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FIRST MISSIONARY **BAPTIST CHURCH**

"We are the People of the Promise"

BIBLE STUDY

Tuesday Morning 10:00 AM (pst) Wednesday Evening 7:00 PM (pst) **Facebook Live**



NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE

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•Intercessory Prayer for our Pastor, Leaders and Church

Lord, we pray for the favor of the Lord, the authority of the Lord, and the harvest of the Lord to belong to our pastor, church leaders and church. Teach us to do our part in helping, serving, giving, teaching, or any other area where there is a need. Teach us also how to pray against all powers of this dark world and the spiritual forces of darkness in heavenly realms. Lord, protect us as we wage warfare in all levels of worship, prayer and service on behalf of Your servants who lead us. We bind the evil forces of rebellion, seduction, and presumption from attacking our pastor, leaders and our church in Jesus name. We cast them down, never more to rise and destroy; We declare they are under our feet in Jesus name!

•Happy Mothers Day!

Wishing all of the beautiful mother's of First Missionary Baptist Church a very special day. May God continue to shine His light upon you! Ministry Calls

Join the Women's Ministry conference call Mondays at 6:30 pm. The dial in number is 1-978-990-5000, Access Code: 744200# Dial in to the Youth Ministry Call on Thursdays at 6:30 pm. The dial in number is 1-978-990-5439, Access Code: 2372330

Happy 4th Pastoral Anniversary Pastor Allen

May is the month that we officially celebrate our Pastor's Anniversary. Do not let social distancing discourage you from displaying your love and appreciation towards him. Send him a special message, text or even a face time call and of course remember him through giving. Let us all be a blessing to our pastor on his 4th year anniversary!

COVID - 19 Information

For COVID19 testing call: 1-800-945-6171 Have a COVID19 related Question? Call the COVID Hotline: (951) 955-9099

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Pastor's Pen



Pandemic Prayer and Perspective

Father your name is freedom You specialize in the disenfranchised

As I look around me I have noticed:

CoviD 19

Is a covert concept aimed at misappropriated misfits and mass marginalized martyrs

Covi- Corona virus D- December 19- 2019

We are not (this country) nor were we ever unaware, unless of course we understand that those who economically, racially, culturally and/or religiously not part of that "we" are not welcomed to the table nor invited for discussion to determine the destination of the population, then we see that there is no we rather a "they".

They knew in October 2019 there was major knowledge that this could be a serious problem in the United States mostly affecting those with less than average health care and higher than average predisposed medical conditions.

November 2019-December 2019 the United States of America's puts a patent on the word CoviD19 calling it this specific strand of corona virus.

A corona virus is a specialized microorganism that while it takes the shape of a virus life form, when looked at under a microscope it has what is called a halo i.e. "corona" around it's body. It's a heavy virus that can't be carried in the air but falls to surfaces where it stays for specific amounts of time until sed areas are disinfected.

What I know:

On February 17, 2020, I had a meeting with the census bureau. They were excited to canvass our area and promised to provide iPads so individuals in our community around First Missionary could come in and fill out the census. It was a win win, evangelism and a community face for First Missionary, and, getting the numbers of people's in our area counted for "our" government. The bureau also promised to provide upwards of 3000 pamphlets as a start. We then made what is called a "gentleman's agreement" as a sign of good measure, faith and trust that what we stated was agreed upon we "shook hands".

I then pass the number to Rev. Swindell our pastor of evangelism. He called the man no answer. When he finally reached him two weeks later the story has now changed, now computers or iPads canNOT be provided and we need to find our own resources to help the community be counted. Then March 16th, the week of the major outbreak I get an email saying they can no longer even provide pamphlets, a pamphlet has been scanned in to my email that I may run off my own copies at my leisure! In other words, our dime!

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you. And you will be my witnesses, telling people about me everywhere—in Jerusalem, throughout Judea, in Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

"Men of Galilee," they said, "why are you standing here staring into heaven? Jesus has been taken from you into heaven, but someday he will return from heaven in the same way you saw him go!""

Acts of the Apostles 1:3-4, 6, 8, 11 NLT

https://www.bible.com/116/act.1.3-4,6,8,11.nlt

Here's where it hurts:

The virus attacks people who have compromised immune systems, weakened lungs due to smoking, asthma or prolonged exposure to biochemical climate conditions, all causes and cases making the victim more subtle to asphyxiation. When we look at healthcare in the community of those who are financially less proportional providential and prevalent. When we look at preexisting predisposed precautions for people, when we look at their resources and the reaction of government for residents who reside in housing projects, section 8 housing, overpopulated neighborhoods, communities and cities.

When we look at Baltimore, Detroit, Chicago, Washington State, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, the Bronx, Harlem, and anywhere that the populace is more low income, more marginalized, more compartmentalized, and more medically challenged with diabetes, high blood pressure, sickle cell anemia, more stress, more depressed, more overworked and under paid what we see is systemic racially motivated epidemic and to that pot we just added a pandemic!

