March 10, 2024 ANNOUNCEMENTS & PASTORAL OBSERVATIONS

- **1. Lomax Parking Lot Closure:** This Thursday, March 14, 2024 Friday, March 15, 2024, Lomax's upper and lower parking lots are being paved and will be closed to all traffic.
- 2. Women's Day Weekend: Lomax's Women's Day Weekend will take place on March 16-17, 2024. Please note the deadline relating to Friday, March 8th and the first choir rehearsal date, this Saturday, March 9th, as well as the following:
 - Saturday, March 16: Join us for a Mindfulness Session presented by Ms. Tiffany Jones at Lomax from 11am-12:30 pm. Lunch will be served immediately following the session. Please RSVP to Rev. Tina by March 8th so that adequate plans can be made.
 - Sunday, March 17: Join us in worship at 11 am.
 Theme: "Women Tapping into the Power of God." Scripture: Ephesians 1:15-23. Color: Red for the POWER of God. Special Offering: \$100 or best offering.
 - Women's Day Choir Rehearsals: Under the direction of Dr. Patricia Jackson, the Women's Day Choir will rehearse as follows: March 9th @ 10:30 am; March 14th @ 7pm; March 16th @ 2 pm. Women of all ages, including children and youth, are invited to sing in this inter-generational choir.
- **3. Lomax Lenten Preaching Series:** This year, the theme for our annual Lenten Preaching Series is "Walking with Jesus." All services will begin at 7 pm. Members are encouraged to be present each night, but members are especially asked to be present the night their class is requested to support the weekly service. We hope that you will join us as follows:
 - Mar. 13: Lenten Preaching Series. Preacher: Bro. Ray Pincham, Focus: Sabbath, Featured Classes: 11 and 13.
 - March 20: Lenten Preaching Series: Preacher: Pastor Nelson.
 Focus: Worship. Featured Classes: Classes: 14 and 15.
- **4. Sunday School:** Sunday School is held via Zoom each Sunday. Presently, on 1st and 3rd Sundays, you may also participate in Sunday School in-person

from the Boardroom. Sunday School begins at 9:30 am. Following is Zoom participation information:

Join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89311232668

Meeting ID: 893 1123 2668

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592 or 1-646-931-3860

Meeting ID: 893 1123 2268

- **5. Sunday Worship:** Please join us this Sunday at 11 am and invite someone to worship with us. Sunday's bulletin and the Prayer and Bereaved List is attached. Virtual worship may be accessed as follows: Lomax's Facebook page at https://www.facebook.com/lomaxamezionchurch/ or website using the Lomax Live tab at https://www.lomaxchurchva.com/lomax-live/.
- **6. Intercessory Prayer:** Intercessory Prayer takes place each Tuesday at 6:30 am. Here is the Zoom information to participate this week:

Join via Zoom: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86028580752

Meeting ID: 860 2858 0752

Dial-In Information: 301-715-8592

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- **7. Bible Study**: Due to the Lenten Preaching Series, we will not have Bible Study on Wednesdays during Lent.
- **8. Trustee Board:** A "Spring Cleaning and Church Beautification Day" will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024, between 11:00am and 3:00pm. Remember, Colossians: 3: 23..."Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not unto men." Pitch-in to help prepare our church for Easter Worship Service, and to host the Washington District Conference in April. Contact any member of the Trustee Board for additional information. Thank you, Bro Fred Peterbark/Trustee Board Chairman
- **9. St. John's Baptist Church Help Fair:** Attached is an important flyer relating to St. John's Baptist Church's Help Fair, which will take place on March 23, 2024, from 12-2 pm at St. John's Baptist Church. This is an informational event in partnership with local government and non-profit entities in the DMV.

- **10. Easter Lily Orders:** Resurrection Sunday is on the way! You may help the Floral Ministry in beautifying our church on Resurrection Sunday morning by ordering Lilies in honor/memory of your loved ones. Each plant will cost \$20.00. All plants need to be ordered between February 25 and March 22, 2024. The payment options are either Givelify or check. Please indicate "Easter lilies" when submitting payment. Upon completion of the form, Sis. Andrea Peterbark will contact you to go over the details. To order online use the following link: https://forms.gle/RW5kg1KCYEBqQfes8
- 11. Lomax's Membership Conference Assessments: As we approach the FY 2023/2024 conference ye2ar ending, May 31, 2024, we are encouraging members who haven't paid your annual assessment dues of \$350.00; General Claims \$265.00 and Quarterly Conference \$85.00, to please do so. Please pay your assessments in order for Lomax to meet its church obligations, and by submitting your donations thru your church envelope, givelify, or you may see your class leader or Sis. Ruthy Brown.
- **12.** Community Engagement Forum A Roadmap to an Age Friendly Arlington: Arlington County invites you to participate in a Community Engagement Forum about what matters most to Arlingtonians on Monday, March 18, 2024, from 10 am 12 pm.
- 13. Good Friday Save-the-Date: This year, Pastor Nelson is the featured preacher for the Arlington Coalition of Black Clergy Good Friday Good Friday worship service. The service will be held on Friday, March 29, 2024, at Mt. Olive Baptist Church beginning at 12 noon. All members of Lomax, who are able, are encouraged to attend this service, which will serve as Lomax's only Good Friday service. Pastor Nelson is requesting that a good representation of Lomax members sing in the community mass choir and that 2-4 Lomax members volunteer to serve as Greeters/Ushers for the day.
- **14. Washington District Conference Save-the-Date:** This year's Washington District Conference will be held on one day only this year, on Saturday, April 13, 2024, from 9 a.m. 4 p.m. Lomax will host the District Conference.