

December 16, 2020

Reminder of our Food Drive this upcoming week on Saturday 12/19/20 from 1 pm - 3pm. This will be the last opportunity of 2020 to contribute to the Food Drive. Thank you for your participation on 12/5/20 and for your upcoming participation on 12/19/20!

Minister Ebony Thomas will be the speaker for 3rd Sunday, December 20th.

December 13, 2020

Sis. Fonda Holden requested prayer from the congregation for an upcoming back procedure on 12/17/20. Please keep her and her family in your prayers.

December 10, 2020

On December 7, 2020 the Executive Board met via conference call. Due to the continued covid-19 surge, our services will remain online for the time being. This is not ideal, and this is not normal, however, this decision is being made with your safety and well-being in mind. We also discussed how to approach the 2021 calendar since we are unable to meet in person. The President of the Usher Board indicated there will not be a guest speaker for the 2021 Usher Anniversary. The Board decided that the 2021 Family and Friends Day, scheduled for March will be cancelled. Similar to Homecoming, it is not possible to have a Family and Friends Day online. We do intend to proceed with having the remaining annual spring events that can be conducted virtually **IF** the pandemic has not improved by the scheduled dates. We are prayerful that the spring and summer will have a more positive outlook. The events include Youth Revival (Mrs. Bertha Miles - Chairperson), Youth Day (Mrs. Bertha Miles - Chairperson), Women's Day (Mrs. Fonda Holden - Chairperson), and Revival. The board did not discuss events beyond June in the hopes the pandemic will be improved by this point.

The Eastern Ministerial Alliance 2021 Holy Week Services are scheduled for the week leading up to Resurrection Sunday on April 4, 2021. Our church is scheduled to both preach one night and host one night. The event is currently being scheduled to occur virtually. Also, the Eastern Ministerial Alliance is planning a Virtual Vacation Bible

School for the first week in June. Stay tuned for more details as we get closer to these events.

Prior to 2021, check this section of the announcements for a Bible Study schedule with topics and scriptures for all of 2021. This will provide the opportunity to study ahead if desired and see topics and scriptures we plan to cover for the year.

Lastly, thank you all for your prayers, patience, and faithfulness as we continue to go through this pandemic. With a possible vaccine on the horizon, we pray better days are ahead soon. I also would like to thank all of the parties responsible for the physical upkeep of the church and the administrative upkeep of the church. These individuals have continued to serve our fellowship faithfully through this pandemic. May God Bless each one of them. Also, thank you to all of the members for faithfully supporting the church during this time we have been apart. You can be sure your support is being used to further the ministry of our church fellowship. Be encouraged and be hopeful! I genuinely believe the best days are yet to come. God Bless You All!

Rev. Stephen Thomas

The Drive Thru Food Drive will be held on 12/19 from 1pm to 3pm at the church. Non perishable items, canned or boxed, and especially kid friendly items are needed. When you arrive please stay in your vehicles, wear a mask at all times, and place your donated items in an easily accessible location, preferably your trunk or backseat. Your items will be removed from your vehicle. The food items will be donated to the hungry. If you are able to participate, your support is greatly appreciated!

"If you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noonday" Isaiah 58:10

November 19, 2020

Reminder that we have a 5th Sunday in this month on 11/29/20. We will not have a Virtual Worship Service on the 5th Sunday.

Due to scheduling conflicts and the upcoming holidays, Virtual Bible Study will resume January 13th at 7 pm on Facebook and on the church website. We will begin a new series of studies. If there are topics you would like to hear taught or if you desire to teach Bible Study, reach out to Rev. Stephen Thomas.

November 11, 2020

Min. Carolyn Alston will be preaching on the 4th Sunday in November for our Virtual Worship Service.

November 2, 2020

Our Bible Study topic for November 11, 2020 will be "Who Is Your King?" as we look at 1 Samuel 8:11-18.

There is a danger when God's people take our eyes off being ruled by God and begin looking to be led by the people, ways, success, and principles of the world around us. We will take a look issue in our Bible Study on November 11, 2020 at 7 pm here on Facebook Live and the PMBC website at <https://www.pilotmissionarybaptistchurch.org/sunday-school--bible-study.html>

We look forward to interacting with everyone who is able to tune in!

