On a mobile device, you can visit our Members Only section on the home page, press the livestream graphic and it will open up our Facebook account.

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3. After we livestream, you can also view our sermons on our YouTube channel. In the YouTube search bar at the top, search St John Baptist Church Columbia, MD. You will then find our channel. You can subscribe!

### **Updated Contact Information**

To ensure we have our members current up-to-date contact information, please contact the church and speak with our Admin, Lisa C. She will be able to verify your telephone number, mailing address, and email address. This is important as we are trying to communicate with our members during this pandemic.

Please continue to visit our SJBC website and follow us on our social media platforms:

Facebook **St John Baptist Church**

Instagram **sjbc\_discover**

Twitter **sjbc\_discover**

To review Rev. Turners letter from March 13, 2020, please locate below:

<https://www.stjohnbaptistchurch.org/blog/sjbc-updates-concerning-coronavirus/#/>

We will keep you informed of any updates as we receive them. Please let us know how we can better serve you as we go through this global health pandemic. Be Prayerful. Be Safe. Trust God and Stay Well.

Thank you,

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