

Grace & Truth Bible Church
Virginia, Minnesota
January, 2019

*But the Lord is faithful, who will establish you and guard you
from the evil one. 2 Thessalonians 3:3*

To our Dear Friends at Grace & Truth,

We have just finished a remarkable year for our assembly. A year ago, we celebrated our thirty-year anniversary, and now, we celebrate our new location and new building in Virginia. This move was not made without a lot of prayer as we sought God's will in this matter. Thank you for your input, support and prayer as we moved forward.

Our relocation to Virginia provides us with the opportunity to be more effective in ministry and to reach more people with the gospel. The new church with its large auditorium, fellowship hall, incredible kitchen, and Sunday school classrooms is a gift from God. We marvel at His gracious provision for us. May it be used for His glory alone, and may we be good and wise stewards of this wonderful facility!

Things we can pray about this year are: the installation of a new heating system, ways we can reach folks in the church's neighborhood and the rest of the Iron Range, protection from Satan as he seeks to disrupt God's program, the unity of our leaders and congregation in moving forward according to the will of God.

We are looking forward to 2019 with great expectations. God has moved us to Virginia for a reason. Let us, as the father of modern missions, William Carey said: "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God". May the Lord Jesus Christ be exalted in and through us in 2019 as we live in light of His imminent return!

With much love and appreciation,
Pastor Dan & Connie

January Services

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| January 6 | Communion – Evan Johnson |
| January 13 | Pastor Miller |
| January 20 | Pastor Miller |
| January 27 | Fellowship Dinner – no evening service |

Whew! We made it through December! It was quite a month with not only the Christmas programs and other holiday activities, but also the move to a new building, two weddings, and a funeral! The Lord gave us strength for the journey and for that, we are very grateful. It is January, a time when we can “chill out” (literally and figuratively) and catch our breath. But there are still our regular ministries and new opportunities to share the truth. May we faithfully serve Him every day!

FYI

- We have had two quotes on the heating conversion for the church. The first one we received from Bob Hecimovich Mechanical Contracting, Inc. was for \$73,600 and the other one from Iron Range Plumbing & Heating was for \$31,240. We are also looking into other options. The city of Virginia will give us a no interest fifteen year loan for the cost of the conversion.
- We paid half down (\$50,000) on the building in November. The balance will be due in November 2019. You can give toward this by designating money to the building fund.
- The building in Aurora has been listed with ReMax for \$119,900. Pray that the Lord will provide a buyer for this property.
- There is a signup in the foyer for cleaning the church in 2019. Four people are needed for each week.
- Jim & Anne Steel will be with us in February for a Bible Conference (8-10). We will also have a dedication service for our new building. We'll give more details as they become available.

November Offerings

- General – \$12,763.22
- Missionary - \$1575.00
- Children's Missionary -\$46.90
- Building - \$10,000.00
- Rick Mikesh - \$115.00

December Offerings

- General - \$9127.00
- Missionary - \$1850.00
- 2B Free - \$100.00
- Building - \$1000.00

Memory Verses for December from Romans 8

Vs. 35 Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? *Shall* tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

Vs. 36 As it is written: "FOR YOUR SAKE WE ARE KILLED ALL DAY LONG; WE ARE ACCOUNTED AS SHEEP FOR THE SLAUGHTER."

Vs. 37 Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us.

Vs. 38 For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come,

Vs. 39 nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.