

Praise the Lord members of Jesus Is The Answer Apostolic Church;

I am writing you this morning from a shepherds heart regarding concerns around when are we going to start regathering at the church and holding services again.

The Bible is very clear around what the will of the lord is as it pertains to his people and the spiritual benefits that come from us uniting and fellowshipping together as a body. The scriptures declare;

“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.”
(Hebrews 10:25 KJV)

We cannot deny that it is God’s will for his people to remain connected through fellowship, prayers, worship and in the breaking of bread, or sharing in the ministry of the word. In the opening of the church dispensation in the book of Acts. The scriptures give us a blueprint or a model to follow;

“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”

Acts 2:41-47 KJV

There is a spiritual rejuvenation, a reviving energy and spiritual uplifting that we receive from being in a live church gathering that we cannot receive from watching church on TV and through social media platforms. “Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty”. God said he “Sat us Together in heavenly places”.

Paul sums it up in one verse;

“From whom the whole body fitly joined together and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body unto the edifying of itself in love.”

Ephesians 4:16 KJV

God has divinely made every member in such a way where though the body is not one member, but that we are members one of another. He yet designs us to make sure that we still fit somewhere in the body, “Fitly Joined Together”. He equips us with unique gifting and talents in that every member brings something to the fellowship, “Every Joint Supplieth”. This is revealed through our ability to work together in an effectual way that begins to produce growth spiritually and naturally, “according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body”. As we operate out of a spirit of Love, motivated by His Love for us vertically, that is shared horizontally in how we love on one another. This is how we edify or build up each other, “unto the edifying of itself in love”.

This one verse emphasizes what we are all longing for, the fellowship of the brethren.

However, the will of the lord is more then generalized, it is also individualized and placed within a time and a season for nations, groups and individual people in which he is expressing his will towards.

“Therefore to him that knoweth to do good, and doeth it not, to him it is sin.”
James 4:17 KJV

James reveals this in this text in how the word could be directive or specifically directed at or towards an individual or group regarding what God is commanding them, guiding them in and or placing specific regulations for them to live by and to obey, “To HIM that knows to do good”. Is the individual that God has revealed his will to and has placed specific expectations upon this person or person’s. Therefore, the judgement of disobeying these expectations or commandments are only placed upon the person or person’s in which the commandment was given to, “And choose not to do it, unto HIM it is sin”.

Remember, the commandment that was given to Adam, prior to Eve being formed, for them not to eat from the tree of the knowledge of good and evil. Because this commandment was not given to Eve as an individual, but given to Adam. When Eve ate from the tree it was not sin unto HER, It became sin unto Adam because unto HIM that knoweth to do good and doeth it not, unto HIM its is sin.

I’m exhorting the house of Jesus Is The Answer in this manner to strengthen the faith of our church members and to have more of a global view of God’s will for our congregation vs making comparisons and watching what other churches are doing and using that as a spiritual measuring rod to determine what we ought to be doing as JITA.

Knowing that It is my conviction to always deliver a balanced message that is fare to all sides and to all perspectives. I would like to share another side of God’s will;

“Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.”
3 John 1:2 KJV

As much as it is God’s will for us to not forsake the assembling or gathering of ourselves together, because of the spiritual health that it provides us. It is also, The Will Of The Lord, that the church remains naturally and physically healthy in order to sustain a soulish and spiritual prosperity. The Bible says;

“What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own?”
1 Corinthians 6:19 KJV

God is just as concerned about your body being healthy as he is your soul being strengthened spiritually. Why, because the body is housing his Spirit within you. The spirit is what is guiding the body to be in alignment with His will;

“Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come.”

John 16:13 KJV

As we allow God to order our steps and to keep us in direct alignment with his will. We must apply his will to our natural well being as well as our spiritual well being; (Beloved, I wish above all things that thou mayest prosper and be in health, even as thy soul prospereth.)

As your Pastor and under shepherd of your souls and spiritual and physical development, I receive my directions on my knees, that it may give us a biblical foundation to stand on our feet. Therefore, I am submitting to you what I feel the lord has given unto me regarding our church and not a word for all churches. I have been praying for wisdom in this season to know his will and what JITA ought to do in this season;

“And of the children of Issachar, which were men that had understanding of the times, to know what Israel ought to do; the heads of them were two hundred; and all their brethren were at their commandment.”