November 1, 2020

Special thank you to all of the planners and organizers of the drive thru Fall Festival for your creativity and dedication.

Thank you to the church fellowship and the community for your support and participation!

Let us welcome our newest member, Bro. David Newell! We thank God for him and his desire to join our fellowship. Once we are all back together again and can safely do so, we will extend to her the Right Hand of Fellowship.

October 28, 2020

The Salvation Army reached out to ministers and churches asking for assistances this Christmas Season. Due to the pandemic and economic troubles, they too are struggling with donations. They have began their annual Angel Tree event which provides gifts for children in need during the Christmas season. If you are able, consider making a donation online or personally purchasing items for one of the children.

Angel Tree

<https://give.salvationarmycarolinas.org/campaign/online-angel-tree-2019/c257614>

Adopt An Angel

<https://www.tsamm.org/angeltree/adopt.dpi?c=43A784CCB1556E9769A993465BBE5BFE24B397D4>

October 19, 2020

The Eastern Ministerial Alliance will conduct a Community Bible Study on 10/21/20 at 7:00 pm via Zoom. The details to join the study are below.

Zoom link

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/5196820305?pwd=UDZlUHNeZVUVRZEpXWmdhUnRlQVVRQT09>

Meeting ID: 519 682 0305

Password: 205244

Dial in number only- conference call

Dial: 1-646-558-8656

Meet ID: 519 682 0305

Password: 205244.

JHBC's (Jones Hill) Women's Ministry invites you to join us for prayer, encouragement and empowerment through the word of God as we are becoming the women of God that Christ desires us to be.

Time: Saturday, Oct 24, 2020 08:00 AM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://uso2web.zoom.us/j/87420014057?pwd=UWpnN1FVTDhjbHBnY3FqR2E1MjVXdzo9>

Meeting ID: 874 2001 4057

Passcode: 256112

You also have the option to join Meeting by calling one of the numbers below.

+1 (312) 626-6799 US (Chicago)

+1 (929) 205-6099 US (New York)

Dial by your location

+1 312 626 6799 US (Chicago)

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

+1 301 715 8592 US (Germantown)

+1 346 248 7799 US (Houston)

+1 669 900 6833 US (San Jose)

+1 253 215 8782 US (Tacoma)

Meeting ID: 874 2001 4057

Passcode: 256112

October 17, 2020

On October 31, 2020 from 11 am - 1 pm, there will be a drive through Fall Festival at the church. Please stay in your vehicles and wear your masks. There will be stations setup where you can drive by and pick up treats. Additionally, communion sets will be available for pickup. We will have Virtual Communion at the end of our November 1st Virtual Worship Service. You are more than welcomed and even encouraged to hang around to wave at one another and even speak from a safe distance. We look forward to seeing everyone who will be

October 15, 2020

Our next Bible Study on 10-28-20 will be in our previous format of having the videos uploaded to Facebook and to the church website

October 14, 2020

The link for the Bible Study on October 14, 2020 at 7 pm is below. Copy and paste the link into your browser or open it in Facebook Messenger. We will be trying Facebook Rooms which will allow those who wish to see one another and interact with the Bible Study discussion to do so live. You DO NOT need a Facebook account. Your device may ask you to "allow" use of your computer/phone camera and microphone. Click "allow," When the Facebook Room page loads, enter your name in the blank box, and click the blue button at the bottom of screen which indicates joining the live Room. I look forward to all who are able to join in.

<https://msngr.com/8IvQPWvUxk8gsxmW>

October 13, 2020

The weekly Sunday School lesson has been posted on the website. The subject is "Overcoming Self-Interest". Click the link below!

<https://www.pilotmissionarybaptistchurch.org/sunday-school--bible-study.html>

October 9, 2020

Bible Study for October 14th will be held as usual on Facebook at 7:00 pm. This time we will try Facebook Messenger Rooms OR Zoom as well. The study will be approximately 30 minutes. A link will be sent out via text, posted under the "Sunday School & Bible Study" tab on the website, and on the church Facebook Page News Feed.

