

Greetings Brothers and Sisters in Christ!

Happy July 4th! As we continue to embark upon the path that God has outlaid for us in the year 2020, may we be reminded that we have a treasure in our earthen vessels to display the power and awesomeness of God. May the next 5 months of this year continue to transform our relationship with Christ, our fellow laborers, our family, and the world! May our thinking be transformed to deal with the complexities that we are faced with as a nation, community, and church. May we also grab hold to the ability within ourselves to make a difference.

The past months, we were not able to fellowship together and love on one another as we desire. From the most recent changes in our nation, it seems as if this will be a new norm. Recently, your South Carolina State Brotherhood of the Presbytery staff came together, and decided that we will continue to hold off on coming together. Due to the fluctuation in the number of virus cases in our state, we will continue to follow our State Presbytery calendar and not conduct any Brotherhood services until further noticed. We are currently holding off until August 31st to reassess our next steps. I pray that each of you will take and do the necessary precautions to stay safe during this time. As a body of Brothers and Sisters, we urge each of you to continue to check on your senior members and those less fortunate to see if they have any needs your local church can help with. Rather is it helping get medicine, food, water, prayer, an encouraging call, sending them a card, let us be the change that we are looking for in this world.

As we continue to be a vibrant, healthy, and vital organization we are being financially responsible with our resources. In the midst of all that is going on, we desire to stay ahead of the curve, provide safe environments, and take care of responsibilities and outline expenditures we usually incur. ***We are asking that each local keyman dedicated to their congregation, remind and collect dues of brotherhood members. Please keep record, and pass that information on to Brother Steve Martin and Brother James Carr.*** Due to the Coronavirus, we will have missed a total of 3 Brotherhood services. We currently only had 1 death during this timeframe, and will be in continual prayer for the Moses family. Let us oblige to our financial commitments, so that we can continue to plan and prepare for what the future holds for us.

As I prepare to close this email, there are a few items I would love to address. During our time away, Father's Day passed and we would like to thank God for each brother who has stepped to the responsibility of being a father, mentor, and friend to someone. May your efforts, love, and actions continue to create memories for those who are connected to you.

Also, our nation has been in turmoil regarding COVID-19, racial injustice, degrading moral compasses of people, and sin. It is my plea to my Brothers that we comply with the scriptures previously mentioned, manifest the life of Jesus Christ in our bodies. I urge us to teach our young men how to conduct themselves, and be prepared for any unfortunate circumstances. I urge us to get our churches and community involved in local, state, and national politics. Let us encourage those to vote, and do what we can to make sure we create change in our political system. I urge us to teach sound doctrine and create an atmosphere so our children can develop pure and authentic relationships with Christ. I urge that we be bold, relentless, courageous, and worshippers of our Lord Jesus Christ!

Let this mind be in us that was also in Christ Jesus!

With Christian Love!

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