



Reaching Up to Know Christ...
Reaching Out to Make Christ Known!

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To the Mount Zion Church Family and Friends,

The Pastor and Deacons have been carefully and prayerfully discerning and developing a plan for returning to in-person worship and ministries. **We do not yet have a projected date to begin worship or ministry gatherings** in our sanctuary, but we have developed the protocol for Phase I and some aspects of Phase II. We anticipate possibly three or four phases, each with specific protocols.

Effective immediately, and in compliance with recommended CDC and DHEC guidelines, the following are our developed protocols moving forward:

PHASE I:

- **Online worship began this past Sunday (June 7)** and will continue until leadership determines it is safe for us to reopen our worship space for limited occupancy with a well-planned protocol in place.
- **The church office will remain closed** to persons other than staff.
- **Minimum of 6 feet social distancing is to be observed** when on-site staff meetings are necessary.
- **Online meetings are strongly encouraged** whenever possible.
- **Masks are recommended** to be worn while inside the building.
- **Hand sanitizer will be used** while inside the building.
- **Frequent handwashing** is encouraged.
- **Enhanced cleaning of the facility** will be performed on a weekly basis.

PHASE II (still in the process of being fully developed):

- **In-person worship will be phased in with limited occupancy** and a to-be-determined protocol.
- **Online worship will continue.**
- **Minimum of 6 feet social distancing will be observed** inside the sanctuary (seating will be marked) and outside on the campus.
- **Masks will be recommended** to be worn while inside the building.
- **Hand sanitizer use will be required before entering the building.**
- **Frequent handwashing will be encouraged.**
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Other specific guidelines will be communicated about Phase II before we reopen for in-person worship. The following are other important factors you should know as we move forward:

MASKS: Until further notice, everyone will be recommended to wear a mask while inside the building. You are welcome to bring your own mask, or masks will be available to you when we return.

TOUCHLESS HAND SANITIZING STATIONS will be installed on the campus as soon as the supply is received.

TOUCHLESS FEVER THERMOMETERS will be utilized once in-person worship is reinstated.

KEYS: If you possess a key to Mount Zion Baptist Church or the Zion Street Community Center, we respectfully request that you limit your entry into the building to occasions when it is absolutely necessary.

PHASE III and BEYOND (timing and details to be determined)

Please know that every effort is being made for us to come back together as soon as it is safe to do so. If you have questions for the leadership team, please contact the Pastor or your ward leader at the email address or phone number listed in the weekly newsletter.

Be Blessed,
Mount Zion Baptist Church Pastor and Deacons
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