

Dear Grace Family,

In light of the [recent recommendation from Governor Beshear](#), please note the following for this Sun, 3/15:

- **ALL SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES ARE CANCELED**
- **ALL SUNDAY EVENING STUDENT MINISTRY is CANCELED**
- **LADIES NIGHT OF ENCOURAGEMENT is CANCELED**

We believe this is the best course of action for this particular Sunday, and believe it to be a step of obedience, not to man, but to God since all earthly authorities only exist because of Him alone ([Rom. 13:1,2](#)).

The coronavirus (a.k.a. COVID-19) is a novel (new) virus that was first detected in Wuhan, China, and has spread across the globe and into Kentucky. At this time, there have been no reported cases of the coronavirus at any GFC campus. We will continue to monitor the outbreak, follow the guidance given by the [Center for Disease Control](#) and, should it become necessary, work in compliance with local law enforcement and the [Kentucky Cabinet for Health & Family Services](#) to take whatever measures necessary to help ensure the safety and health of those within our church family.

We want you to know that all GFC campuses are thoroughly cleaned each and every week to ensure as safe an environment as possible for our Sunday worship services. This includes (but is not limited to) our nurseries, children's classrooms and toys, worship centers, offices, public areas and restrooms. We're confident in the practices and procedures we have in place, and will continue to look for ways to improve as we assess this ongoing situation.

In addition to the above, we wanted to take this opportunity to share the following with you as well:

You are going to die, but probably not from this. COVID-19 has shown itself to be fatal for people who already had compromised immune systems prior to contracting the disease. However, there are people who have contracted the disease and lived to tell about it (but they don't make the news). Therefore, while we're confident in you dying someday, it likely won't be from the coronavirus.

Let's stay calm. It seems the only thing constant is change. Anytime you look at your phone, you see a new update, a new threat, a new confirmed case and, inevitably, a new feeling sets in as you read the latest breaking news. However, God is no less in control today than He was a month ago, a year ago, or ever in redemptive history. We're surprised, but He is not. The situation is constantly changing, but He's not. He is the same yesterday, today and forever. We have every reason to be aware, vigilant, wise & discerning, and every reason to be calm.

Let's be the salt & light our dying world needs. Outbreaks of disease, natural disasters, terrorist threats and the like provide unique opportunities for Christians to be the peculiar, different people we're called to be ([1 Peter 2:9](#)). We can point them to the Savior Who is our peace ([Eph. 2:14](#)). Let's take advantage of this unique time to show others that, even while we don't know the beginning from the end, and even though we lack the understanding we wish we had, we have peace that can't be shaken or removed by any circumstance that befalls us ([Phil. 4:6,7](#)).

[Let's read this article.](#) It came out last week, and we thought it was an excellent reminder of both the posture and perspective we should have as we seek to honor God as we deal with this situation.

So wash your hands - thoroughly - with soap & warm water - for at least 20 seconds. Lather, rinse, repeat. However, do so knowing God is bigger than the virus, and able to heal, protect, guide and save to the uttermost.

Love in Christ,

Pastor Brian Fannin
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