

Grace & Truth Bible Church

Virginia, Minnesota

July 2021

Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD

Psalms 33:12

Founding Hopes

The charter of Massachusetts, granted by Charles I, contains an expression of the hope that the settlers to whom it is granted “may win and incite the natives of the country to the knowledge and obedience of the only true God and Savior of mankind and the Christian faith, which is our royal intention, and the adventurer’s free profession, and the principal end of this plantation.” The first seal of Massachusetts represents an Indian giving utterance to the words, “Come over and help us.”

—W. Fraser Rae

Washington’s Prayer for Nation

“Almighty God: We make our earnest prayer that Thou wilt keep the United States in Thy holy protection; that Thou wilt incline the heads of the citizens to cultivate a spirit of subordination and obedience to government and entertain a brother-affection and love for one another and for their fellow-citizens of the United States at large.

“And finally, that Thou wilt most graciously be pleased to dispose us all to do justice, to love mercy, and to demean ourselves with that charity, humility, and pacific temper of mind which were the characteristics of the Divine Author of our blessed religion and with a humble imitation of whose example in these things we can ever hope to be a happy nation.

“Grant our supplication, we beseech Thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Liberty cannot be established without morality, nor morality without faith. Alexis de Tocqueville

Liberty is not the power of doing what we like, but the right to do what we ought. Lord Acton

And I will walk at liberty: for I seek thy precepts.

Psalm 119:45

July Evening Services

July 4 Barbecue/potluck picnic after morning service no evening service

July 11 Communion – Pastor Miller

July 18 Pastor DeMarte

July 25 Pastor DeMarte

August 1 Camp begins – no services at church until August 15

Welcome! Happy Independence Day! During this season of celebration and summer activities may we not forget the God who has given us these things freely to enjoy. And may we use every opportunity to declare to our friends and neighbors the true freedom that is found through our Lord Jesus Christ.

Sing to the LORD, all the earth; Proclaim the good news of His salvation from day to day. 1 Chronicles 16:23

Choir Practice for the Camp Concert are being held every Tuesday at 6:30 at the church. Anyone is welcome to join.

Congratulations to Brian and Amber Svoboda on the birth a daughter, Hattie-Mae Trinity born on June 23rd. Hattie-Mae weighed 6# 9 oz. **Pray for Amber** who is currently hospitalized.

Camp Dates

Junior Camp – August 1-5 Speakers: Pastor Brian DeMarte and Laurel Miller (a.m.), Pastor Howard Friesen (p.m.)

Family Camp – August 6-8 Speaker: Pastor Jim Steel

Teen Camp – August 8-13 Speakers: Pastor Al Miller (a.m.). Pastor Jaun Valdez (p.m.)

A baptism will be held on Saturday during family camp. A sign-up sheet will be placed in the lobby for those interested.

June Donations

- Missions - \$4773.04
- General - \$16361.92
- 2B Free - \$250.00
- Building - \$1400.00
- Valleys - \$435.00
- Gideons - \$200.00

"Proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" Leviticus 25:10 These words are inscribed on the United States' Liberty Bell.

Just as our soldiers are giving their lives to preserve our freedom, we should be just as willing to give ourselves to the cause of spreading the Gospel of Liberty to all men everywhere!

"If Jesus Christ be God and died for me," said the great British athlete C. T. Studd, "then no sacrifice can be too great for me to make for him." Isaac Watts' great hymn expresses the same sentiment: "Love so amazing, so divine, demands my heart, my life, my all."

Let us once more resolve to do just that: to give our effort, our time, our resources, our sons, and daughters to gospel ministry both here and abroad.