

Barlows in Birmingham

C-19: Opportunities to serve, share and help people frame the “new normal” of Covid-19 increase every week. One podcast Tom listens to said it this way: “We are in a state of narrative collapse. Our stories don’t make sense anymore, and when our stories don’t make sense, we reach for the data. We gotta make sense of this again” (A. Engst, Mac Break Weekly, 15 April). **Pray** with us that those in our circles will discover that data is not the answer, but only GOD—who knows the beginning and the end of the story.

Connections and Giving Link: So far, we have joined FOUR partner churches during online worship gatherings (Orange, Polaris, New Beginnings, and Winona Lake). We hope to do more in the coming weeks. Share ideas of how we can connect with your church family or small group online! In this time of acute needs for many, you may find you are spending less than normal—and can share a bit more. You can find and give to the Charis Fellowship Covid-19 relief fund, or help us support those around us with donations using our personal giving link.

Video views: Often it’s easier to **pray** when you can actually see a situation firsthand. While coming to visit us here in the UK is not possible due to Covid-19 protocols, several recent videos might help to give insight as you partner with us in **prayer**:

* to view God’s provision during our time apart: [https://vimeo.com/411017610/beb23b7e9b?ct=t\(Y_COPY_01\)](https://vimeo.com/411017610/beb23b7e9b?ct=t(Y_COPY_01))

*to view a typical Friday: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v9aMwF7S3BFbqL7Fu2pnYcySMONQwAru/view?ct=t\(Y_COPY_01\)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1v9aMwF7S3BFbqL7Fu2pnYcySMONQwAru/view?ct=t(Y_COPY_01))

*to view a Thursday first responders’ thank you: [https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vpe6U52VvpEf62NCb-QCAIA0QRUi0hA3/view?ct=t\(Y_COPY_01\)](https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Vpe6U52VvpEf62NCb-QCAIA0QRUi0hA3/view?ct=t(Y_COPY_01))

Family Front: Our families continue to weather Covid-19 very well with no one showing symptoms of the virus. However, our goddaughter, Lizzie and her dad are more symptomatic. One of our Godsons, Nils, is on the “front lines” medically speaking in France. They would value your focused **prayers**.

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



Today’s Message: *Encouragement 201*

Today’s Text: *2 Thess. 3:1-5*

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 May 17

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 righnowmedia.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: \$779

Received May 10

Local Budget: \$6,123
Missions: \$700
Love in a Bag: \$55
BURO: \$10
Care: \$50
Awana: \$25

GCC's 2020 Graduates

Devon Hawkins is graduating from Wayne High School. He will be finishing his associates at Sinclair that he started while attending High School. He is majoring in corporate accounting.

Lissa McMeans is graduating from Malone University with her BA in Zoo and Wildlife Biology with minors in Creative Writing, Environmental Science and Psychology.

Cody McMeans will be graduating from Wayne High School and will be attending Wright State University in the fall with plans to study Neuroscience.

Seth Harbaugh graduates from Harbaugh Academy and at the moment plans to continue working at Chick-Fil-A of Beavercreek.

Alexia (Harbaugh) Galford RN, BSN Liberty University, has accepted a job offer at Duke Hospital in Raleigh, NC.

Lela (Sims) Stout, RN, Ohio Institute of Allied Health..

CONGRATULATIONS
on all of your hard work!!!!!!

Mother's Day: Thank you to all those that came and helped me deliver the sweet Mother's Day gifts. You all are greatly appreciated. It was wonderful to see all the mommas smiling faces!



Thank you for those that helped with the workday. We appreciate all your extra help in keeping our church looking beautiful.

Need to borrow something from GCC? To help us track church property, please contact the church office prior to borrowing things. We will verify that no one needs it for their ministry before you sign it out. *Thanks for your help with this!*



Class
of
2020



Details for any Open Houses will be announced later



Next Week:

Text: 2 Thess. 3:6-16

SEE YOU
Next Week!
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MISSIONS

Hot Investment Tip for You: Invest in the Great Commission. To give to our missionary teammates through GCC, mark your offering "Missions" (check memo or donor envelope). Dollars given without designation are used for our local outreach and operating budget.

News from Tri State Camp: As you've probably noticed, we have not opened up registration for camp, which is slated for July 5-10 this year. With the pandemic we just don't know what July is even going to look like. We have been consulting with some infectious disease experts recently. They seem to think that camp as we know it is highly unlikely this year, but we'll wait and see.

Vacation Bible School has been cancelled for this year. COVID precautions present excessive challenges for safely bringing together large groups of children at this time. Thank you for those willing to volunteer their time again this year.

Online giving is available. Visit www.hhgcc.org and click on the "Donate" tab (top right on your screen). You may use a credit card, debit card or have funds drawn directly via ACH from your checking account. Set up a one-time gift or a recurring gift, designate where you would like your funds to go: general fund, missions, benevolence, etc., and if you want your contribution to go to more than one place just click to add a gift to another fund For help please reach out at gracechurch61@gmail.com.

Donor Envelopes: Ready for a set of weekly donation envelopes with an individualized ID number? Contact church office: 937-233-4324 or gracechurch@hhgcc.org. (not needed for online giving).

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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