



March 17, 2020

Greetings Mount Nebo Disciples!

The Mount Nebo Baptist Church Family is called to be in prayer for those caring for the affected, as well as for those trying to diagnose and treat patients. We are asking God to allow physicians to find a way to prevent, detect and respond to this virus.

As a congregation and living organism filled with the spirit in the body of Christ, we pray that you are exercising your **FAITH** in the face of our current **COVID-19** situation. Please take the recommended precautions to remain safe because this is a serious situation. Keep your activity to a minimum and stay home if you are sick. As you are aware, this situation will be still evolving for the next two weeks. Ministries are asked to meet via conference call or via other electronic means. Please reach out to me, if you need access to either of these tools. The Executive Committee and Diaconate will communicate to you all via email or phone concerning service on March 29th.

At this time, because it has been recommended by the Governor and the Virginia Health Department to cancel or postpone large gatherings consisting of 10 people or more, we probably will **NOT** have service on Sunday, March 22, 2020. It is recommended that events of any size should only be continued if they can be carried out with adherence to guidelines for protecting vulnerable populations, hand hygiene and social distancing.

After much prayer, we encourage our members to stay home, take care of yourself, and during this time of lent, ask God to not only cleanse us, but cleanse our community of this virus. We are convinced that ‘this too shall pass’, but we want to operate in a spirit of wisdom in order to protect those in our church family who may be vulnerable to this virus. Again, these precautions are being implemented with a spirit of love and wisdom, not fear and anxiety.

Mount Nebo Executive Committee,

Rev. Damion T. Batts, Pastor & Servant Leader

Deacon Melvin Evans, Diaconate Ministry Chair

**Sister Danielle R. J. Batts, Leading Lady &
Ebenezer Baptist Association Christian Education VP**