

March 17, 2020

Dear Messiah Family:

With the recent recommendations from the World Health Organization (WHO), Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and elected officials regarding the COVID-19 outbreak, I wanted to share with you the following:

- ✓ **Effective immediately, all worship services, Bible study, meetings and events are cancelled**
- ✓ **The church office will be closed until further notice. In case of emergency, members are asked to call the church office (973) 676-7374 ext. 10 and leave a message. Your call will be returned in a timely manner.**

To avoid the spread of the Coronavirus, if you must go out, please practice social distancing (6 feet of space between persons) and avoid coughing into the air. Clean surfaces with a disinfectant (Lysol/Clorox) to reduce the transmission of the virus. Also:

- ✓ **Practice social distancing (6 feet of space between persons)**
- ✓ **If at all possible, stay at home for the next 2 weeks unless it's an emergency**
- ✓ **Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for at least 20 seconds, especially after going to the bathroom; before eating; and after blowing your nose, coughing or sneezing**
- ✓ **If soap and water are not readily available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol**
- ✓ **Cover your mouth and nose with your elbow or tissue when you cough or sneeze**
- ✓ **Avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth if your hands are not clean**
- ✓ **Avoid close contact with anyone who is sick**
- ✓ **Clean and disinfect surfaces (Lysol/Clorox) you often touch...door knobs, handles, remotes etc...**

Here are some links to provide you with more information:

www.who.int

www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/index.html

www.nj.gov/health

Family, what we are facing is unprecedented and in some regards unnerving, but we must remain resilient during these difficult times; not because of who **we** are but because of the **God we serve!** Scripture reminds us...*being confident of this, that he who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of Christ Jesus (Phil.1:6)*. Keep our focus on Christ, he will see you through.

We gon' be alright...

Pastor Owens