



# Grace Notes

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## Pastor's Notes Mark Elkins

Summer is almost here and praise God that we have been able to return to in-person church through our new Outdoor Worship Services! During these first two weeks we've seen gorgeous weather and a large part of our church family worshipping together, whether we were in our cars or on the grass. It still isn't back to "normal," but God has blessed us with a long-awaited answer to our prayers! The fact that He has heard and answered our prayers should encourage us to pray more often and about more issues, and that is the focus of my Pastor's Notes this month.

This has been the start to one of the toughest years in our recent memories, probably going all the way back to September 11, 2001. We are experiencing a global pandemic that has reportedly taken over 100,000 lives just in America. Over 40 million people have lost their jobs in our country due to the subsequent shutdown. And now we see many of our nation's cities burning with protests, riots, and looting. If ever there were a need for a season of dedicated and focused prayer, this is it!

So, I'm asking each of us to set aside a portion of every Friday in June for a special time of prayer and fasting. I know that each of us have different schedules, responsibilities, and even physical limitations, so I'm not asking everyone to deprive themselves for the entire day. Some of us may only be able to dedicate 1 hour, others 2 or 3, and maybe some of us the entire day. Whatever it is we can offer, I believe that God will hear our prayers and begin to heal our world, our nation, and our community.

- This Friday, June 5<sup>th</sup> I'm asking you to fast & pray that God will bring an end to the social unrest that threatens the unity of our nation.
- Next Friday June 12<sup>th</sup> I would like us all to fast & pray that our Lord will cause this virus to diminish as we enter the summer months.
- On Friday June 19<sup>th</sup> I want us all to fast & pray that God will bring relief for those who have been hardest hit financially.
- And on Friday June 26<sup>th</sup> I implore all of us to fast & pray for any families that are struggling in this season to not only stay together, but to learn how to love each other as Jesus intended.

Beloved, I know that our God is on His throne and that in the end everything we are experiencing is for His glory and our good! I also know that what He sometimes desires is for us to just have a stronger and more intimate relationship with Him. This June is our opportunity as a church to reach out to Him together in search of His blessing and maybe even more importantly, His presence. Will you join me in this season of prayer and reaching out to our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ?

### Upcoming Events

June 7<sup>th</sup>  
Graduation Sunday

June 21<sup>st</sup>  
Father's Day

# Student Corner

Hello, friends! It's June, which means summer is on the way! The way you thought your summer might be this year is probably a little different than it is actually going to be. Instead of being disappointed, let's look for the bright side. To celebrate the end of school, we had an ice cream drive thru that was super fun and very yummy! Last Thursday's devotion featured some of my favorite people, the GBC children! I hope everyone had a chance to check it out. It was pretty special. We had an opportunity on Sunday to meet outside for worship together. By the way, it was Pentecost Sunday, so another reason to celebrate. Sometimes when things seem to not go the way we plan or the way we would like, we just need to refocus and look for the good and the positive. So, I would like to challenge all the children AND parents to find at least one positive thing each day for the entire month of June. It might be easier than you think. Let's count our blessings and name them one by one!

Blessings,  
Nandrea Groves  
Director of Student Ministry



Join us for our  
Outdoor Worship  
Services every  
Sunday at 10am!



Thank you for joining us for our Ice Cream Drive-Thru! The GBC Children's Ministry would like to congratulate all of our students for finishing the school year, and we wish each of you a very blessed summer!



"If I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but do not have love, I have become a noisy gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy, and know all mysteries and all knowledge; and if I have all faith, so as to remove mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. And if I give all my possessions to feed the poor, and if I surrender my body to be burned, but do not have love, it profits me nothing."

**1 Corinthians 13:1-3**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **OUTDOOR WORSHIP SERVICE**

Be sure to join us for our Sunday Outdoor Worship Services every Sunday at 10am. In the case of inclement weather, we will keep you informed of our backup plan through our church email, social media, and phone tree. We encourage everyone to wear a face mask, and for families to maintain a six feet distance. If you do not own a face mask and would like one, a face mask will be available. You can also listen to our service from your car in the church parking lot by tuning your radio to 90.9. Our GBC Outdoor Service Guidelines can be found in our church emails, and on our website at [hisgraceforyou.org/outdoor-service/](https://www.hisgraceforyou.org/outdoor-service/). We will also be live-streaming this Sunday's service, so please turn off all cell phones when you arrive. If our live-stream fails due to internet connectivity, we will have the full service available to stream from our social media later that day!

## **PHASE 1 GIVING AT GRACE**

As we begin the process of reopening our church building in phases, your continued partnership with our ministry is vital if we are to continue to fulfill our mission and see more lives and families experience a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ our Lord. We encourage you to either use the convenience of our new Online Giving tool ([hisgraceforyou.org/giving](https://www.hisgraceforyou.org/giving)), mail your check (PO Box 1108, JEB Stuart HWY, Stuart, VA 24171), or drop your offering in our new offering boxes at our Outdoor Service.

## **KIDS CONNECTION**

Check out our special Children's Worship Videos just for kids! You can view it on our Facebook Page, YouTube Channel, or from our website. You can also check out our Thursday Kids Connection videos! This is a series of short Bible Lesson for kids, with a new video posted every Thursday. Visit <https://www.hisgraceforyou.org/kids-connection/> to watch!

## **GRADUATION SUNDAY**

From all of us at GBC, congratulations to all of our graduating high school and college seniors! We'd like to honor our graduates with a special video and a Graduation Sunday Service next Sunday, June 7<sup>th</sup>. Please let us know if you have any questions!

## **4<sup>th</sup> OF JULY CHURCH PICNIC POSTPONED**

Our annual 4<sup>th</sup> of July Church Picnic has been postponed, but we will have another Fellowship Picnic Opportunity scheduled at a later date.

## **GBC EMAIL LIST**

Are you on our email list? GBC will always send out important notifications through email, our website, and our Facebook page to let you know of any announcements and updates. Here is the link to sign up for GBC emails: <https://mailchi.mp/415bc2b82192/graceemail>

# JUNE 2020

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1  Savannah Brown Pat East	2 2pm Afternoon Devotional  Carter Gregory	3 Grad Slideshow Submission Deadline 2pm Afternoon Devotional	4 7pm Coronavirus & Christ Zoom Study 2pm Afternoon Devotional Owen Logan	5 2pm Afternoon Devotional  Dick East	6   Caityn Cockram Autumn Marcinek
7 10am Outdoor Worship Service  <b>Graduation Sunday</b> Linda Griffin	8  Katie Huffnagle Mandy Worley	9	10	11	12  Anita Cox	13  Molly Buchanan
14 10am Outdoor Worship Service  Nicole Montgomery Liz Reynolds	15  Grahm Foley Joel Holdeman	16	17	18  Bud Brown	19	20  Betsy Wilds
21 10am Outdoor Worship Service  <b>Father's Day</b> Levi Spangler	22  Coleen Buchanan Mike Gregory	23	24	25  Ben Byrd	26  Shelly Stone	27
28 10am Outdoor Worship Service	29  Mary Ann Brown	30				

Don't see your birthday? Email [office@hisgraceforyou.org](mailto:office@hisgraceforyou.org).