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Family, I greet you in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ who gives the strength to do all things for His glory and our good.

As we get ready to re-enter and resume on-site services, I thought it would be wise and helpful to share the vision of our current plans for moving forward with this process. Until further notice we will be having only one on-site worship service as well as producing a weekly virtual worship experience for members and guests of our congregation.

Prior to COVID-19, we provided three diverse Sunday worship services for our congregation. The Hour of Power (HOP) a devotional format; the 7:45 AM Traditional worship service, and a Contemporary worship service at 10:15 AM.

In the foreseeable months to come, we will observe one on-site worship service. The objective is to ensure that we address each worship style in this single service.

Further, our space is limited by the CDC, WHO and local COVID-19 social distance - health and safety protocols. Because of this, we will need to be patient as we move forward with the worship service experiences. When CDC, WHO and local COVID-19 social distance protocols change to allow us to accommodate more participants beyond the current levels, we will notify members first of these changes. Then, based upon availability of seating capacity, we will extend an invitation to the faith community to join us at the onsite worship service.

Likewise, if COVID-19 CDC protocols roll back phases to a lower level, we will adjust our on-site worship service capacity to those current CDC COVID-19 participant levels. Let's pray that God gifts us patience and understanding with this process.

I am committed to ensure that every vaccinated member has the opportunity to attend at least two (2) on-site worship services per month until further notice. As our goal is to provide a safe worship environment for each participant.

Still Further, the maximum length of an on-site worship service will be 75 to 90 minutes. Remember, we develop the program, but God always reserves the right to alter His agenda for our good.

In summation:

- We will have one worship service on Sunday until further notice.
- All three worship service models will be addressed during the single worship service as God leads.
- Contactless on-site giving will be made available by our finance team or you may continue to financially support Tabernacle's operations and mission efforts as you have for the past year and almost 4 months:
  - By mail,
  - Cash app
  - Givelify or
  - In person giving with Elder Thomas James each Friday between 12pm-3pm.

I will also begin working with our Church Ministries Leadership Advisor to discuss possible on site choir rehearsals and other small group meetings in the near future.

Finally, it is my prayer that each member prayerfully considers getting vaccinated. This will help protect others as we gather. I am praying that God will give us wisdom in this matter, as vaccination will be required for participating in on-site Worship Services, choir rehearsals, and small group meetings etc., until further notice. Diaconate, Church Council, and Ministers and Elders will serve by assignment until further notice.

I pray these exhortations, instructions and explanations have been helpful. They are meant to provide information to help us make prayerful decisions about participating in on-site worship services and other on-site activities.

I want to thank our medical team for assisting me in developing these protocols for helping us ease back into on-site worshiping. Please pray for me and I will continue to pray for you that this too will soon pass. Until then, the Lord bless and keep you, may the Lord's face shine upon you (Numbers 6:24-26). Amen and shalom.

For His Glory,  
R. Lee Manaway, Sr.