



# GBC Family *E-Newsletter*

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## Dear GBC Family,

This week our Academy will begin in-person schooling. All our governor's restrictions will be in effect making the start of school this year extremely difficult logistically. Even more difficult is the online teaching we will provide for those families still not comfortable with having their children on campus.

I mention this to remind you to pray for our staff and faculty as they endeavor to model Jesus Christ, evangelize the lost and to provide excellent education for our students. Pray also for Tim Lugg as he continues to shepherd the school through the governmental restrictions that seem to change at will once a week or so. Tim is to be highly commended for his excellent leadership to get everything and everyone ready to begin the school year. Tim is a great gift to this church for both his leadership of Grace Life and his oversight of the Academy.

As I say each Lord's Day, we have missed the physical gathering of the church together. September 6<sup>th</sup>, we will begin meeting together in the Activity Center following all the COVID-19 restrictions for worship services. It will be different for us, but hopefully an improvement over not being able to be together each Lord's Day.

We are confident that by now the restrictions will not be as uncomfortable and will not prove to be a distraction to our worship of our Lord. However to prevent you from having to be in a mask for four straight hours, we will begin the Grace Life live stream at 8:30 (No in-person Grace Life). That live stream will end by 9:15 at the latest, leaving plenty of time for you to make it to the in-person worship service in the Activity Center beginning at 10:30.

For those unable or uncomfortable with the restrictions, we will continue to live-stream our worship services, so that you will not miss anything.

Out of love for our Savior, please be faithful to abide by the restrictions as I know you will. We look forward to seeing you in person Sunday the 6<sup>th</sup> of September. In the meantime, continue to pray that our government will see fit to relax the restrictions on us, in light of the reality of the extremely low mortality rates connected with COVID-19.

*John*

## Church Events

- **Thursday Morning Women of Grace: ZOOM Prayer Meeting 10:00am (Last one this season)**
  - **Friday Evening HFG 7:00pm (GBC Family Group Facebook Watch Party)**
  - **Sunday Live Stream Services**  
**GraceLife 9:00am Jim Smith teaching in Aug. on "Biblical Christian Ethics"**
- Worship Service 10:30am with Pastor John Zimmer teaching on "The Nature of the Gospel Message" (Part 1) Luke 24:44-49**
- **In-Person Worship Sunday Sept 6 10:30am in the Activity Center (Livestream Services still available)**

# OUTREACH

Mark & Debbie Christopher

Cape Town, South Africa

As we here in the US are transitioning from summer to fall the Christophers are transitioning from winter to spring. Mark writes, "It has been a fairly wet and cold winter, so summer can't come soon enough for us. Between lockdown and winter weather, we are suffering from a severe case of cabin fever. We had hoped to be in the US right now so we could partake in our son's graduation from The Master's University but international travel is still forbidden in and out of South Africa at present. The only consolation here is that the graduation will be live-streamed so, mom and dad will be cheering on our Summa Cum Laude graduate via cyberspace."

In late June they were able to go back to church, but with restrictions. Mark writes, "While not all of our people have made their way back to church yet, we are grateful for those who have joined us on Sunday mornings. Out of some two-hundred people, only two had COVID-19 and neither of them had to be hospitalized. For this we are most thankful. The Great Shepherd has truly tended to the needs of our flock during this surreal time."

They praise God for the, "Humble beginnings of the Berean Bible Institute." "We have decided to begin our COVID-19 postponed seminary course on Sept 8th using the medium of an online platform. Beginning with an online presence was not how we envisioned our start but given the current circumstances we have no other alternative. We have also managed to get a basic website up and running. Now comes the task of adding much needed material and content. To date, we have fifteen people signed up for Old Testament Survey."

Continue praying for the Christophers as they minister in their part of the world to the glory of Jesus Christ and as they make, "slow but steady progress with the Berean Bible Institute."

*Thank you for faithful and gracious giving.*

## The Grace of Giving: As of Aug 23, 2020

Give securely online at [grace-ministries.org](http://grace-ministries.org)—click "Online Giving."

General Fund	Last Week	Month To Date	Fiscal YTD
Budgeted	\$8,897	\$35,587	\$71,175
Received	\$4,170	\$28,771	\$57,096
Percentage	47%	81%	80%
Surplus (Deficit)	(\$4,727)	(\$6,816)	(\$14,079)

  

Special Projects	Last Week	Fund Balance	Funds Needed
Remodel Project	\$0	\$5,384	TBD

*Please remember that all giving to special projects is to be over and above regular giving.*

## UPCOMING EVENTS:

### In-Person Worship Service! Sunday Sept 6, 2020

\*Meeting in the Activity Center 10:30am

\*ALL COVID-19 gathering restrictions will be in place. Masks required.  
(see pg.3 for details)

**GraceLife via Livestream ONLY**

**New (Old) Time: 8:30am Beginning 10/6/20**

**Women of the Word (WOW) Bible Study**  
Thursday, Sept 10th 10am – noon on ZOOM.

**Women's Fellowship Night is hosting an end of summer Saturday Event!**

Ladies, mark you calendars!

Sept. 19th 10am-noon on ZOOM.

