

The Perrine Church Family

Greetings!

The COVID~19 Crisis has escalated as you have heard, seen or experienced.

This has become now a major crisis for the country and all of us. The risks of contracting the virus are extremely high.

The Southeastern Conference (SEC) Administration was previously projecting that August was a possibility of reopening our churches, but now this is not possible, as stated by President G. O. Mack in his opening remarks at Camp Meeting.

The extended absence from our physical assembly and our fellowship is raising concerns regarding our church family.

1. This poses added mental stress to our members.
2. The increase of work fatigue of our frontline workers.
3. The question of whether we will be able to meet again at the facility.
4. What will our attendance be like when or if we reopen?
5. How will our school operate?
6. How are our members, who have lost their jobs doing?
7. What financial impact is this crisis having on our church?
8. How will we disinfect and sanitize the buildings when we reopen?

The list of concerns is extensive.

Let me hasten to say thanks to God that we are still staying focused as a church family.

We have been working in ways to fulfill our mission to the community as a church.

We will constantly engage all our members to meet their needs spiritually, socially and to maintain their sense of belonging to the church family.

We have put in place a team to plan and facilitate a safe reopening whenever that happens.

We have a faithful church family who is committed to the success of the Perrine Church and is returning financially. I encourage everyone to continue giving faithfully to the Lord no matter how small and the Lord will bless you and his church.

I can assure you that God is in control in spite of COVID-19 and the national unrest. He will take us through; and by God's Grace, we will be here as a church family after the pandemic is over

I stand with the apostle Paul to encourage you:

Hebrew 10:23-25 (NKJV).

23: Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

24: And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works,

25: not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching

For now, we don't assemble physically but we meet virtually on our social platforms. Let us not forsake Perrine amidst the many choices that we have.

God Bless each of you as we stand together apart during COVID-19.

Be safe! Keep healthy and stay strong!

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