

March 18, 2020

Dear Grace Family,

David asked, “The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?” (Psalm 27:1) The implied response is “I should fear no one and nothing!” How easy to say and how hard to do! The coronavirus pandemic is disrupting our lives like nothing we have experienced in a long time. It is important for us as followers of Jesus to take our fears to Him and allow His Spirit to flood our hearts with His peace. The main thing to remember is that you are not alone in all of this. The Lord is with you and your church is with you. How important it is for us to walk by faith and not by sight.

The elders and I are in regular contact as we seek to shepherd the congregation well during this time. Last evening, we met to lay out some plans for the next two weeks. Here is what we feel the Lord would have us do...

- For the next two Sundays, we will livestream our worship services on Facebook. Everything will go on as usual except there will be no one sitting in the pews. ☺ The worship team and I will lead the worship and we are asking you to join us by worshipping in your home. If you don't have a Facebook account or a computer, plan to join with an elder or member who does. Don't forget that the sermons can be accessed on the church's website.
- The church office hours will be from 9 AM to 1 PM.
- Please remember to continue giving your tithes and offerings. You can mail your check to the church or go on our website and give electronically. If you have any questions, you may contact Tony Hatcher (334) 590-4162 or [t1790a@gmail.com](mailto:t1790a@gmail.com).
- Midweek@Grace, Sunday School and Grace City Dance are suspended. Small groups can meet at their discretion.
- The deacons are ready to receive any request for help. Please let us know if you have any needs...yes, we'll even deliver toilet paper! Also, be on the lookout for needs in the community. What a great opportunity we have to love our neighbors.
- Our elders are ready to help you in any way possible. Call us for prayer, counsel or practical help. Let's stay in touch. Remember you are not alone!

I am confident that this will be Grace's finest hour. By God's grace we will be a healthy, joyful home for God's people and a fruitful outreach in God's world – in spite of or because of the coronavirus. I am so proud of you, Grace Church, you are a delight to pastor.

All of grace,

Pastor Bill