You ***DO NOT*** need a Facebook account to use Facebook Rooms or Zoom. However, the service will still allow interaction from all who wish to participate. It will go through your internet web browser on your computer, phone, or tablet. This will provide the opportunity for everyone to see each other's face and hear each other's voice if you wish to ask questions, comments, etc.

The topic will be "That Belongs To Me." We we will look at 1 Samuel 30:1-6. We will discuss rediscovering or "taking back" everything we allowed the enemy to steal.

Also just a reminder, if you desire to teach a Bible Study lesson, series of lessons, or prepare one (or more if desired) of the written Sunday School lessons to be posted on the website, contact Rev. Thomas.

God Bless You All & Stay Safe!

October 8, 2020

We will not have a Homecoming Service for 2020. Unlike Men's Day, Revival, and the Women's Conference, the very heart and purpose of Homecoming is everyone past and present coming together in one location to worship together and fellowship together. Unfortunately, due to the pandemic, this will not be possible to accomplish this year.

October 5, 2020

To our church family,

The Miles family, wants thank each and everyone for there love and support that you all showed us doing passing of our mother. We can't thank you enough. We love you all and we thank God, for each of you. Please keep us in your prayers.

Sincerely,

Sister Fonda Miles-Holden

October 1, 2020

Recently, the church board discussed where we stand as it relates to the state moving into Phase 3 due to COVID-19. While churches will not be held *legally* responsible for breaking COVID-19 Executive Orders, we are of the belief the safety guidelines and medical recommendations still apply to our environment. We will follow the recommendations of those who are experts in infectious diseases. Even though we may be spiritually different, Christians are just as human as everyone else, and **many**

among our fellowship are in the at risk category to have a severe response to COVID-19. Additionally, as a congregation we have felt its impact in ways we have no desire to feel again if we can help it. It is our desire to provide as safe of an environment as possible when we physically assemble. The information from the most recent Executive Order has been posted below from the North Carolina Department of Human and Health Services website. Please note that Phase 3 still recommends limiting gatherings to 25 people indoors as the safest method to have indoor events. Our congregation exceeds twenty five people. With this in mind, at this time, there is no change in our position. We will continue to conduct services virtually while we monitor the data provided by the medical experts. Also, there are some logistical issues that prevent us from being able to have services in the parking lot at this time. Where appropriate we will still seek ways that would allow us to see each other's faces from the proper distance. We do encourage all of our fellowship to stay connected to one another by phone, video calls, or even yelling across your yard if you feel it appropriate. The church is "US" and not the building. The church has not closed but the venue has, temporarily. While this is not ideal or desired, at this time it is the safest and we believe the best solution available. Continue to pray for one another, and stay encouraged! God is still with us as He has always been!

Please see the details of Executive Order 169 below.

North Carolina will enter Phase 3 of lifting COVID-19 restrictions, effective 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 2. ([View Phase 3 FAQs.](#))

Under [Executive Order 169](#):

- Large outdoor venues with seating greater than 10,000 may operate with 7% occupancy for spectators.
- Smaller outdoor entertainment venues, such as arenas or amphitheaters, may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Movie theaters and conference centers may open indoor spaces to 30% of capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Bars may operate outdoors at 30% of outdoor capacity – or 100 guests, whichever is less.
- Amusement parks may open at 30% occupancy, outdoor attractions only.
- **The limits on mass gatherings will remain at 25 people indoors and 50 people outdoors.**

- The 11 p.m. curfew on alcohol sales for in-person consumption in locations such as restaurants and outdoor bars will be extended to Oct. 23.

September 30, 2020

The publisher has not put the Sunday School curriculum for the 4th Quarter of 2020 online therefore we will not have a written Sunday School less on 10/4/20

September 26, 2020

Please keep the Miles and Sills families in your prayers as they grieve the passing of our own Mother Mary Miles.

The family will be receiving relatives & friends at her daughter Fonda Holden's home located at 907 Powell Dr. Garner, NC 27529

Family & Friends are also welcome at the home of her sister Bertha Miles 832 Perry Curtis Rd. Zebulon, NC 27597

A viewing will be held for Mother Mary Miles on Monday, September 28th, from 3p - 7p at Richard Harris Funeral Home in Zebulon, NC.