What community smokes the most weed? And know that it's "legalized" who stands for their lung composition to be compromised? What community has less health care and are already high health risk? What community stands to have the greatest loss in the aftermath of what is known as CoviD19? What community has the highest faith based and are more prone and susceptible to ignore rules from government especially because of religion and so called religious freedom? What community to date has the highest death rate?

Here it is:

Every major CEO of major cooperations left office within 1-2 weeks of mass outbreaks of this pandemic. Not one major CEO, major governmental, judicial or influential person has died to date from sed pandemic. Systemic racism is affecting our people:

"Unemployment rates for Africans Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans are considerably higher than the national average. Growing income inequality increasingly affects minorities.

- In the United States, median wealth for white households is ten times greater than for black households, and eight times greater than for Hispanic households.
- Minority homeownership rates lag behind their white counterparts, and yet research shows that minorities face extra hurdles in getting approved for mortgages.
- · African Americans, Latinos, and Native Americans are disproportionately affected through every stage of the criminal justice system, despite the evidence that different racial and ethnic groups commit crimes at roughly the same rates."

http://www.usccb.org/issues-and-action/human-life-and-dignity/racism/upload/racism-and-systemic-racism.pdf

"Structural Racism:

A system in which public policies, institutional practices, cultural representations, and other norms work in various, often reinforcing ways to perpetuate racial group inequity. It identifies dimensions of our history and culture that have allowed privileges associated with "whiteness"

and disadvantages associated with "color" to endure and adapt over time. Structural racism is not something that a few people or institutions choose to practice. Instead it has been a feature of the social, economic and political systems in which we all exist.

Systemic Racism: In many ways "systemic racism" and "structural racism" are synonymous. If there is a difference between the terms, it can be said to exist in the fact that a structural racism analysis pays more attention to the historical, cultural and social psychological aspects of our currently racialized society."

https://assets.aspeninstitute.org/content/uploads/files/content/docs/rcc/RCC-Structural-Racism-Glossary.pdf

And while I'm not implying that this is some sort of race war, we must be intentional intelligent and have our intellectual integrity integrated to interpret their plot! Because while many of us are ready to go back to business as usual our political potential for democracy is at stake!

"For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places."

Ephesians 6:12 NLT

https://www.bible.com/116/eph.6.12.nlt

Notice that while we were still in the process for picking and providing our contender and candidate to contend with the current CEO of our country, catastrophe pandemic and problems were presented! Notice that before the Democratic Party could announce their choice after already stating that the entire Democratic Party were the cause of corona this man has not left media mentally motivating the masses to maintain a depressed mind state to stimulate a stimulus which is just a bandaid, an obvious overture toward overpowering those who aren't offered opportunities to be among the best and brightest minds in our world!

Let us become aware of the power of information. We were told that elementary and primary educational systems were out for the year at the end of March when there's still an existing school year until June. Secondary School systems have already set in place that students will not return in the fall semester and online schooling will be in place for junior college and universities. This all sets in motion a primordial plan to overthrow our voting system. The power in place has already called this a time of war and a wartime president can overthrown and overpower our political voting process! We need to be aware and concerned!

"For a child is born to us, a son is given to us. The government will rest on his shoulders. And he will be called: Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

Isaiah 9:6 NLT

https://www.bible.com/116/isa.9.6.nlt

In these time we need a renewed relationship with our Redeemer, this is our clarion call for Christ to resurrect the Church in her rightful rule of righteousness in recognition that the church lives!!!

Now I say to you that you are Peter (which means 'rock'), and upon this rock I will build my church, and all the powers of hell will not conquer it. And I will give you the keys of the Kingdom of Heaven. Whatever you forbid on earth will be forbidden in heaven, and whatever you permit on earth will be permitted in heaven."

Matthew 16:18-19 - https://www.biblegateway.com/passage?search=Matthew%2016:18-19&version=NLT

This is our fresh and we NEED to not just go to church but be the church! We NEED to unite as a uniformed body

"On the day of Pentecost all the believers were meeting together in one place. Suddenly, there was a sound from heaven like the roaring of a mighty windstorm, and it filled the house where they were sitting. Then, what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of them. And everyone present was filled with the Holy Spirit and began speaking in other languages, as the Holy Spirit gave them this ability. At that time there were devout Jews from every nation living in Jerusalem."

Acts of the Apostles 2:1-5 NLT

https://www.bible.com/116/act.2.1-5.nlt

Look at the timing! Jesus just died then and likewise our Savior has just risen for this is the week after Resurrection! Our homes have become our sanctuary and personal Jerusalem and upper room:

"During the forty days after he suffered and died, he appeared to the apostles from time to time, and he proved to them in many ways that he was actually alive. And he talked to them about the Kingdom of God. Once when he was eating with them, he commanded them, "Do not leave Jerusalem until the Father sends you the gift he promised, as I told you before.

So when the apostles were with Jesus, they kept asking him, "Lord, has the time come for you to free Israel and restore our kingdom?"

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