

PRAYmissions

Justiano's in Japan

Greetings from our "shelter in place" in Tokyo. We pray that our Lord is protecting you, and that your own "shelter in place" is giving you a good time with Him and good time with others, even if it's likely to be via virtual means.

Thank you for praying for me and Joan. We continue to do well with the "new normal" of interacting with people through video messaging in all its forms. I'm also thrilled to see that whatever gloom or darkness there is in the world, it only serves to accentuate the light that God continues to shine. In the less-than-ideal situation of a virtual Easter Service this past weekend, our church members still had the chance to interact with one another around God's Word in a video group call. Here's how God worked in their hearts. Dr. Sakamoto: "I've never really understood what it meant before to "carry your cross daily", but now I get it.... It affects everything I do at work." Mrs. Takahashi: "I get what it means to die to self and live a resurrected life. It's like cutting off a finger that's sinful, but trusting that God will grow back a more beautiful finger." Isn't it great to know that no pandemic can stop the transforming work of God's Spirit?!

Another "shelter in place" blessing is the extra equipping time that's now available for intern Shu Sugawara, as he gets prepared for missionary ministry in Turkish refugee camps. He and I are going through a "Foundations in Faith" study that he's hopefully take his own disciples through in the future. Please pray for him as we try to get him training in the Bible, medical qualifications (EMT), and a start in the languages he'll need (Turkish, Arabic, and Farsi). Yeah, I think we can get all that done in the coming year, don't you? God is, after all, the God of miracles.

Schenk's in Ohio

These are unusual days. Until recently, if you had asked me about my most unusual Easter I would have described a tent full of Marines overlooking the Sea of Japan in Korea. Now we can all relate to streaming services in the safety of our homes as our churches have learned to adapt and overcome, allowing us to reach out to even more people through the power of technology. We know God will continue to bless us.

Earlier today I received a link from the Associations of Baptists for World Evangelism, providing a book from John Piper titled "Coronavirus and Christ." I am about halfway through the book and I appreciate his insights; here is the link if you are interested: <https://www.abwe.org/coronavirus-and-christ-john-piper-free-ebook-audiobook-download> we know the Lord is in control and we will get through this.

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



Today's Message: *This Will Happen!*

Today's Text: *2 Thess. 1:1-12*

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

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Week of April 26

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: \$894

Received April 19

Local Budget: \$5,974
Missions: \$280
Love in a Bag: \$15
BURO: \$250
Benevolence: \$380

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.

Volunteers: From time to time, the church has minor fix-it projects requiring skills in carpentry, electricity, plumbing, equipment repair, and landscaping. If you possess any of these skills and would like to volunteer your time and talent, please call John Miller 937-667-3642. If we don't have volunteers, we will have to hire outside personnel. Thanks!

Online giving fees: Some have asked about fees for the our online giving. If you want to underwrite the cost of online giving Debit/Credit card is 2.9% plus \$0.30 per transaction and the ACH/Checking is 1.0% plus \$0.25 transaction fee. Thanks for asking, and for your willingness to give.

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!

Next Week:

Text: 2 Thess. 2:1-12

SEE YOU
Next Week!
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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) scheduled for today, April 26th, will be re-scheduled at a time and in a manner yet to be decided. 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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