

Grace & Truth Bible Church

January 2022

A year untried before me lies.
What it shall bring of strange surprise,
Of joy, or grief, I cannot tell;
But God my Father knoweth well

To our Dear Friends at Grace & Truth, Another challenging year has come and gone. It was a year of blessing with many babies added to our church family, new married couples, and many new folks visiting with some becoming part of our assembly. But there were also those who suffered severe afflictions. Some have recovered for which we praise the Lord while for others need continued prayer for their healing. We mourn the loss of Jeris, Marianne's mother, Rose, and others who have gone to their heavenly home. Yet, someday, perhaps in 2022, we will be reunited in glory. What a day that will be!

Our assembly has been blessed in so many ways, but you have been the greatest blessing. We want to thank all who have prayed, served, and supported the Lord's work here at Grace & Truth. It is truly an honor to be part of this group effort for apart from your participation very little would be accomplished. *Hitherto the Lord has helped us*, and we are confident that He will be with us until our work is done (Philippians 1:6).

As we look to 2022, "the future is as bright as the promises of God". We live in *the midst of a crooked and perverse generation*, but this gives us the opportunity to *shine* (more brightly) *as lights in the world* both by our lives and with our lips proclaiming the Word of Life which is the only answer for a lost and dying world. May we be faithful to our faithful God in 2022. *Holding fast the faithful word for He who calls you is faithful* (Titus 1:9, 1 Thessalonians 5:24).

Love in Christ, Pastor Dan & Connie

My soul shall still have no affright
Since God is all my life and light.
Though all the earthly lights grow dim,
He walks in light who walks with Him.

January Services

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| January 2 | Communion – Evan Johnson |
| January 9 | Pastor DeMarte |
| January 16 | Pastor DeMarte |
| January 23 | Pastor DeMarte |
| January 30 | Potluck after morning service |

Greetings! It is a frosty morning, but I trust today’s service will warm your heart and increase your love for our Savior. God’s grace brought us safely through 2021 and (perhaps this year) His grace will lead us home. Keep looking up! Jesus may come in 2022.

Pastor and Connie would like to thank everyone for their cards, gifts, and prayers. We are so very thankful for each of one of you!

A class for anyone desiring to become an official member of GTBC will be held later this month. Requirements for membership are a testimony of salvation given to the elder board and to the congregation, reading and agreeing to the doctrinal statement and constitution of GTBC, and an acceptance of the applicant by the majority of the congregation. A signup sheet can be found in the foyer. Talk to Pastor Miller, Pastor DeMarte, or a board member if you have questions about membership. Everyone who attends regularly is considered a member, but only official members are allowed to vote.

Our Annual Meeting will be held in February to discuss official business, elect deacons and new members, and hear reports given by treasurer, head usher, and other ministries of the church.

Remember, there is a potluck after morning message on January 30th and that there will be no service that evening.

December Donations

- Missions - \$2940.00
- General - \$9285.00
- 2B Free - \$300.00
- Building - \$700.00

"Hitherto hath the Lord helped us." 1 Samuel 7:12

"Put off concerning the former conversation the old man, which is corrupt according to the deceitful lusts. Be renewed in the spirit of your mind. Put on the new man, which after God is created in righteousness and true holiness." Ephesians 4:22-24

Another Year is Dawning

Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
In working or in waiting, another year with Thee;
Another year of progress, another year of praise,
Another year of proving Thy presence all the days.

Another year of mercies, of faithfulness and grace,
Another year of gladness in the shining of Thy face;
Another year of leaning upon Thy loving breast;
Another year of trusting, of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of service, of witness for Thy love,
Another year of training for holier work above;
Another year is dawning, dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in Heaven, another year for Thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal