

Dear Brothers & Sisters In Christ,

Given the covid-19 outbreak, and following the guidelines of Grace Presbytery, the FPCGV Session has decided to suspend all face-to-face gatherings at least through Palm Sunday. The church campus has been closed.

We are working on numerous ways to be “the church.” Some of those ways include:

- 1) **WORSHIP** – each Sunday at 10:30am you will find worship on Facebook Live with a live service brought to you by essential leaders.
[\[https://www.facebook.com/fpcgv/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARCD2-T50N5KDPfB5I5ZJwv0wsoZvHpiFYkYD32d22lsar99tBiINwDEbzmlaypg3ScL9cC2pssaFNTx\]](https://www.facebook.com/fpcgv/?_tn=%2Cd%2CP-R&eid=ARCD2-T50N5KDPfB5I5ZJwv0wsoZvHpiFYkYD32d22lsar99tBiINwDEbzmlaypg3ScL9cC2pssaFNTx) We hope to have the bulletin posted on our website (fpcgv.org) each week that can be downloaded and printed at home for you to use. Below is a list of “Technology Deacons” who you may contact for help with computer issues.
Kaki Talbot – (817) 271-6938 or kaki.talbot@gmail.com
Anna Casteen – (901) 871-6458 or anna.m.casteen@gmail.com
Kevin Stull – (682) 260-1213 or kevin.p.stull@gmail.com
Brolin McKay – (806) 420-7337 or brolin@adventurepilot.com
- 2) **CLASSES** (Tuesday Morning Study, Wednesday Morning Men’s Bible Study, Pastor Bob’s Thursday Class, all Sunday School Classes) – there will be no in person classes. The staff is working on bringing these to you via online and/or by phone. Be watching your email for details!
- 3) **MEETINGS** (all ministries and boards) – there will be no in person meetings. Each ministry and board will determine if they need to meet by email, phone or online. Leaders will notify members of their group(s) with details.
- 4) **GATHERINGS** (Kids Night In, GRACE Food Offering Collection, April 19th Service Sunday) – these gatherings have been indefinitely postponed.
- 5) **CONGREGATIONAL CARE TEAM** – this team will be doing their best to check up on the congregation in various ways. We have people set up who are willing to make deliveries of food, bulletins, toilet paper or any other items you may need. Please contact Pastor Ashley (ahood@fpcgv.org or at 214-498-7272) or Ronnie Painter (ronnie.painter@verizon.net or at 817-915-8234) if you need something delivered.
- 6) **WAYS TO HELP** – if you would like suggestions of a few people to call or write please contact Pastor Ashley at ahood@fpcgv.org. Also, GRACE in Grapevine is in a crucial time combating the misery of COVID 19. Here is what you can do to help them. Help GRACE get out ahead of the coronavirus outbreak by making a [tax deductible donation now](#). Daycare is the leading crisis during this time. In normal times, GRACE helps with rent and utilities, food, medical care, clothing, and other essentials should a crisis occur. The very high cost of daycare is

draining meager budgets. Pray for their clients, their families, and others who are struggling with disease, or the financial impact the illness is causing. And pray for each other, and an end to the suffering and fear.

- 7) **FPCGV STAFF** – though we are not physically going to be in the office, we are working remotely from our homes. If you need to contact us, please see below:

Pastor Bob – (817) 488-1850 or at drcrilley@fpcgv.org

Pastor Ashley – ahood@fpcgv.org

Jodi Haun – jhaun@fpcgv.org

Rick Walsh – rwalsh275@hotmail.com

Jill Compton – jcompton@fpcgv.org

Kim Wheelock – kwheelock16@gmail.com

If you need a listening ear during these trying times we are committed to being there for you. Even though we are social distancing ourselves we are still a community and we will get through this by being there for one another. The pastoral care cell phone number is (817) 627-9168 and it will be monitored throughout this by one of our pastors.

Stay well, stay safe, and we will see you soon!

Below is the motion that was made, seconded, and approved by the Board of Session at last evenings meeting:

A motion from Miles Davis was made:

Whereas the nation is under a national emergency due to the coronavirus epidemic;

Whereas the safety of FPCGV members and staff is paramount; and

Whereas, Grace Presbytery recently provided guidelines regarding how congregations should operate in response to this emergency,

It is moved and seconded by Ovy Waddoups that:

FPCGV suspend all face-to-face church gatherings including worship services, committee meetings and all children and youth activities through Palm Sunday or until public health officials advise it is safe to resume group gatherings.

FPCGV worship services be provided to the congregation via electronic means from the sanctuary within-person attendance limited to staff and necessary lay leaders.

FPCGV office be closed to the public until public health officials advise it is safe to resume group gatherings and that staff be instructed to work from home unless it is essential to go to the office for some necessity such as payroll.

FPCGV staff will continue to receive normal pay.

The motion carried.