Details coming soon!

# Grace Bible Church of Marysville

## Attendee Responsibilities—COVID-19 Safe Start Plan

1. You are required to self-screen for signs and symptoms of COVID-19 before arriving at church, which includes taking your temperature before attending a service.

If you have a fever, or any COVID-19 symptoms (that you cannot attribute to another condition), we ask that you stay home and watch the service via live-stream.

2. You are required answer the COVID-19 screening questions upon entry into the Activity Center or we will not be able to allow you to enter and you will need to watch the service via live-stream from home.
3. You are required to wear a face covering before, during, and after the service indoors (including while singing); exceptions include:
  - A. You have a medical condition, mental health condition, or disability that prevents wearing a face covering (this does not require proof of condition; a verbal notification is acceptable).
  - B. Children younger than five (5) years old.
  - C. When any party to a communication is deaf or hard of hearing and not wearing a face covering is essential to communication (this does not require proof of condition; a verbal notification is acceptable).
  - D. You are outdoors and maintain at least six (6) feet of distance from non-household members.
4. You must have at least six (6) feet of space between your family's seats (members of the same household may be seated together as a single unit) and those of other households.
5. You must maintain at least six (6) feet of physical distancing during interactions with others (not in your household) before, during, and after service (i.e., no direct physical contact, such as hugging, shaking hands, etc.).
6. You will be required to enter/exit through a single access point only; other access points will not be accessible.
7. Only three women are permitted in the Women's restroom at a time. Only two men are permitted in the Men's restroom at a time. Those waiting to use a restroom must maintain at least six (6) feet of distance between you and each waiting person.
8. There will be a basket in the back of the Activity Center that you may put your offering in.
9. GBC will provide COVID-19 required (PPE) Personal Protective Equipment supplies.
10. For questions regarding these requirements, please visit: <https://coronavirus.wa.gov/>

# Pray for One Another

## Pray for:

### Members:

- Joslyn Bradford: living in Mississippi while husband, Michael, is on deployment.
- Don Brock: as he and family grieve the loss of Beth.
- Matt Cole: his medical treatments to be effective.
- Mary Edwards: at Cascade Valley Care Facility.
- Frank Hackbarth: his recovery after kidney removal surgery and return to teaching this week.
- Carol Jason: her to have God's peace in the midst of difficult medical trials.
- Kim Kacker: her knee replacement surgery is scheduled for Aug. 31, 2020.
- Joyce Oas: her re-occurring respiratory issues.
- Rebecca Ponte: her recovery from knee surgery.
- Pete Thompson: his Huntington's Disease, pray for wife, Karen, as she & caregivers care for him at home.
- Don Voges: congestive heart failure.
- Shannon Yarbrough: her seizure management.

### Friends of Grace:

- Joslyn Bradford: her extended family's salvation.
- Denise Brown: her adopted dad, Wes: his salvation.
- Peter Brown: his brother's salvation.
- Dick Buck: his diagnosis of Leukemia and Lymphoma.
- Sally Fisher: her husband Mike: his serious health concerns.
- Don and Janet Hehe: their grandsons Ian & Owen Tyrrell: Ian's cancer trial treatment, Owen left kidney failure; their parents John and Misty.
- Natasha Henry: her mother in law Clairna Bastien: her failing health.
- Jolee Ohlemeier: her Cerebral Palsy, blindness & Epilepsy.
- Jenny Smith: her dad Bill Jones: praise he is home from hospital with minimal effects of small stroke.
- Debi Spencer: her dad: in hospital for bleeding from prostate cancer, his salvation.
- Denise Tuttle: her mom Margaret Clum: her Stage 4 metastatic breast cancer.
- Chris Weathers: his mom, Hazel: home with the Lord. Pray for family during this time of loss.
- John and Debbie Williams: their grandson Jack Henry: his health and development.
- Unsaved friends & relatives.

# Pray for Those in Positions of Authority

### Grace Bible Church:

- Our Elders
- Our Ministry Leaders
- Our Deacons & Deaconesses

### Education:

- Grace Academy Teachers
- Public School Teachers
- Home School Teachers

### Grace Bible Missions:

- Bruce & Aimee Alvord
- Dick & Mavis Buck
- Paul & Bella Gervasi

### Government Officials:

- Our President
- Our Federal Senators & Representatives
- Our Governor
- Our State Senators & Representatives
- Our Local Leaders

### Those serving our country and community:

- Dana Beard Jr.: US Navy, USS Ralph Johnson
- Dillon Boten: National Guard, USA
- Michael Bradford: US Navy, USS Ralph Johnson
- Janka Brock: US Navy, USA
- Noah Craig: US Marine Corps, USA
- Sam Galbreath: US Air Force, USA
- Danica Kline: US Army, USA
- Jered Parker: US Marine Corps, USA
- Doug Ritter: US Army, Afghanistan
- John Rodriguez-Hardy: US Navy, Germany
- Jonathan Johnson: Police Officer
- Tyler Mellema: Police Officer
- Rob Pasmore: Firefighter
- Dallas Smith: Firefighter
- Isaiah VanDam: Firefighter
- Sarah Wennersten: Texas Game Warden