



# GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

## GRACE BIBLE FAMILY,

I have heard it said we are in a collective season of grief. *How are you coping with being at home? How are you feeling about what should have been or how things should be?* I encourage you to put a label on that emotion and feel the weight of how you are doing *today*. Take a deep breath as you read this. 1 Peter 5:7 reminds us “*Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you.*” Remember *today*, God is present. You do not need to feel alone or afraid because He is there to take that weight and give you peace. I pray you allow yourself to feel all the emotions of this time but if you feel stuck too long in one emotion, please reach out to a trusted friend or family member. We are here for you and have many resources to share. You are not alone.

## A FEARLESS FAITH

As we continue our new series *Faith Not Fear*, I am encouraged by your fearless faith to continue to pray, serve and give. Giving continues to be slightly ahead of what we had budgeted for and we continue to hear stories of people showing up to care for others during a very trying season. Please continue to share those stories with us at [hello@gracebibleag.com](mailto:hello@gracebibleag.com).

## A NEW WAY TO GATHER

We will meet again online this weekend at [www.gracebibleag.com](http://www.gracebibleag.com). As the County releases their phased proposal for reopening, we are beginning to look at what it will look like for the church to begin meeting on campus again. The social distancing and self-isolation has reminded us that the church is not the building, but the people. We value how each of you feel about this situation and want to move forward in a way that is considerate of making our church safe for all. We would greatly appreciate it if you would take just a couple of minutes to fill out this short survey -- Click [here](#) -- that will help us determine how we move forward responsibly as the County's phases unfold.

Tomorrow is a National Day of Prayer. The National Day of Prayer is an annual day of observance held on the first Thursday of May when people are asked to turn to God in prayer and meditation. We have posted resources on the homepage at [www.gracebibleag.com](http://www.gracebibleag.com) to help guide topics and provide tips for focused prayer. You can also get new information weekly about the church [here](#).

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Continue practicing a fearless faith. Spend time in prayer over the community, those who are sick, healthcare workers, those struggling with depression and anxiety, and for guidance for our local, national and global leaders. Find ways to serve your neighbors. Do the weekly shopping for vulnerable folks. Send an encouraging email to teachers or do something kind for the cashiers at the grocery store. Take this opportunity of widespread fear and individualism to show people Jesus. Show them what His love and peace look like. To learn about other ways to serve the local community during the pandemic, visit our local ministries page [here](#). We humbly ask that you continue to sacrificially [give](#) of your tithes and offerings. Your giving makes the ministry of Grace Bible Church possible. We have dedicated staff and congregants eager to serve. If you need support, help, prayer or anything during this season, please call or email us at [hello@gracebibleag.com](mailto:hello@gracebibleag.com) anytime.

Together Learning to Live and Love Like Jesus,



Pastor Jason