

March 26, 2020

Christian Greetings!

Our days are certainly filled with uncertainties and unchartered waters. As we navigate through these troubled times, it is strategically important for us to be reminded that God is on the throne and He is our ever present help in times of trouble.

Out of an abundance of caution, and out of respect to President Trump's request not to gather in groups of more than 10 people, and in compliance with the Executive Committee, the Smoky Mountain Gathering will be postponed until April 27-29, 2021.

The SMG committee has worked diligently to make the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration a great success. It is unfortunate that this decision has been made, however, we do feel it is using great wisdom considering the circumstances at hand.

Many have asked about registration funds. We are prepared to do one of two things:

- <u>Return funds</u> <u>upon your request</u>. You will need to email Sandy Whitmire at <u>swhitmire@churchofgod.org</u> or call 423-478-7176 and ask for your registration funds to be returned. You will have until May 15<sup>th</sup> to request a refund. If you paid by credit card, we will reverse the charges. If you paid by check, we will return your funds via check. OR....,
- <u>Ask to have your deposit forwarded</u> to 2021. Your registration may be held and placed on the event for April 27, 2021. If your funds have not been returned prior to May 15<sup>th</sup> they will automatically be placed on the next event date.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. This is obviously beyond our control. Please continue to pray for those affected by COVID-19 and pray for our leaders at every level.

Sincerely,

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