

Dear Historic Bethel Disciple,

In times like these we need the Savior.

I pray that all is well and that you are indeed safer at home while continuing to exercise all of the necessary personal protective measures advised by the **CDC** during this medical crisis. Governor DeSantis has consistently included houses of worship within the “essential businesses.” Albeit, our presiding Bishop A. J. Richardson, Jr. suspended in-person worship services across the 11th Episcopal District out of, “an abundance of love.” Given our concern for safety, the restrictions in the City of St. Petersburg and our Episcopal Leaders, ***Historic Bethel AMEC*** will **NOT resume onsite worship at this time.**

The WORD of GOD teaches us that after the 10th plague in Egypt, Moses and the Hebrews were instructed to **stay-put** in their home. God gave them explicit instructions for the Passover—to take the blood of the sacrificed lamb and to place it on their doorpost. (Xref **Exodus 12:13**). Beloved, even when the storm seems over, the LORD would have us to patiently wait and consider our next steps. Certainly, there is a need to be mindful of the economic adversity that our country is facing. And for me, nothing is more important than protecting the lives of our disciples and citizens.

Therefore, we will continue to follow Godly direction when considering when to resume public faith-based public worship and operations. So, lemme’ remind that worship **will continue online via FB Live Stream, On our Webpage and over our Prayerline** telephonically. Your online and giving via US Post Service and direct drop-off is most appreciated.

Our Trustees and Health Ministry Team have begun the process of thoroughly cleaning our campus and making the necessary adjustments as we prepare for our forthcoming reopening with new protocols in place. Rest assured that when we resume public operations, the church will have been sanitized and we will have new measures in place to ensure that everyone is able to safely worship following the appropriate physical distancing guidelines.

Please continue to watch the broadcast **online Sundays at 9:15a.m.** as we pray for the safety of our city, and the world. www.historicbethelstpete.org

We so appreciate your patience and thank the LORD, GOD for your support. Stay tuned and keep connected more information concerning Historic Bethel's restart of in-person worship which is only a matter of time.

First Lady Karen, Kachira and I miss your smiling faces and we look forward to seeing you real soon.

Sincerely,
Pastor Kenny