The Homegoing Service for Mother Mary Miles will be held on Tuesday, September 29th, at 1 p at the Richard Harris Funeral Home Chapel in Zebulon, NC

The Internment following the service will be at the Gethsemane Memorial Gardens in Zebulon, NC

September 25, 2020

Bible Study for September 30th will be posted under the Sunday School and Bible Study tabs of the website. The study is titled "Where Is The Valor?" looking at Judges 6:11-16 and how God's call to Gideon relates to believers. This study was conducted via Zoom through the Eastern Ministerial Alliance. Rev. Stephen Thomas facilitated the Study. There were great insights from numerous local church leaders that you do not want to miss!

Each week our livestream can be downloaded to your computers or your phones. This is being done to help those who may live in areas with limited internet connections. If

you need any assistance in figuring out how to download the video to your machine, contact Stephen Thomas. You will still be able to stream the video as you have previously on Facebook Live and on the church website. Downloading the video is just an additional option if needed.

September 22, 2020

Please keep our own Bro. Charles Peppers and Sis. Rochelle Peppers in prayer along with their family due to the recent passing of Bro. Charles Peppers father, Mr. Charles Freeman Peppers. There will be a viewing Thursday September 24th, from 3pm - 7pm at Richard Harris Funeral Home, located at 122 W. Barbee St. Zebulon, NC. There will be a Graveside Service on Friday, September 25th, at the Pilot Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery at 12:00 pm.

September 21, 2020

Each month the churches in the Eastern Ministerial Alliance conducts a Community Bible Study. September is the month for us to host the study. This will take place on September 23rd at 7:00 pm. Due to the pandemic, the study will be virtual through Zoom. See the login information below.

Zoom: ID-519 682-0305 Password- 205244 call in number-1646-558-8656

September 14, 2020

Our Virtual Bible Study topic for this week is "When Purpose & Unity Come Together." We will be taking a look at Exodus 17:8-13. The study will be aired on Facebook Live and on the church website under the Sunday School & Bible Study tab on Wednesday, September 16th, at 7:00 pm.

September 12, 2020

On August 29th and September 12th, the church congregation voted to determine if Rev. Stephen Thomas would be the permanent pastor after serving in an interim capacity for the past thirteen months. The Trustee Chairman provided oversight

during the voting process. The committee consisted of the Trustee Chairman, a Trustee, and the Finance Secretary. The committee counted all of the votes. The tallying of the votes showed the congregation overwhelmingly voted to make Rev. Stephen Thomas the permanent Pastor of Pilot Missionary Baptist Church. We look forward to this next chapter and what God will do through us in our fellowship. May the Lord continue to bless and keep us in perfect peace.

Pilot Missionary Baptist Church Executive Board

September 6, 2020

Early voting begins October 15th and ends October 31st. During one-stop early voting, individuals can also register to vote if they have not previously registered. All who are eligible to vote are encouraged to do so as soon as possible.

One-Stop Voting Sites:

<https://vt.ncsbe.gov/ossite/>

North Carolina State Board of Elections:

<https://www.ncsbe.gov/>

August 31, 2020

The revival Rev. Stephen Thomas was scheduled to preach September 1st - 3rd at New Hope First Baptist in Spring Hope, North Carolina has been cancelled due to COVID19

Rev. Stephen Thomas will be preaching a revival service on September 18th at 7 pm at Wakefield Missionary Baptist Church Incorporated in Zebulon, North Carolina. The service will be held in the parking lot. The congregation will remain in their vehicles or distanced from other attendees.

August 28, 2020

Online Bible Study is cancelled on September 2, 2020 due to Rev. Thomas being scheduled to conduct a virtual revival at New Hope First Baptist September 1st - 3rd.

August 2, 2020

July 26, 2020 Announcement

Let us welcome our newest member, Sis. Sharie Bland! Sharie decided to join with us a few weeks ago and we thank God for her and her desire to join our fellowship. She has already been a blessing to us and our prayer is God allows us to be a blessing to her as well. Once we are all back together again and can safely do so, we will extend to her the Right Hand of Fellowship.

