

Grace & Truth Bible Church

Virginia, Minnesota

February 2021

Divine Justice

Do not be deceived, God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, that he will also reap. Galatians 6:7

So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Esther 7:10

Haman found out with bitter irony that there were consequences to his evil doings. As we read in Proverbs 7:15-16 *He made a pit and dug it out and has fallen into the ditch which he made. His trouble shall return upon his own head.* Haman could make plans to destroy God's people, but God controlled the outcome!

What was true in Haman's day is true in the world today. Evil men may become worse and worse, but God will deal with each one in His own time. As Christians, we can rest assured that God keeps His promises, whether for blessing or for cursing. But while we may cry out for God to judge sinners, we must acknowledge that we are sinners too, and apart from the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ we would face the wrath of God.

JV McGee comments: "You and I stand guilty before God as sinners. We deserve exactly the condemnation of Haman. You may say, "I never committed a crime like that." Who said you did? But you just happen to have the same kind of human nature that he had, which is in rebellion against God, which is opposed to God. And in that state, while you were dead in trespasses and sins, Christ died for you, took your place on the cross. My friend, if you will trust Him, He will be your *Savior*."

But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Romans 5:8

February Services

February 7	Communion – Justin Kunnari
February 14	Pastor DeMarte
February 21	Annual Meeting
February 28	Potluck after morning service

Greetings! It is good to be home again. Thanks to all who filled in for Connie and me while we were in Texas. Though it is cold, the days are getting longer, and we know that spring is coming!

Our annual meeting will be held the evening of February 21st. We will discuss church finances, missionary support, and other church business. Our church officers we elected to a two-year term last year, so there will be no elections at this meeting. Anyone who would like to become an official member can talk to Pastor Miller about the procedure.

Current Church Office Holders

Elders (serve an indefinite term) Pastor Dan Miller, Associate Pastor Brian DeMarte, Donn Kunnari, Scott Ortler, Brackett Paine

Deacons (2nd year of two-year term) Head Usher - Lyn Nelson, Incoming Treasurer – Erik Laaksonen, Outgoing Treasurer – Jon Novak, Music Director – Justin Kunnari, Youth Director – Evan Johnson.

There is one more opening on the **church cleaning schedule** for this year. This is an opportunity for a couple families to work together once a month to minister for the Lord in a practical way.

Save the date! “Forever Be Sure” will be doing a sacred music concert at the church on Tuesday, March 23rd. This will be a great occasion to invite family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers to visit the church. An offering box will be available to give. They would like to receive what is given before leaving that evening.

January Offerings

Missions - \$3879.84

General - \$17,359.99

Building - \$700.00

Bookstore - \$500.00

2B Free - \$1510.00

Special gifts - \$13000.00 for individual missionaries and ministers

Scripture for February from Revelation 12

12:1 Now a great sign appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a garland of twelve stars.

12:2 Then being with child, she cried out in labor and in pain to give birth.

12:3 And another sign appeared in heaven: behold, a great, fiery red dragon having seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads.

12:4 His tail drew a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. And the dragon stood before the woman who was ready to give birth, to devour her Child as soon as it was born.

12:5 She bore a male Child who was to rule all nations with a rod of iron. And her Child was caught up to God and His throne.