



GRACE COMMUNITY CHURCH

*We exist to declare the liberating power of the gospel.
and demonstrate it in our worship, relationships and service.*

March 13, 2020

Grace Family,

The Leadership of GCC met this morning to discuss our new plan, and in light of the new state-wide ban of gatherings of 250 or more, we have updated our action plan.

We will be cancelling all services for the next three weeks. This includes:

- Reclaiming Purity Women's Conference
- Sunday Services (am, tw, choir, pm)
- Tuesday Morning Bible Study
- Wednesday Evening Services

What about Lifegroups, DNA groups?

We encourage Lifegroups and DNA groups to meet to be the light and be the church in your communities and environment. (if you are sick, or at risk exercise caution)

What about giving or being in need?

We encourage everyone to continue to give either by mailing or online giving. We also know that this will probably affect incomes of those in our church, and we would encourage you to contact us directly regarding benevolence requests.

For those asking why?

We are called to obey and submit to the authorities that God has placed over us, which is a sign and witness to the unbelieving. (Rom. 13:1-7, Tit. 3:1)

We are called to care for the "least of these," and in our context, it is caring for our congregants who are most at risk and need our understanding care. (Matt. 25:31-46)

We are called to heed "wisdom's cry," and as believers, we need not pit faith against common sense to limit a virus that has no cure and hurts vulnerable demographics. (Prov. 1:20-32)

How should we respond?

In times like these it is imperative that we show our joy, peace and contentment rather than be swept away in fear, panic and chaos. One interesting fact is that the coronavirus is so named because of its form. The virus has clubs/spikes that protrude from it giving it the look of a crown under a microscope. As worshipers of Jesus it is in times like these when we need to remember the One who wore the crown of thorns in suffering is the same One who rose again to give us the crown of life in the resurrection! *Jesus is the true King!*

Because he is King, we have no need to fear.

Because he is King, we have every reason to trust.
Because he is King, we have security in knowing that no matter if we face life or death, our King still reigns on His throne.

"The LORD has established His throne in the heavens, And His sovereignty rules over all."
Psalm 103:19

Blessings,

The Elders of Grace Community Church