Sis. Sherry Newell would like to thank everyone for your participation in the Food Drive. This year was one of the better years we have ever had which speaks volumes of each of you. Special thank you to Sis. Newell for organizing, planning, and carrying out this year's Food Drive. God Bless You All

Thank you to Bro. Shelton Rogers and Bro. Elton Rogers for being the Co-Chairmen for our Men's Day program and making it a great success.

Special thank you to the Sills Family for donating to two beautiful podiums to the church. Thank you for being and blessing our fellowship. May God Bless You All!

Also a reminder, on Saturday August 1, 2020, bags with a sealed communion set and a Daily Bread devotional will be available for pick up at the church from 10:30 am - 11:30 am. You will be able to drive through and pick up your bag from a table that will be placed out front. We ask that you wear your masks while retrieving the bags. Since we have been apart for much longer than we ever anticipated; feel free to hang around in your vehicles if you would like to waive and say "hello" from a distance.

Thank you all for your continued faithfulness first to God, and to our church fellowship. May God Bless and Keep You All

Steve Thomas

July 17, 2020 Announcements

On August 1st from 10:30 am - 11:30 am, bags with a sealed Communion set and a Daily Bread Devotional will be on a table outside of the church for you to drive by to pick up. We ask that you have a mask on at the time you are picking up your bag. Please take one for each person in your family who will be participating. The Communion Service will be held at the end of our Virtual Worship Service on the 1st Sunday, August 2nd. We would love for you to participate in your home! Be encouraged, be hopeful, and be blessed. God Bless You All! - Steve Thomas

June 15, 2020 Announcements

PMBC Executive Board Meeting Notes

June 15, 2020

7:00 PM

Purpose of the meeting was to outline a re-opening plan for the church. Re-opening is not imminent but this meeting is to establish a plan for us moving forward.

Sunday School & Bible Study

Sunday School and Bible Study will remain online for the foreseeable future to limit repeated exposure and the use of the bathrooms and other common areas.

Worship Service

We will have three songs, an offering, sermon, prayer, and benediction. Services will be approximately 45 minutes and no more than an hour. We will have an entrance door and an exit door. Initially, services will occur every other Sunday in person.

Choirs - Choirs are small enough to social distance

Sermons - They will be short and to the point

Ushers - An usher will be available to assist as needed

Sanitation Stations - Four touchless stations have been ordered by Trustee Ray Thomas. He is also going to make stands for them.

Seating - Every other pew will be roped off. Markings will be in place to ensure families are six feet apart

Masks - Masks will be mandatory

Revival

Virtual Revival will take place June 23rd - June 25th. Rev. Lemay will be the speaker

Vacation Bible School

Vacation Bible School is cancelled

Men's Day

Men's Day will remain on schedule. If needed, the service will be virtual.

Church Membership

During the pandemic we will provide a letter of membership to any new members.

Trustee & Church Clerk Cheryl Cooke will provide the letters to any new members.

We will plan to do the Right Hand of Fellowship and Baptisms when we can safely do so.

Funerals

We will keep our building doors closed for all funerals until the church building has reopened for Sunday services.. We will accommodate graveside services as much as possible.

Conference Meetings

After we re-open the church building, conference meetings will occur in the sanctuary only when needed instead of our quarterly schedule.

Communion Service

Will remain suspended until we can obtain the pre-filled communion cups. Once obtained, cups will be placed on a table at the front for the congregation to walk around and pick them up. We will not pass the communion trays to prevent germs.

Scheduled Weekday Events - **ALL IN PERSON EVENTS CANCELLED DUE TO COVID19**

- **Bible Study will be held the Wednesday before the 1st and 3rd Sunday each month at 7 pm. Currently, Bible Study is being held virtually on Facebook Live and on the church website under the Sunday School & Bible Study Section.**

PMBC Choir Rehearsals

- **Youth Choir rehearsal will be held the Saturday before 1st Sunday of each month at noon (Currently suspended due to COVID 19)**
- **Young Adult Choir rehearsal will be held on the Saturday before the third Sunday each month at noon (Currently suspended due to COVID 19)**
- **The Senior Choir rehearsal will be held on the Thursday before the 4th Sunday of each month at 7 pm (Currently suspended due to COVID 19)**