



GRACE HAPPENINGS

A WORD FROM PASTOR STEVE:

What a year! 2020 has been a year like none of us has ever experienced and yet God remains faithful and true to His character and His Word. We have had new words and phrases introduced into our vocabulary – COVID-19, social distancing, quarantine, and masks just to name a few. Most of us know at least one person who has tested positive and has been ill with COVID, and too many know of someone who has passed away from this virus. While we have seen what COVID has done to our community and country, we must also be aware of what it has done to the church. I know what I have to say may not sit well with some, but that has never stopped me before. The bottom line is we could have and should be doing better. Our treatment of others has been less than biblical, and we have entered the worldly realm of “me-ism.”

What is “me-ism?” It is that idea that it is all about me and goes directly against what Paul wrote to the Philippians – that we are to “do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interests of others” (Philippians 2:3-4). Take a moment and check out Philippians 2. You will notice that these two verses are the prelude to Paul sharing the example of humility – Jesus Christ Himself! And Paul does not just show us who the example is, but rather begins this section with a command – “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus....” Did you catch that church? Have the same attitude as Jesus!



Each of us has opinions. We have opinions about how President Trump and his administration should be handling this pandemic. We have opinions about how Governor Wolf and his administration should be dealing with things. We have opinions about how GBC leadership should be taking care of things amid all of this. And we have opinions about masks, social distancing, and the other things COVID has brought into our lives. The issue is not whether we have an opinion, the issue is – is our opinion biblical? It should be biblical! My purpose for bringing up the COVID scenario is not to add yet another voice to what has taken place and continues to take place, but rather encourage each of us to use this as a springboard into the pool of biblical thinking for 2021 and beyond.

What is biblical thinking? Simply put. The Bible says it, that settles it, I believe it! Some may be saying, “There’s got to be more to it than that?” Yes, there is. However, you don’t build a quality house without a firm foundation and God has given us that firm foundation in His Word. My choice to think biblically must be rooted in the fact that I believe the foundation that has been laid for my thinking is true, solid, and able to withstand anything that may come against it. God’s Word is not a “pick and choose” smorgasbord as many today would propose. Psalm 119:160 says, “The sum of Your Word is truth, and every one of Your righteous ordinances is everlasting.” I love how Webster’s defines sum, “the whole amount.” Meaning what? Well, start with “In the beginning....” (Genesis 1:1) and finish with “The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.” (Revelation 22:21) and when you have read everything in between you have the “whole amount.”

What then are we to do? Be Christlike! Stand on the whole Counsel of God. As we stand on the threshold of a new year and an ever-changing world, make every effort to grow in Christ. Our theme for 2021 is “steadfast, immovable, always abounding...” taken from 1 Corinthians 15:58 – “Therefore,

Steadfast, Immovable, Always Abounding

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Have you thought for a moment exactly what is at stake here? Look in the mirror. Look at your spouse. Look in on your children tonight as they sleep. Look at pictures of your grandkids. Consider our families right here at GBC.

The road is not getting any easier. The world is doing what God has said it would do. There is a price to pay.

You have a choice.

Just remember, the cost is too high to make the wrong choice.

REMEMBER OUR SHUT-INS

Wilma Davidson
Jack and Julie Lindsey

Carol Sarver
Rita Brewer

MONTHLY COMMUNION SERVICE

Sunday, January 17
8:15 and 10:45 a.m.

The first communion took place during the Passover Feast as Jesus ate with his disciples. The act of communion uses bread to symbolize the body of Jesus and wine to represent His blood. As we take communion, the purpose is to remember his sacrifice on the cross, examine ourselves and confess our sins, and proclaim Him as Lord and Savior.

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

Rev. Steve Warner

Pastor

PASTOR CHARLIE GRAFF TRAVELING EVANGELIST

Sundays, January 3 and 10
8:15, 10:45 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Services

“Pastor Charlie has been traveling as an itinerate Evangelist for nearly 30 years in nearly 1000 churches across this great land of ours. His ministry began after the loss of his 9 year old son who was tragically hit and killed by a car. The Lord used this tragedy to create Ashes to Blessing; a ministry helping those who have lost a loved one.”

Check Charlie’s website (www.ashestoblessing.com) to read more about this great ministry and attend the services when Charlie will be with us. The 10:45 service both Sundays will be live on Facebook and then uploaded to YouTube.



SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY

Watch Your Bulletin for GBC’s Date to Host a Speaker from HLS

It’s never too early to bring a child to Jesus! Parents need to know how much Jesus loves them and their children, and that they can bring their children--born and unborn--to Him.

TAKE A BREAK FROM COOKING ON WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 20, AND SUPPORT GBC MISSION PROJECTS AT THE SAME TIME!!

Subs/Pretzel Sandwich Orders Due: Sunday, January 10
Pick Up Sandwiches: Wednesday, January 20
Order Forms are in your mailboxes with extra on the table in sanctuary and usher stands



**RED CROSS BLOOD
DRIVE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 19
1:00 – 6:00 P.M.**

Schedule your appointment on line at
<https://www.redcrossblood.org/give.html/drive-results?zipSponsor=Grace%20Baptist%20Church%20York>.

Temperature checks will be taken upon entry. Hand sanitizer stations will be available and **MASKS** and social distancing are required.

Donors must have proof of age to ensure they meet the minimum age requirements and present a primary form of ID or two secondary forms of ID. It's recommended that you use RapidPass. Donors can complete this process on a mobile device or from the comfort and privacy of their home or office at RedcrossBlood.org/RapidPass.

Delicious snacks will be available. First time donors and anyone who brings a first time donor will receive a coupon for a pizza to use at your convenience. Many people are reluctant to make their first blood donation, but once they do, they find the donation process to be easy and gratifying.

Nothing you do for the Lord
is ever useless

