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Covid Mask Update

**Mask Update:** The Elders voted yesterday to **extend the current masking requirement** for Sunday Worship and for Children and Youth programs **through February 15**, and to set February 15 as a firm end date, provided covid cases and seriousness of cases continue to trend downward.

**Reasoning:** Almost all Covid cases locally are Omicron, and those cases continue to be mostly mild. Locally, the number of new cases peaked 2 weeks ago and have been on a steep decline for the past two weeks. Looking at international data, a number of countries that were several weeks ahead of us in peaking have continued to decrease and have not seen subsequent spikes. A significant number of people in Delco and in our church have gotten Covid in the past 2 months and thus should have greater immunity going forward. Thus, we believe that optional masking will be the best policy moving forward. However we also believe it wise to give families a few weeks to plan for the changes, thus the February 15 end date to our current masking policies.

**Gym:** Sunday Worship will remain in the gym. To enable us to keep the gym warm, we have decided that we will only open the door to the left on days when the temperature is above 32 degrees. When it is below 32, we will keep all gym doors closed.

**Sunday Food and Fellowship:** Sunday coffee, drinks and snacks will return after the end of the mask mandate, which means they should return for Sunday, February 20.

**Individual Groups May Have Additional Precautions:** As we have in the past, we continue to encourage individual groups and ministries to evaluate what is best for your group and to put in any additional precautions that may be appropriate. We also ask that if you are requiring things for your group that are different from the current church policy that you let Pastor Mark know.
**Sunday Worship**

January 30 @ 10am


**Child Dedication:** Chris and Rachel Kessler will be dedicating Noah Kessler

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**Church Wireless Upgrade**

We recently upgraded the wireless routers throughout the church building to boost signal strength, assure enough connections for everyone to join, and to unify the system so there is now a single network to join that is available throughout the entire building.

**Network Name:** GBFguest  
**Password:** guestGBF

Note: if you used to connect to any other Grace routers, those have been disconnected, and you can have your device forget those networks. GBFguest is the only currently active public network in the building.

If you have questions or problems contact Pastor Mark

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**Grace Groups**

Meeting Throughout the Week

Connect with others in a small group setting, walking through life together, seeking the Lord and ministering to those in the group and in your larger community. We have groups meeting on different days and at various times throughout the week. We are also hoping to form some new groups.

For more information on our groups and to get connected please contact Pastor Mark.
Baby Bottle Campaign to benefit Delaware County Pregnancy Center

Take a baby bottle and collect spare change inside. Dollars and checks are OK too!

Return the bottle by the end of the campaign - Sunday, February 13th.

Your spare change rescues babies from abortion and spreads the Gospel to parents!

Bottles available on Sunday's in the gym and throughout the week in the lobby. Return filled bottles to the same location by February 13. If you are giving by check please make it out to "Delaware County Pregnancy Center".

If you have any questions contact Ashlee Martino

Grace News

- **Ladies Circle Valentine's Dinner** ~ Ladies are invited to join together for a special Valentine's Dinner. Gather together with grateful hearts to honor the Lord for all that He has done these past 2 years. Monday, February 14 at 5:30pm at The Double Decker Restaurant in Media. RSVP to Cathe Kender.

- **Local Job Opportunity** ~ Alexanders Computer Services is looking to hire two part-times ~ can be anyone from home-school students to retired folk ~ you will learn and provide remote and onsite support with the assistance of other technicians. 10-20 hours/week, flexible scheduling. Contact d@acs1.co or call 610-461-4627
In Case of Bad Weather

In case of inclement weather that would cause us to cancel in person Worship on Sundays, we will post a note on our website and send email and text messages just after 7am. Even if the property is unsafe for public worship, we will still try to offer an online option, so check our communications for details.

For midweek groups at the church, the pastors will be in touch with the group leaders, and the leaders will contact those in their groups if there are changes to their meetings. For Wednesday groups, we will seek to make decisions by 4pm. (note: at one time our Wednesday programs were tied to local school districts being open, we have updated our policies, and they are no longer tied to outside organizations)

Please note: the pastors are only looking to see if the church parking lot and building are safe to use, and closing the building if they are concerned about public use of the facilities. The church takes no responsibility for the safety of the roads leading to the church. Please check your local conditions and use your discretion in deciding if you should attend.

Updated Severe Weather Policy [HERE]

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Prayer Focus

see separate email for details

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**BFC Church Extension Ministries**

David Gundrum, Director

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**TAYLOR**

Richard & Joyce

Mentor
BFC Church Extension Ministries
Lives in Brookhaven, PA

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Richard Taylor, Mentor
The ministry of Church Extension has continued to make steady progress in spite of all the turmoil that seems to surround us. Two standout examples are Christ Alone in Lancaster and Redeemer in Topton PA. Christ Alone has a new facility and may already be facing capacity limits. They are seeking to purchase a house adjacent which will give more opportunity. Topton is only a few months old and is almost at an attendance of 80 people in a rented facility.

The focus of Church Extension Ministries now is the Mission to Multiply. We are meeting with pastors in the regions of the Bible Fellowship Church to encourage them to combine their resources to plant a church nearby. We have been encouraged by the response to the meetings we have held. Plans are being formulated with multiplication in mind.

I know I speak for the others when I say the support of Grace Church for this important work is appreciated. Let me give you some more specific details about those you are supporting.

David Gundrum, director, continues to be significant and essential. Dave works closely with the men in the department and does much to maintain the vision and focus on evangelistic church planting. In countless ways, he challenges, supports and guides our church planters.

Josh and Julie Dupiche have settled into their new ministry in Milford DE. They stepped into a struggling situation, helped to stabilize it and now are beginning to see outreach in the community. Like all our church plants, they seek to invite people to trust Jesus and draw believers together to expand the church. They are just beginning a new
outreach, MOPS (Mothers of Pre-Schoolers), which Julie is bringing together. They are seeking funding to provide babysitting for their meetings.

**Brad and Vicki Boyer** lead the ministry in Cape May County NJ. In some respects, it is like a beehive of activity. Three different Christian ministries are using their facilities. They serve as a warming center for Cape May County when housing for homeless folks are needed. The ministry of praying with people on the street continues. The return of COVID concerns has affected their in person attendance but increased their online participants. Brad has a couple health issues that are significant but not hindering his ministry.

I (Richard Taylor) continue my role, which is sometimes hard to define. I am listed as a mentor and work more closely with our church missions in Adams County PA and Cape May County NJ. I attend what seems to be countless meetings. I see what I do as supportive. Our church planters carry the burdens and pressures. I want to support them. Sometimes I give advice. Sometimes I encourage. When people ask how to pray for me, I tell them that I want to be wise, sensitive and faithful.

The Bible Fellowship Church has a vision statement which says we seek to be an expanding fellowship of churches. Church Extension Ministries is at the heart of that vision. Your encouragement and support are greatly appreciated.

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**Reminders from Grace Vision and Strategic Plan**

**Our purpose is to honor God by:**

**Strengthening Others ... Discipleship**

God has commanded us to strengthen one another's faith. We will encourage, support and challenge each other in our relationship with God by preaching and teaching His word and by emphasizing the need to be like Christ.