

**SARDIS DISTRICT MISSIONARY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION SUNDAY SCHOOL AND N.B.C. CONGRESS OF
NORTH MISSISSIPPI**

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Dear Pastor,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. I pray that you and your family are well. I continually pray that your pastoral efforts for the kingdom's cause will continue to spring forth, blossom, and bring forth much fruit. I know that during this pandemic many changes have had to be made by each pastor in message and methodology, but thanks be to God, the word yet goes forth, encouraging, uplifting, and bringing salvation to those in need of spiritual comfort during this season.

Due to the pandemic's widespread effects (loss of jobs and healthcare), I would like to share with you information that I have received that I pray will help you and your congregation.

1. If you or your parishoners have lost health insurance due to job loss from the pandemic, please call Pastor Bernard Montgomery at: 662-298-3584 or e-mail him at oakhill1879@msn.com (reference this call by letting him know that Pastor Zannie Leland gave you the number) . He can give information concerning getting children in the household (19 and under) into the CHIPS Program and the adult family members in the household into the "ObamaCare" program.
2. During a conference call with Dr. Jerry Young, President of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc., Mr. Timothy Rush, and Dr. Jabari Edwards, the following information was received: To find out if you qualify for the Pandemic Unemployment Assistance Program (funds given in the amount of \$103.00 per week up to \$265.00per week and a one time amount of \$600.00 in Federal Pandemic Unemployment funds.) Those who qualify include individuals who have lost their jobs because of the pandemic, those who applied for unemployment but funds ran out, those who work at churches or religious institutions who have been laid off because of the pandemic (janitors, musicians, paid church personnel, and in some cases even the pastor). You can e-mail www.mdes.gov or call 1-833-919-0334 for further details.

I pray that this information will help you as you continue to minister to the church and community. Let us keep one another lifted up in prayer.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits:

WHO FORGIVETH ALL THINE INIQUITIES, WHO HEALETH ALL THY DISEASES!! (Psalm 103:1-3)

Yours For The Cause of Christ,
Dr. Zannie Leland, Jr. / Moderator