

PRAYmissions

Barlows in Birmingham

C-19: So many changes and developments in the past two weeks, as we learn more and see the effects of Covid-19. We have been in quarantine now for 8 days—since MaryAnn returned home last Friday. We feel healthy with no symptoms; **pray** with us that we stay virus-free so we can continue to help others. Only a few of those in our circles are symptomatic with the virus, so most of our work is in **prayer** for those affected and helping others understand and develop wise strategies to adapt to current circumstances. One specific task is a daily “thought for the day” to help those in and around the Frankley church interpret what they are living and see God in it.

Same Mission, New Means: While our understanding of current circumstances changes by the day—or even the hour, our mission and passion remains the same: to be ambassadors of reconciliation helping those around us to find God and grow in their relationship with Him. How we do that has significantly changed in the past four weeks. Daily phone calls, notes through mail slots, thoughts published on Facebook and other social media to make people think about bigger issues, Zoom gatherings for one or many, more focused on **prayer**, and conversations during walks—stayed two meters apart—are all included in our current toolbox. Conversations in recent days with Anne, Peter, Gary, and Louise would not have progressed the same way just a few weeks ago.

Keeping the Connection with you vital: With less time required right now for the Sunday worship gathering here in Birmingham, we have tuned in to view online services streamed by some support team churches. (Tom was part of the Orange, CA online stream last week.) We realized it could be a good time to connect online with you or your church family.

Family Front: MaryAnn’s flights back to the UK went smoothly and we are really pleased to be back together after more than five weeks; thanks to those who prayed her through her journey! Everyone in our extended family remains healthy, with no known Covid-19 infections.



See the Welcome Center bulletin board for the full missionary prayer letters.



May 3, 2020

GRACE

COMMUNITY CHURCH

Today’s Message: *Don’t Settle for Normal*

Today’s Text: *2 Thess. 2:1-12*

Today’s Speaker: *Pastor Bob Foote*

Great to have you at Grace!

And can’t wait till we’re all back at Grace again!

I & II Thessalonians

~ Experiencing God, Encouraging People ~

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Week of May 3

Sunday

Check emails, Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/228200600551840/>), and www.hhgcc.org for online studies and more information.

Need more content—kids or adults? E-mail: pastor@hhgcc.org to join rightnowmedia.org as an HHGCC user. You'll be amazed at resources available via your internet connection. No charge to you to use.

Keep praying as God has his hands on all of us. Let us know how we can help you help your neighbors.

Stewardship Report

Weekly Goals

Local Budget: \$6,090
Missions: \$779

Received April 26

Local Budget: \$2,495
Missions: \$425
Love in a Bag: \$5
BURO: \$10

2020 graduates: We want to congratulate all our 2020 graduates but need your help. Please send your student's info (school they are graduating from, any reception or party plans, future studies and schools or military branch) to: gracechurch61@hhgcc.org.

Thanks so much in advance!

Stay connected!

Want to know what's up at Grace Community Church?

- Regularly visit: www.hhgcc.org
- Join the "Grace Community Church" Facebook page
- Receive email prayer requests and announcements by joining GCC's Yahoo groups via the church website, www.hhgcc.org.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this year. COVID precautions present excessive challenges for safely bringing together large groups of children at this time. Thank you for those willing to volunteer their time again this year.



**CHURCH
WORKDAY**

Church workday will be May 16th at 9 a.m. You can sign up by emailing gracechurch61@gmail.com. Please bring, shovel, rake, wheel barrel if you have any mulch will need spread. Thank you for your willingness to help.

Grace Community Church has a Facebook events page to involve the community more. It is a "public page" so we can serve in the community better and hopefully get the community more involved with our church. Check it out!



Y-T-D Financial Update

GCC's budget status on Apr. 30, 2020:

Local: -\$3011.22 (behind)
Missions: -\$919.00 (behind)

Next Week:

Text: 2 Thess. 2:13-17

SEE YOU
Next Week!
17 18's

Annual Day of Prayer is May 7, 2020 We are encouraged to give thanks and to turn to God in prayer and peaceful meditation.

FYI—Annual Celebration (a.k.a. Business Meeting) Has not been re-scheduled at a time, we will keep you update. Adventure on!

Donate used ink cartridges to GCC by leaving them on the church office desk. They are recycled at Staples in exchange for merchandise discounts. Thanks!



Update from Karen Foster: Easter greetings from Camp Bethany! Travels went smoothly. I'm now hanging out for 2 weeks of recommended self-quarantine in the Loudonville, Ohio area with my coworkers the 5 Carmeans, Olivia the Carmeans' short-termer who was in Cameroon and Christy Carmean's dad who picked us up at the airport in Washington, DC. It's peaceful and pretty. The lodge is available for rental groups throughout the year except for summer kids' camp season, FYI. We're blessed to have gotten wifi internet access this week and I was able to get a new phone number (Contact church if you want to contact me). A joyful celebration of Jesus' resurrection to you all. God's helping us focus on Him and not just on our fun among ourselves this year, right? Easy for me to say; I'm in a group of eight.

About Us

Purpose

Grace Community Church exists for God—for His praise and purpose and to display His character and compassion.

We are to worship Him, grow to be like Him, and encourage others to believe in and follow Him

(See: Eph. 3:20; John 15:8, 16; Col. 3:17; Matt. 28:18-20)

Pattern

- Cultivating people with a growing love for God and His truth.
- Rejoicing in our worship.
- Strengthening our families.
- Encouraging each other with words, prayer, and actions.
- Actively reaching our world near and far.



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