

September 5, 2020

To: All the members of the Mount Paran Family

From: Pastor Ed

My June 7, 2020 letter advised you of our Session's decision to remain closed during the Covert-19 pandemic. The Session also decided to reassess this decision when Baltimore County entered Phase 3 of their re-opening plans.

As you are aware Baltimore County made the decision to enter Phase 3 of their reopening plans on September 4th. The Phase 3 guidelines allowed Churches to open at 75% capacity with the understanding that social distancing guidelines are followed.

The Session met by Zoom this afternoon to reassess resuming in-person worship. After discussing the County guidelines along with the advice of our own medical experts we unanimous agreed that it would not be practical or in the best interest of our congregation to resume in-person worship at this time. We will continue to monitor the situation and revisit this decision.

This was a hard decision because we all look forward to the day when we can meet in person. We all miss the fellowship and hugs. But our major concern is for the health and welfare of every member of our church family.

We will continue broadcasting our worship services on the church website, Facebook, and YouTube since all three of them have been a tremendous success. In addition, we will continue to have meetings and Bible Discussion Classes via Zoom.

I challenge all of us to pray for each other and to keep in contact with each other. If you or you know of someone who needs some financial help because of COVID-19 please call me or one of Elders or Deacons. We are a family and families come along side of and help each other in times of need.

Yours in Christ,

*Pastor Ed*