1 Chronicles 12:32 KJV

This is a great burden to carry to not only know that people's well being could be impacted by the decisions of those in leadership or heads of state. Not only are we risking the guilt of subjecting people to a life threatening virus, but that you will also have to one day give an account for those decisions and in how they may have altered the faith of a soul.

“Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you.”

Hebrews 13:17 KJV

Therefore, I am asking for the membership of JITA to be prayerful, to be watchful, but to also be patient with me as your pastor as we commit ourselves to learning every step of the way, what God's will is for our house.

I am aware that some of you are longing for fellowship and being back in the house of God and worshipping together. I am aware that it has caused some of you to begin to fellowship with church bodies that have chosen to start regathering and to start fellowshipping again. I get it and I understand. But please consider that I am not taking the position of a religious figure head nor a controlling dictator. I am a man with spiritual needs just like you. But I am also a man. A human being that is subject to the same social ills that we are all faced with in this season. And beyond that I am a Pastor with a Shepherds heart, as God described David, A Man after his own heart. In other words I care for the sheep more than I care about holding church services. Some people tend to define the life of a pastor to one that is providing spiritual leadership at a church and delivering sermons on Sunday mornings. But for those of you who have really gotten to know Shon Davis. You can attest to the fact that my duties as a pastor exceeds the pulpit and a physical building. But that it covers every systemic aspect that causes social, emotional, physical, natural, economical, mental and spiritual challenges for God's people.

Though my prayers and God's favor on my life is designed to cover the sheepfold and all those that God has entrusted under my leadership. It does not prevent the wolf from spiritually entices those vulnerable sheep to stray away from the fold into other religious folds that may appear to be meeting a need in your life. God has given each sheep a free will to choose. My role is to lead and to guide, but not to dictate and to control.

I pray continually that my life or my lifestyle exceeds my verbal expressions or the preaching of God's word. In that I choose to be an example of the word of God vs the poetic articulation and hermeneutical presentation of God's word. I rather be sound in my doctrine, then to sound good in my doctrine.

So I hope that you can hear my heart through my words and biblical understanding in which I have shared above. That as the Pastor of Jesus Is The Answer Apostolic Church; I am not in a hurry to start regathering and begin to hold services again at the physical building of our church. I am choosing not to give the congregation an anticipated date of even when we will be ready. I have chosen to seek the Lord and His righteousness and allow his timing to direct us into when it is healthy for us to regather. As you notice I am not using the language of Re-Open the church, because spiritually the church has never been closed. If that was the case then you as an individual have been shut down all this time. You are the church.

For those who are not only praying but also being watchful. The numbers of those that has contracted the virus are spiking in our city. I happen to be closely effected by some that have tested positive in some of our local churches of ministries that chose to start regathering. This must not be ignored and dismissed as being contrary towards our faith.

I am committed to feeding the sheep on Sunday mornings through our FaceBook Live channel and on our JITA City App as well as our Website content, jitacitychurch.us

Our ministerial staff has committed themselves to providing teaching lessons during our traditional weekly Bible Study online through FaceBook Live and Zoom. I would encourage you to follow our Blog page and begin to engage with our authors regarding relevant topics and social issues that may address areas in which you are passionate about.

JITA is still in full operation and in Repairing the breaches, Rebuilding the waste places and Restoring the paths for people to dwell in (Isaiah-58:12)

“JITA let us Become the Blessing In which we have been Blessed to Be”

***“If we live in the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit.”
Galatians 5:25 KJV***

Blessings from you Pastor and Undershepherded

Pastor Shon & First Lady Kim Davis

PS; I am still asking and encouraging our membership to be mindful of the churches needs financially to sustain the natural operation of the church, through your tithes and free will offering.

We have provided ways digitally in which you can continue to sow your seed and love offering towards the ministry of JITA City Church;

JITA City App

Givelify

JITA City Church Website (jitacitychurch.us)

***Remember,
No Matter What Your Problems Are
Jesus Is The Answer***