

Severe Weather Policy

(Grace BFC Public Services and/or Sponsored Events)

~ Adopted by the Elders of Grace BFC Wallingford on January 19, 2017 ~

Sunday Worship Services

- The Senior Pastor, in consultation with at least one other pastor or elder, will make the decision for a delayed opening or cancellation of a Sunday worship service in the event of severe weather.
- Other potential reasons for a delayed opening or cancellation include but are not limited to power outage in the building, no plumbing or heating, or a government issued state of emergency.
- The decision for a delayed opening or cancellation of a Sunday worship service will be made by 7 AM that morning.
- Anytime a Sunday worship service has a delayed opening or cancellation due to severe weather, it should be anticipated that there will be no children's ministry or nursery coverage provided by church staff or volunteers.
- A delayed opening Sunday worship service will begin at 10:30 AM. We will make every effort that the ice and/or snow will be cleared from the sidewalks and parking lot on the church property and any other issues will be resolved in time to assure the property is as safe as possible for the service to proceed.
- It should be anticipated that there will be no after service classes or coffee time offered on delayed opening Sunday.
- The Sr. Pastor is responsible to communicate with that day's worship leader about any changes to the service, and the worship leader is responsible to communicate with the worship team, tech team and any others involved in the service to determine what personnel are able to serve and set the time for any practice or sound check needed prior to the service start time.
- A canceled Sunday worship service will mean that the sidewalks, parking lot and/or church facilities are deemed unsafe for use and all services and related Sunday events will therefore be cancelled.
- Grace BFC does not assume responsibility for the condition and safety of the roads leading to the church property. The decision to travel will be left up to each individual attendee. We urge discretion and wisdom to be exercised in making this decision.
- In the event of a Sunday worship service delayed opening or cancellation, the elders and the church office will be notified and the elders will contact members of their Grace Link groups via email, text or telephone.
- Additionally, the information will be posted on the Grace BFC website as well as a sign on the main entrance doors to the church. Those desiring a phone message may request as much from their elder.

Wednesday Evening Group Meetings

- The Senior Pastor, in consultation with at least one other pastor or elder, will make the decision for the cancellation of Wednesday Evening Group Meetings in the event of severe weather.
- Other potential reasons for a cancellation include but are not limited to power outage in the building, no plumbing or heating, or a government issued state of emergency.
- If Strath Haven School District closes at any point in time on a Wednesday on account of snow, all evening meetings and activities at Grace BFC will be cancelled.
- The decision to cancel Wednesday evening group meetings will be made by 6 PM that evening.
- A cancelled Wednesday evening group meeting will mean that the sidewalks and/or the parking lot are deemed unsafe for use and meetings will therefore be cancelled.
- Grace BFC does not assume responsibility for the condition and safety of the roads leading to the church property. The decision to travel will be left up to each individual attendee. We urge discretion and wisdom to be exercised in making this decision.
- Additionally, the information will be posted on the Grace BFC website as well as a sign on the main entrance doors to the church.

GBFC Sponsored Events

- Grace BFC sponsored events held during any other time of the week may be cancelled or delayed by severe weather threat or other potentially dangerous circumstances. The decision to cancel or delay any such event will be made on a case by case basis and determined by the event coordinator in conjunction with at least one pastor or elder.
- In the event of such a cancellation or delay, the event coordinator assumes responsibility to inform the church office, the elders and their event participants. Additionally, the information will be posted on the Grace BFC website if appropriate.