

June 4, 2020

Dear GCBC Family,

In John 13:34-35 Jesus said, “A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.” These words come to my mind as I have watched the recent events occur in our nation. As followers of Jesus Christ there is never room for racial discrimination of any kind. Jesus told us to love one another regardless of anything that would divide us. I pray we will display our love in every thought, word or deed we have with all people. I am praying for justice and peace in our nation.

As we look forward to this Sunday let me remind you of a few things. The Church facilities will be cleaned and sanitized before each service. The doors will open at 9:30 AM. Greeters will be available at the doors to direct you into the sanctuary where ushers will direct you to available seating. Please remember no matter where you are to practice social distancing. When the sanctuary reaches capacity, the remaining people will be directed to the Ministry Center where the service will be projected live.

Also, please remember the water fountains will not be available. Please bring your own water bottle with a cap. Occupancy in the restrooms will be limited to two people at a time. If you desire to wear a mask or gloves, please bring your own with you. Hand sanitizer will be available in several locations. Offering boxes will be available as you enter the sanctuary. At the conclusion of the service the ushers will dismiss each row to help maintain social distancing. Remember. Gathering in groups, hugging, shaking hands, etc. is strongly discouraged. Please no congregating.

There are many in our congregation and/or prospective visitors that may not feel comfortable gathering yet, and it could be another month or more until you or they are more comfortable attending. We respect and honor each other's consciences and are thankful for the ability to video the 10:00 AM service and later post it for all to see. Know that we want to serve you the best way we can in these uncertain times. We love and respect you and your decisions in this transition back to physically gathering together. We ask that you stay home if the following apply: If you have any special medical condition that might put you at risk, If you are not comfortable attending right now, or If you are sick or have been sick recently. We recommend those that stay home be reminded that your church offerings can be submitted by mail or brought into the church office during normal business hours.

We will record the worship service live and then upload it to the internet and to our website: www.grandbaptist.com. It will be available by Sunday afternoon so you can worship with us online.

I am anxiously awaiting Sunday to arrive.

I Love You!

Pastor Shon