



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

GRACE BIBLE FAMILY,

As we approach the celebration of Pentecost, 49 days after Easter, we remember that we are not alone. Jesus says in John 14:27 "I am leaving you with a gift - peace of mind and heart. And the peace I give is the gift the world cannot give. So don't be troubled or afraid." NLT

A FEARLESS FAITH

We are continuing to seek God's direction during this global pandemic. As different industries reopen, we understand everyone has different opinions on how and when things should reopen. We must strive to maintain unity and a singular focus on Jesus and His saving gospel. When Jesus imagined what His church would be like, He described it as a force not a fortress and a movement not a monument. His church would be an organic blend of all kinds of people with Jesus in common and would inspire minds and transform hearts.

A NEW WAY TO GATHER

This Sunday, we will start a new sermon series through 1 Peter. Peter doubles down on this vision of a church, strong, faithful, and flourishing in less than ideal circumstances. This series will impact us right where we live especially as we navigate the challenges of life after COVID-19. Please join us this summer as we begin a new conversation through the New Testament book of 1 Peter called "*Church Without Walls*".

Starting in June, we will offer three ways to gather:

- We will continue to produce [online](#) services and participate in corporate worship virtually.
- When you are comfortable, we encourage you to invite your small group or neighbors over for a watch party. These small home groups are organically happening and we want to encourage them to continue. Please visit the [groups](#) page for some more resources.
- Starting June 7th at 6pm, we will offer an outside gathering in our east parking lot. The parking lot will open at 5pm. More details to follow.

Our annual congregational meeting will be held virtually on June 21, 2020. More details will be emailed to our members soon. Members will vote via email on a flat budget for next year and to modify our Statement of Faith to keep us aligned with the national [EFCA Statement of Faith](#). Please watch the [pastoral update](#) for more information and visit our [website](#) for more details on the budget and Statement of Faith.

We understand you may have many questions. Elders will be available at the following time via zoom and in person in the GBC parking lot:

Elder Zoom Meetings - Online <https://zoom.us/j/4531003211>

- June 7 10-11am
- June 14 10-11am

Elder Drive-Through Question and Answer Times - GBC Parking Lot: Please stay in your car and speak with an elder under the tent (similar to the Drive-Through prayer times)

- June 7 10-11am
- June 14 10-11am

Please stop by at these times to discuss any of your questions or concerns with an elder before the June 21 vote.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

That was a lot of information but let us leave you with a request that you would be involved in the life of GBC by:

- Praying for the Lord's guidance and wisdom around the Mission of GBC and budget
- Reviewing the [proposed budget](#) and Statement of Faith change
- Encouraging each other and our staff (they have worked constantly and faithfully)
- Finding ways to serve your neighbors and the community

As always the elders welcome feedback, questions, comments, which you can give by email at elders@gracebibleag.com, and we look forward to gathering with all of you in the future.

TOGETHER IN CHRIST,

GBC Leadership Team