

Grace & Truth Bible Church

June 2022

A certain man had two sons. Luke 15:11

The Father's Love

The parable of the prodigal son is really the story of the unconditional love of the father for his wayward son and for his self-righteous son as well. The world knows little of this kind of love, a love that perseveres though the person loved is unworthy and unappreciative. It is a beautiful picture of God's unconditional love for mankind - *But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.* Romans 5:8.

The prodigal son had squandered the inheritance his father gave him in immoral and ungodly living. Yet, the father never ceased loving him, and when the son returned, we read, *When he was still a great way off, his father saw him and had compassion, and ran and fell on his neck and kissed him.* Luke 15:20. Nothing pleases our Father more than a sinner turning to Him for forgiveness. *There is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.* Luke 15:10

Sadly, the prodigal's brother had no such love for his brother. He castigated and embellished his brother's failure and refused to forgive him. In this story, he represents the attitude of the Pharisees toward the tax collectors and sinners Jesus loved and sought to save (Luke 15:1-2). Yet, the father loved this son, too and intreated him to put away his bitterness and to join the celebration of his brother's return.

In both cases, the father's love was not diminished by the actions and attitudes of his sons. What a beautiful picture of God's love for us despite our failures. It is God's love for us that should compel us to love our fellow believers. *Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.* 1 John 4:11.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? (Nothing) ...shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 8:35, 39

June Services

June 5	Communion – Donn Kunnari
June 12	Pastor DeMarte
June 19	Pastor DeMarte
June 26	Potluck after morning service

Greetings! It is great to have you all with us today, and hope all will be blessed as we worship the Lord in spirit and in truth. May we take what we learn to better serve the Lord and to minister to others!

Daily Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 13-17 from 9:30-1:30. Bible school is for ages 5 and up. We will have a class for teens this year as well. A program will be held at the conclusion of classes on Friday at 1:30. Pray for the teachers and helpers and that many will attend. Fliers are available.

Thank you to all who helped at the camp raking and picking up needles and leaves. Also, thanks to those who helped pouring the foundation for the new building. There will be plenty of opportunities to help as the building project continues. Donations are still being accepted to help defray the cost of the materials for the foundation.

You are invited to the bookstore. New items are available. There are many discernment booklets on various topics available for \$1.

Remember to pray for one another, especially for those suffering with physical needs.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints— Ephesians 6:18

May Donations

- Missions - \$3000.00
- General - \$11080.00
- Camp - \$5443.00
- 2B Free - \$440.00
- Pastor Juan Valdez - \$1140.00

June Verses - Jude 1:6-9

Vs. 6 And turning the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah into ashes, condemned *them* to destruction, making *them* an example to those who afterward would live ungodly.

Vs. 7 And delivered righteous Lot, *who was* oppressed by the filthy conduct of the wicked

Vs. 8 (for that righteous man, dwelling among them, tormented *his* righteous soul from day to day by seeing and hearing *their* lawless deeds)—

Vs. 9 Then the Lord knows how to deliver the godly out of temptations and to reserve the unjust under punishment for the day of judgment.