



GRACE HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

I am sure many of you can relate to the title of Dr. David Jeremiah's book entitled, "What in the World is Going On?" We have probably heard that question or similar questions over the last few weeks as we have come face to face with COVID-19 in our county, state, country, and world. It has required us to look at life differently than we have in the past, or quite frankly, ever. We are seeing decisions made by our government and leaders that are difficult and unprecedented.

As a church, we have gone the longest we have ever gone without physically gathering together. It is interesting that in one of my sermons within the last several weeks that I spoke about the church scattered and the church gathered. At that time, it was within the context of when we meet physically, we are the church gathered and when we leave the building, we become the church scattered. We are now the church scattered without the opportunity to gather physically. However, we have taken the necessary steps to still be the church gathered using technology even while scattered. I praise the Lord for the avenue of technology and for what it is permitting us to do. It is a blessing to be able to use Facebook and YouTube to share God's Word and worship together, howbeit, very differently.

So, what can we do during this time of navigating through new and uncharted waters? Stay the course! Be the church! What does that look like?

1. Grow in your relationship with Christ. Be in the Word. Be on your knees in prayer. Bring your praises and requests before God, but spend time letting Him speak to you. Worship individually and then "gathered" on Sunday mornings and Wednesday evenings via Facebook or YouTube.
2. Listen to uplifting music. There is plenty of good Christian music out there! Be encouraged by the blessing of music that glorifies the Lord.

3. Continue to be the church. I have heard from many who have been blessed by the GBC family during this time as you have sent cards, emails, texts, or made phone calls. Many of you are checking in on each other to make sure that things are OK. Don't stop! Let's continue to be the church who loves one another remembering Jesus' words – "By this all men will know you are my disciples if you have love for one another."
4. Continue to be the church. That same effort you are spending to check on each other should be spent to check in on your neighbors, family and friends. What a great opportunity that COVID-19 is creating for the gospel to go forward. We have the answer! Don't miss the opportunity to share it with others!
5. Remember that God is on the throne and nothing is escaping His notice.

John Waller's song, "While I'm Waiting" is a perfect synopsis of what we should be doing during this time. I pray these words encourage you.

I'm waiting, I'm waiting on You, Lord
And I am hopeful, I'm waiting on You, Lord
Though it is painful, But patiently, I will wait
I will move ahead, bold and confident
Taking every step in obedience
While I'm waiting, I will serve You
While I'm waiting, I will worship
While I'm waiting, I will not faint
I'll be running the race, Even while I wait
I'm waiting. I'm waiting on You, Lord
And I am peaceful
I'm waiting on You, Lord. Though it's not easy
But faithfully, I will wait, Yes, I will wait
I will serve You while I'm waiting
I will worship while I'm waiting

Building Together

APRIL 2020

"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more, as you see the day drawing near."

Hebrews 10:24-25

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Wilma Davidson
Jack and Julie Lindsey
Rita Brewer

Carol Sarver
Russ Hearton
John Klock

SANDWICH SALE TO SUPPORT MISSION TRIPS/PROJECTS

Remember to order your Subs or Pretzel Sandwiches for only \$4.50—a variety of meats and cheeses available

Orders Due: Sunday, April 12
Pick Up: Wednesday, April 22

Your order form is in your Church Mailbox

Contact Missy Henise with questions/orders

BUILDING TOGETHER

As we continue in our new unique way of worshiping together we need to recognize the church still has some bills to pay. Please mail checks to the church as mail delivery and pick up are still occurring or use the secure online giving link on the churches website, <http://www.gracebaptistyork.com/> or drop off your giving Wednesday-Friday between the hours 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.. Praise the Lord as GBC is currently in good financial standing but we still need to pay for common building expenses, payroll, insurances, and our missionaries. If you are currently giving to the Building Together Building Fund the committee would appreciate your continual giving, but if you are unable at this time please know we understand. No action needs to be taken if your commitment has or will change.

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Sunday:	8:15	Contemporary Worship
	9:30	Sunday School
	10:45	Traditional Worship
Wednesday:	6:30	Against the Flow Youth (1 st , 3 rd and 5 th Sundays)
	6:30	Evening Worship Service
	7:00	Bible Study & Prayer for Adults Pioneer Clubs / Against the Flow Youth

Rev. Steve Warner

Pastor

Good Friday Service

April 10 at 7:00 p.m.

