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To Pilgrim Rest Parents, Grandparents and guardians:

I am writing this letter to support and encourage you as a parent, grandparent and guardian. God has blessed you to have the responsibility for raising children and youth, and that responsibility has greatly increased as you are seeking to keep your family healthy and safe from the Covid-19 (Coronavirus), and keeping them aware of the racism that remains prevalent in this country against people of color.

We are aware of the physical, emotional, psychological, physical and spiritual attacks that are being waged against our youth and children. Additionally, as you are building the spiritual and moral foundations for your children and grandchildren, and as you are ensuring that Godly values are anchored within them, we desire to assist.

First, we reestablished our Church School Classes via Zoom. Our teachers are providing the same solid, Biblical instruction each week for your children and grandchildren – assisting them in knowing who God is, and encouraging them to receive Jesus as their Savior. Following is the class schedule. We are currently rescheduling the Nursery and Middle School Classes to better fit your schedules. Please let us know what day and time works best for you.

Nursery Class	(3-5 years old)	Sis. Flenorl, Sis. Watts	Rescheduling
<b>Primary Class</b>	(6-8 years old)	Sis. Jones, Sis. Antone	Friday 1:00 p.m.
Junior Class	(9-11 years old)	Sis. Matthews, Sis. Lewis	Wednesday 6:00 p.m.
Savior Seekers (Middle School)	(12-14 years old)	Sis. Harris	Rescheduling
High School	(15-18 years old)	Sis. Dallas, Pastor LaGrant	Thursday 5:30 p.m.

To achieve success in building and anchoring these foundations and values, participation in Church School should not be an option, nor should it be your children/grandchildren's choice to decide to participate. Just as you mandate them to attend school every day to ensure they are academically equipped for success, there should be a similar mandate for them to participate in Church School every week to ensure they are spiritually equipped for success.

Second, since mid-March, schools have been closed due to the Covid-19 (Coronavirus). Unfortunately, and for a variety of reasons, many of our children have missed out on the rigorous continuation of their educational pursuits. As schools are preparing for instruction to begin in the fall, there are many question that parents and grandparents have regarding how instruction will take place, the resources (computers, internet service, etc.) needed to access the instruction, health procedures that are adopted for in-person instruction, support you need to assist your children for on-line instruction, and many more

Therefore, please let me know your thoughts and question regarding when school should begin, how school should begin (in the building or at home), the support and resources you need to assist your children/grandchildren at home, the challenges you are facing trying to work if your children are at home, the specific needs your child/grandchild has and your concerns regarding those needs being met, etc. We want to address your needs and concerns with the Superintendent and School Board, however, we need to know what your needs and concerns are. Everything you share will remain confidential.

Third, if you have other specific needs or specific prayer requests for your children/grandchildren, please contact me (414-852-4010 or pilgrimrestpastorchilds@gmail.com) so we can talk, pray and develop a plan to address them.

Sincerely.

Pastor Martin Childs, Jr.