

HELLO PILGRIM REST FAMILY,

God is faithful, and we remain grateful to God for keeping our families well. As we are doing our best to remain safe by remaining inside, social distancing, washing our hands, wearing face masks, and taking other precautions, God is honoring our efforts with good health.

WE REMAIN PRAYERFUL FOR THE FAMILIES OF THOSE WHO HAVE GONE TO BE WITH GOD

- † Brother Rafe Bryant
- † Sister Julia Dozier

PRAYING FOR AND DEMANDING JUSTICE

For this week, I am requesting that we remain prayerful for the families of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor. We know that the presence and peace of God is able to sustain them through the passing of their loved ones and through the current battle for the pursuit of justice.

Additionally, I am requesting that we pray for those involved in ensuring that justice is given on behalf of Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor (and her boyfriend, Kenneth Walker).

We will spend time in prayer for the peace and comfort of the families, and we will spend time in prayer seeking revelation from God regarding our demand for justice. Our prayers to God must also be accompanied by our getting up from our praying and doing what God tells us to do regarding the reason for our praying. Remember, some doors do not open automatically. Sometimes we keep on asking, keep on seeking and keep on knocking in faith believing that we have it, have found it and it has been opened for us.

For example, in Joshua Chapter 7, the children of Israel lost the battle against Ai. This was a battle that they should have easily won. Joshua fell on his face and began to complain to God. God responded, however, not in the way that Joshua anticipated. God told Joshua, "Get up! Why are you lying on your face like this?" God told Joshua that God had not failed the people, rather, the people failed God. God then gave to Joshua what they needed to do to pursue the victory over Ai.

Sometimes, we fall on our faces before God and complain about what is going on in our lives and in the world. I believe that God responds to us in similar fashion telling us, "Get up!" reminding us that "God has not failed us, we have failed God." Once we acknowledge that fact, God will give us what we are to do to pursue victory.

Yes, we need to pray. Then, we, the *Radical and Revolutionary Black Church*, need to get up and do what God is calling us to do.

Following are the individuals who are responsible for the Ahmaud Arbery and Breonna Taylor cases:

Ahmaud Arbery

Cobb County Judicial Circuit District Attorney Joyette Holmes
Georgia Attorney General Christopher M. Carr
Georgia Bureau of Investigations Director Vic Reynolds

Breonna Taylor

Kentucky Attorney General Daniel Jay Cameron
United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky Russel Coleman

CHURCH SCHOOL CLASSES

Church School classes will begin next week. The schedule for the classes are listed below:

Nursery Class	Sis. Flenorl, Sis. Watts	Tuesday at 4:00 p.m. (Conference Call)
Primary Class	Sis. Jones, Sis. Antone	Friday at 1:00 p.m. (Conference Call)
Junior Class	Sis. Matthews, Sis. Lewis	Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (Zoom)
High School	Sis. Dallas, Pastor LaGrant	Thursday at 5:30 p.m. (Zoom)
Savior Seekers (Middle School)	Sis. Harris	Thursday at 11:00 a.m. (Zoom)
Disciples on a Mission	Sis. D. LaGrant, Sis. Webster	Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. (Conference Call)
Overcomers	Sis. L. LaGrant	Wednesday at 8:00 p.m. (Zoom)
Men of Valor	Pastor Davis, Deacon Moody, Deacon Boyd	Thursday at 6:00 p.m. (Conference Call)
Gethsemane	Sis. Gatson, Sis. Irvin	Thursday at 5:00 p.m. (Conference Call, Rm. 1)
Transformers	Sis. Toney, Sis. Cannon	Monday at 12:00 noon (Conference Call)

CHURCH MEETING

Church meeting will be held on Saturday, May 30th at 1pm. In order to participate in the meeting you must register with your email address or phone number. Please call the church office. Only those who are registered will receive the Zoom link information. If you have questions, please call the office, to get the correct information.

BE SAFE, BE SMART, BE SERIOUS

I remain prayerful for your safety and security and remain available to you to listen and share regarding your needs and concerns. Please call me, text me (414-852-4010) and/or email me pilgrimrestpastorchilds@gmail.com so we can talk out and talk through anything that you may be going through or need assistance with.

WISCONSIN SAFER AT HOME TO BADGER BOUNCE BACK

Many of us are aware of the decision handed down by the Wisconsin State Supreme Court on Wednesday afternoon blocking the extension of the Governor's Safer At Home Order which was set to expire on May 26, 2020. Their decision has increased confusion and decreased the safety and health of residents in Wisconsin. On the evening of the decision, we saw images of people sitting in bars side-by-side, without masks.

The State has prepared the Badger Bounce Back plan which provides a phased approach to reopening based upon the gathering and re-evaluating of specific Criteria and Core Responsibilities. We are reviewing the document and will refer to it as we develop our phased plan for returning to the church. We will make the Badger Bounce Back document available on our website

COVID -19 (CORONAVIRUS) TESTING SITE AT MID-TOWN

You are able to get free, no-appointment COVID-19 tests at two testing sites in Milwaukee. A Northside site will be operated in the Midtown Center shopping complex at 5760 W. Capitol Dr. A Southside site will be operated at the United Migrant Opportunity Services (UMOS) headquarters at 2701 S. Chase Ave.

The sites will be open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. and staffed by plainclothes members of the Wisconsin National Guard wearing personal protective equipment (PPE). According to the Department of Health Services, the sites will each be able to collect 500 specimens per day.

Individuals will need to wait 48 to 72 hours to get lab results back. Contact tracers will follow-up with all individuals that test positive. Please note, anyone who wants to be tested can be tested, you do not need to make an appointment, you do not need to be symptomatic to be tested at the two sites, nor will you need to be a Milwaukee County resident.

MINISTRIES DOING MINISTRY

Praise God for the ministries who have developed many creative and innovative ways to continue fulfilling your ministry calling in the midst of this season. We are grateful for your continued commitment to your calling, and trust that God will continue to anoint you in the fulfillment of your calling. You will also receive announcements regarding the start of Church School classes and Bible Study classes.

Please note, we are discouraging ministries from mailing letters and cards at this time. Studies are revealing that the virus can live days to weeks on certain surfaces depending upon the conditions. We do not want to inadvertently transfer the virus from one home to another home.

Please continue to **BE SAFE, BE SMART** and **BE SERIOUS**. We continue to pray for you and your families.

Love,

Pastor Martin and Sis. Thressessa Childs