

November 18, 2020

Dear Disciples of Star,

Greetings in the matchless and marvelous name of Jesus. As we enter the holiday season, despite the unprecedented challenges of 2020 we still have reasons to give God thanks. COVID-19 has reminded us that the promises of God are unshakeable. This summer we set a goal to resume in-person worship which we achieved. On Sunday, October 18th, many of us returned to the sanctuary. This would not have been possible without the dedication of our Re-Entry Taskforce, our Church Leadership, and disciples.

As we approach the upcoming Holiday season and with the increased COVID-19 infection rate, the Re-Launch Taskforce has recommended and I have agreed to **Pause our in-person worship effective Saturday, November 21st**. It is our prayer that we can resume our in-person worship services in the New Year. Until then Sunday Worship services will be streamed live at 11am and then rebroadcasted at 3 & 6PM on all our digital platforms (Church Website, YouTube, and Facebook). All outreach ministries and activities including our food distribution on Thursdays and Fridays (11 AM – 1 PM), will remain open and active.

In conclusion, as your Pastor I am here for you, I am only a phone call, text, or email away. Starting in November, I will be hosting a monthly **“Conversations with the Pastor”** via Zoom so I can better connect with you, share in your joys, and support you in difficulties. In closing I leave you with words from the Prophet Isaiah *“Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.” (Isaiah 41:10 [English Standard Version])*.

Because of Calvary,



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