"We must not forget that it wasn't the Jews that put him on the cross, and it wasn't the Romans. It was my sins, it was your sins, the sins of this world."
~ Franklin Graham

Easter Celebration April 12

7:00 a.m. - Sunrise Service
Outdoors - Weather Permitting



Buffet Breakfast

Children's Easter Egg Hunt (Bring Your Own Basket)
Eggs to fill for the Children's Egg Hunt are available. Pick up Wednesday - Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Please return filled eggs by April 5. Contact Kathy Wagaman.

9:30 a.m. - Sunday School

10:45 a.m. - Communion Worship Service

No Evening Service/Activities

"Jesus did not die on the cross just so we could live comfortable, well-adjusted lives. His purpose is far deeper: He wants to make us like himself before he takes us to heaven. This is our greatest privilege, our immediate responsibility and our ultimate destiny."
~ Rick Warren



TOILET PAPER ANXIETY?

The Covid-19 fear and panic is on all of our minds. This hasn't bothered me as much as the "toilet paper shortage". Toilet paper is like having fresh water on tap, electricity at the switch, a vehicle that will start instantly and so much more that we take for granted. Obviously much of our culture thinks the same way or else why would the shelves be empty? Ecclesiastes 1:2 "Vanity of vanities...All is vanity".

How does this compare to the agony that Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ suffered prior to His crucifixion?

Christ went to the mount of Olives and prayed "Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42).

It was always God's will that Christ must be the propitiation for the sins of mankind (Romans 3: 21-31). Therefore, those who believe and accept this truth by faith are adopted as sons of God. Propitiation and adoption are two of the most important doctrines of the New Testament. (Do some research with this "down time".)

Have you been adopted into the family of God? If not, you have a lot more to be anxious for than toilet paper. First Peter 5:7 "Cast your care on God (thru Christ) for *HE* cares for *YOU*". (my italics).

Seek HIM now! Share HIM always!



Yard Sale Update

The First-Time-Ever GBC Church Yard Sale will be happening May 15-16 or at a later date depending on how long restrictions are enforced because of Covid-19. The committee will continue to accept and organize items to be sold. Drop off hours will continue on Mondays 9:00-12:00 a.m. and Wednesdays 6:00-8:00 p.m. on a weekly basis. If those times change for any reason, a hotline will be sent out as notice of the change.

Anyone who would like to drop off items may call Brenda Apple or Barb Rumsey to schedule a specific time so we can control the number of people at the church at any one time. Items can be dropped off and placed inside the back entrance without even coming inside the church and being in contact with the workers. This is a way of being able to have social distancing and allowing individuals to be more comfortable as they see fit.

ONE BIG CHANGE: The plan had been to start large item drop off the beginning of April, but that is postponed until restrictions have been lifted. Until the yard sale date is confirmed for May or any other time, we will NOT be accepting large items that will need to be stored in the garage.

Many of us will have more time to clean out our houses, so this is a good time to determine what can be donated to the yard sale. Please consider what is appropriate for you or your family, but it is hoped this provides a safe exchange with alternatives. Call Brenda or Barb with any questions.

DO'S AND DON'TS

1. Stay Informed and Only Spread Truthful Information.
2. Do Not Surrender to Fear.
3. Practice Personal Hygiene.
4. Choose Compassion over Personal Convenience—our personal comforts and entertainment may be restricted or put on hold, but this is a small price to pay for the health and safety of others around the world, even those we have not met.
5. Don't Buy What You Don't Need.
6. Contribute to Employees Out of Work.
7. Don't Isolate Yourself from the Body of Christ. Even if we cannot meet in person in our normal buildings, or together in small groups, Christians must stay in contact with fellow believers and encourage them through text messages, phone calls, and even FaceTime or Skype. Thankfully, there are still many resources available, the greatest of which is prayer.
8. Christians have a tremendous opportunity to be the salt and light of the world. Imagine what the next few months could look like if the church took the lead on giving, compassion, and community care during this trying season. What an impact we could make and what a light we could be.
9. Unleash the Power of Prayer. Pray for healing for the sick. Pray for strength for those who aren't sick. Pray for provision (both financial and physical). Pray for a spirit of peace to come over the world. Pray for wisdom for those in authority. Pray in unity with other believers. Pray without ceasing.
10. Put your Hope and Trust in the King of Kings and Lord of Lords.