

Grace & Truth Bible Church
Aurora, Minnesota
March, 2017

But may the God of all grace, who called us to His eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after you have suffered a while, perfect, establish, strengthen, and settle you. 1 Peter 5:7

Grace & Glory

Grace and Glory are two of the most wonderful things to consider from Scripture. Both are from God and are undeserved, and both are based on the work of our Lord Jesus Christ. The **first** is concerned with what we received in the **past** and enjoy in the **present**. The **latter** has to do with our **future**. Note Romans 5:2: We stand in grace and “rejoice in hope of the glory of God”. Our present may include tears, sorrow, pain, and suffering, but the future is as bright as the promises of God (because in His presence is fullness of joy Psalm 16:11). The crown of thorns preceded the crown of glory, the cross before the crown, Calvary before the glorious resurrection (Hebrews 2:9, 12:2-3).

One of the great errors in Christianity today is that God exists to make us comfortable and happy. Even the Lord Jesus knew that was not true and warned His disciples that to follow Him meant giving up their own plans & desires, and “to take up their cross”. Death to self and discipline are an important part of our training. *For the commandment is a lamp, And the law a light; Reproofs of instruction are the way of life.* Proverbs 6:23. See 2 Timothy 3:16-17.

We should not view the Christian walk as a path strewn with rose pedals, soft music playing in the background, with only sunny days and smiling faces. I have found that God takes us through difficult territory where we are tested and tried. Much of His discipline is in little areas of resistance which must be subdued and conquered for us to be used in any meaningful way. God takes us out of our comfort zones so that we must trust only in Him. **By this, He is glorified, and we boast in Him alone!**

You will guide me with Your counsel, And afterward receive me to glory.
Psalm 73:24

March Evening Services

March 5	Communion
March 12	Brian DeMarte
March 19	Jeremy Powell
March 26	Pastor Miller

Note: A complete list of services & speakers is on the back page.

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Welcome! We pray that this time of praise, prayer and preaching will be a blessing to you. Pastor Dan & Connie will be gone for an extended trip to Texas for a few weeks. They will appreciate your prayers for them while they visit friends and family. Please pray and support those speaking in Pastor's absence.

The Cornerstone choir will be with us in May. Please pray about hosting some of the students during their time here. We will need to house and feed 23 students and staff on May 13th and 14th.

Sign up on the back counter if you are willing and able to help clean the church for the coming year beginning in April.

Please pray for the family of Terri Benoit who went home to glory on Friday, February 24th.

February Offerings

- **General** - \$4908.10
- **Missionary** - \$3134.00
- **2B Free** - \$100.00
- **DeMartes** - \$750.00
- **LBC Missions** - \$125.00
- **Kids Sunday School** - \$29.00

Am I a Soldier of the Cross "Must I be carried to the skies on flowery beds of ease while others sought to win the prize and sailed through bloody seas. No, I must fight if I would reign; increase my courage Lord. I'll bear the toil; endure the pain, supported by Thy Word."

Speakers for Pastor Miller's Vacation

March 1, Wednesday – DVD: “Your Origins Matter” Dr. Jason Lisle

March 5, Sunday a.m. - Brackett Paine

March 5, Sunday p.m. – Communion: Erik Lacksonen

March 8, Wednesday – DVD: “Patterns of Evidence – Exodus” Pt 1

March 12, Sunday a.m. – Butch Kunnari

March 12, Sunday p.m. – Brian DeMarte

March 15, Wednesday - DVD: “Patterns of Evidence –Exodus” Pt 2

March 19, – Sunday a.m. – Scott Ortler

March 19, – Sunday p.m. – Jeremy Powell