

SHEKINAH TABERNACLE *Family Worship Centre*

"A Spiritual Home For All Nations"

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Important Announcement.

1. Introduction

The following is the position of the church concerning alert level 3 lockdown:

Shekinah Tabernacle Family Worship Centre entirely recognizes the spiritual significance of coming together in fellowship.

The church is also informed that some members long to return to the usual way of gathering in fellowship.

However, after prayerful commitments and consultative meetings with the senior church leadership, they noted some clauses in the prescribed regulations which will compromise the values, mission, and vision of the church, should gatherings resume.

We understand the government announcement to be a prerogative not an imperative; hence an institution can opt otherwise.

2. Resolution

Over and above the people-centred core values and mission of the church and the shepherding responsibility God entrusted to us; the following contributed to the collective decision of the church leadership:

- We believe in divine healing (Mark 16: 18), not in excluding the sick from church gatherings. (According to the gathering regulations, anyone who showcases the signs for COVID 19, in particular, should be excluded from church gathering).
- We believe that gathering for worship celebration is a family matter which must include all (Exodus 10:9 ESV) (According to the prescribed regulations, persons over 60 and children are excluded from the gatherings).
- We recognize that the faith of different members is in different levels; according to Romans 14:1;19 "So then let us pursue what makes for peace and mutual upbuilding (ESV).
- Experiences of gathering 100 people per service informed us that it would be impractical for our local fellowship to arrange for only 50 attendees per service.

We feel that excluding those with symptoms from the gathering or sending them away from the church, is not acceptable, according to Isaiah 53:5.

We also feel that not taking the aged and children with to the gathering is an injustice to our identity, as a family worship centre.

We love and serve the people of God equally, those who fear the risk of contracting the pandemic (COVID 19) and those whose faith speaks otherwise.

We love and serve those excluded and the included.

"Let Your Glory Fill This House Oh! Lord" Habakkuk 2:14

It is based on the points mentioned above that the senior church leadership collectively **resolved not to resume gatherings until further notice.**

We will, however, pursue the other means of doing ministry, i.e. online services.

3. Wayforward

The ministry will arrange for online services and pastoral visitation for the aged where permissible and possible.

We are currently streaming four services online, through social media platforms, i.e. Facebook live, YouTube, Instagram and WhatsApp.

I. Services

We will therefore continue streaming services online:

1. Sunday: Morning Glory @ 10 AM and Evening Service @ 6 PM.
2. Monday to Friday: Hepzibah Prayer Meeting @ 06h45 till 08h00.
3. Tuesday: The Power of Prayer @ 10 AM.
4. Wednesday: Servicing the Prayer Alter @ 6 PM.
5. Thursday: Men's fellowship ("Men Arise" will resume in July)
6. Friday: Children's Church Ministry @ 10 AM and Youth Service 4 PM.
7. Saturday: Ladies Fellowship "Deborah Arise Ministry" @ 10 AM.

II. Counselling

We will make our counselling ministry available on Thursdays per appointment.

III. House Visitations

Arrangements will be made for the area pastors/elders to pay visits to the aged within their areas.

IV. Administration

The administration block will be open from Monday 08/06/2020 @ 08h30 until 12h00. It is the first phase with limited services and skeleton staff.

4. Appeal

Kindly visit our website and familiarize yourself with the developments of the church.

Do not forget to subscribe and follow us on all our social media platforms.

We trust that you will find the above in order!

Please do not hesitate to contact us @:

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Shalom Shalom Shalom!

Church Administration and Operations.

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