

Grace & Truth Bible Church

Virginia, Minnesota

April 2019

And you are witnesses of these things. Luke 24:48

Real Witnesses for Christ

God is ready, waiting to be gracious. All the infinite stores of His grace and power are at the command of His Church and for the glory of His Son. The result of this winter's work will depend on the attitude of His Church. A heaven-sent revival will come when the Church turns away from the frivolous and worldly spirit of entertainment, applies herself with persevering prayer to her real work, rekindles the wasted fires of zeal and faith, clothes herself with sackcloth and ashes over the follies, feebleness, and sins of the past. Then with every divine and quickened energy the Church can assault the strongholds of sin with invincible might, and show God, angels, devils, and men, she is in dead earnest about saving men from sin and from an eternal hell. Her renewed purpose is to point men to holiness, an eternal Heaven, and hasten the coming of her Lord; she no longer intends to dissipate her strength and dishonor her vocation by her shams, shows, frivolities. Then the Church will be visited by such a revival as we have not seen in all these years, and the "glory of this latter house shall be greater than the former." (Haggai 2:9) —E.M. Bounds

*But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you;
and you shall be witnesses to Me... Acts 1:8*

We are not called to be defenders, but *witnesses* of the truth. We speak what we know and testify what we have seen. Our fellow-witness is the Holy Spirit. — F.B. Meyer

The God of our fathers raised up Jesus whom you murdered by hanging on a tree. And we are His witnesses to these things, and so also is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey Him." Acts 5:30, 32

April Services

April 7	Communion
April 14	Pastor Miller
April 19	Good Friday Service at Loon Lake CC
April 21	Pastor Miller
April 28	Fellowship Dinner

Just as we look forward to spring each year, we look forward to the glory of heaven. This yearning for the grand reunion in our eternal home is magnified whenever a loved one graduates to glory. Recently, we lost two precious members of our assembly, Sue Tibbetts and Lorraine Kunnari. We miss them greatly, but what a comfort to know that we will join them (perhaps soon) and rejoice with them in the presence of our Savior. Because He lives, we will live also!

The Funeral for Lorraine Kunnari will be held here at the church on Thursday, April 11th at 2:00 PM with visitation at 1:00 PM. Please pray for believers to be comforted, the lost to be challenged and the Lord to be glorified. Pray also for Don that the Lord would strengthen and encourage him in the days ahead.

Thanks for all the prayers and for those who helped with the funeral for Sue Tibbetts. We praise the Lord that so many heard the good news of the gospel. Continue to pray for the Tibbett's family and especially for Dave as he continues his cancer treatment.

We will be going door to door Friday evening at 5:30 PM and Saturday in the church's neighborhood to invite folks to the church. Pray for open doors and open hearts as we seek to share Christ in Virginia.

Friday, April 19th we will be having our annual "Good Friday" get together at the Loon Lake Community Center. Recreation will

begin after noon and will be followed by a short program at 4:00 and a pot luck dinner. Everyone is invited to come for a blessed time of fellowship. It is a great time to invite young (and old) people to come.

March Offerings

- General - \$8738.75
- Building \$1100.00
- Missionary - \$2155.00
- 2B Free - \$100.00
- Phil DeMarte - \$300.00

Memory Verses for April from Romans

Romans 9:30 What shall we say then? That Gentiles, who did not pursue righteousness, have attained to righteousness, even the righteousness of faith;

Romans 9:31 but Israel, pursuing the law of righteousness, has not attained to the law of righteousness.

Romans 9:32 Why? Because *they did not seek it* by faith, but as it were, by the works of the law. For they stumbled at that stumbling stone.

Weekly Cleaning Schedule for 2019

First Sunday: Erik & Abby, Evan & Kelsey

Second Sunday: Brian & Diane, Lyn & Jackie

Third Sunday: Brian & Amber, Becky, Robin, Connie

Fourth Sunday: Scott & Kathy, Flint, Zakk, Toni

Fifth Sunday: Robin & Jim, Brackett & Rachel

