

Amelia Baptist Church - Evening in December Spiritual and Musical Program

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To: Amy Bell <abell@nassaucountyfl.com>; Sabrina Robertson <srobertson@nassaucountyfl.com>

Hi Amy,

You will recall that last year we were approved to use Peters Point for the annual presentation by Amelia Baptist Church of our Evening in December program.

At Amelia Baptist Church we normally do an expansive musical presentation at the church over several nights each year in December. With Covid issues waning, we have a mixed indoor/outdoor presentation similar to 2021. As such, we are planning an evening outdoor event on church grounds that will occupy all but our limited handicap parking area. Planning and scheduling are still underway, but at present we plan to do a rehearsal on December 1st, with performances on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, December 2, 3 and 4, 2022.

The nature of the outdoor event will be to simulate a walk through of a Judean village with small groups of our choir singing and small groups of attendees walking through to facilitate social distancing. Attendees will sign up online or by phone for multiple time slots per evening. Since our normal parking areas will be occupied by the musical events, we ask for permission to utilize the Peters Point parking lot for event parking. Since the event is in the winter and primarily after dark, we believe the impact on Peters Point Park would be minimal.

We are hiring buses for shuttle service to/from the church. We hire off-duty NCSO Deputies for our normal safety programs and will have three Deputies for our programs each night. One Deputy will be at Peters Point with church volunteers to facilitate parking and bus transportation, the second Deputy will be at Amelia Baptist Church and the third will be mobile to address any traffic congestion issues.

We will be guided by Nassau County Health Department guidance at that time, with appropriate guidelines being followed.

We ask for permission to utilize the Peters Point parking lot for attendees and participants during the late afternoon and evening hours. We estimate that there will be a regular flow of attendees arriving and departing the parking area from approximately 3PM-9PM each evening. We estimate the need for 50-75 parking spaces during this period of time and will ensure that parking is supervised and is an orderly operation. We will be finished before 9:00pm each day.

I note that planning is still underway and the above is my best estimate of the scope of the event. Clearly, there are unknowns at this time related to Covid issues and guidelines at that time. In addition, rain, cold temperatures or other factors may impact on attendance each night and could create the need for changes to the schedule.

We promise to be good stewards of the Nassau County property in furtherance of our outreach to our communities and to clean up after ourselves, as needed. Our use of this parking area and our interaction with the county security presence there worked well.

Can you schedule this issue to be considered by Nassau County officials?

Please call or write if I can provide additional information.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jim

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