

Grace & Truth Bible Church

Aurora, Minnesota

July, 2018

And when He had come out of the boat, immediately there met Him out of the tombs a man with an unclean spirit, who had his dwelling among the tombs; and no one could bind him, not even with chains. Mark 5:2-3

Set Free by Jesus Christ

How often have we heard some poor derelict of a man, overcome by sin and lost to all sense of decency, described as a **“good-for-nothing.”** But it is for such as him, as for all others, that Christ Jesus came into the world. To Him all men, while lost and ruined in themselves, are good for something, because of what His grace can do for them. George Whitefield used to say that **“Jesus will take the Devil’s castaways.”** Lady Huntington objected to this expression until one of Whitefield’s converts told her of his own redemption from the lowest strata of degraded society. Then she realized the glorious truth embodied in the homely language of the great field-preacher.

Surely, if any man were utterly good for nothing, it was the poor, demon-possessed wretch who had been dwelling among the foul caves of the dead! But he is only a picture of many men as God sees them under Satan’s power - “hateful and hating one another.” **Christ put a new value on men.** No matter how wicked and godless, nor how perverted their instincts, they are potential saints, for whom He gave Himself. He is able then, as **He is able now, to give complete deliverance and change them by His grace.**

H. A. Ironside

Go home to your friends, and tell them what great things the Lord has done for you, and how He has had compassion on you. Mark 5:19

New life in Christ!
Abundant and free!
What glories shine,
What joys are mine,
What wondrous blessings I see!
My past with its sin,
My searching and strife,
Forever gone
There’s a bright new dawn!
For in Christ I have found new life!

July Evening Services

July 1	Mission Presentation - Neil Kunnari
July 4 (Wednesday)	Picnic at Donn Kunnari's – No Service
July 8	Communion – Brackett Paine
July 15	Pastor Miller
July 22	Pastor Miller
July 29	Start of Camp

This week we celebrate our country's birthday. The Lord has indeed blessed us richly, and we thank Him for the freedoms we enjoy. Yet, we should be careful not to use our liberty “as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.” **And with camp beginning on July 29th**, there are many ways we can minister: praying, helping, giving, inviting children and youth, etc... Even those who can do little else can pray and encourage others who are able to do the heavy lifting. Let us work together in the bond of the Spirit for the glory of God!

Missionaries Neil & Rachelle Kunnari are with us today. They recently returned to the states with their son Micah after ministering in Tanzania. Neil will be preaching this morning and doing a mission presentation this evening.

Sign-up sheets are on the back counter for camp for those able to help and for those attending camp.

We will be having a baptismal service during Family Camp. If you have trusted Jesus as your Savior and would like to share your testimony, this will be a good time to declare your faith publicly. See Pastor Miller or one of the elders if you have any questions.

Camp Dates:

Junior Camp July 29-August 2 Pastor Howard Friesen, Pastor Nathan Lundgren, Laurel Miller

Family Camp August 3-5 Mark Shaw - Addictions Counselor, President – “Truth in Love Ministries”

Senior Camp August 5-10 Pastor Bart Goetz, Pastor Al Miller

Memory Verses for July

Romans 5:1-5

5:1 Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:

5:2 By whom also we have access by faith into this grace wherein we stand, and rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

5:3 And not only *so*, but we glory in tribulations also: knowing that tribulation worketh patience;

5:4 And patience, experience; and experience, hope:

5:5 And hope maketh not ashamed; because the love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.

No offering information available for June.