

# Grace & Truth Bible Church

Virginia, Minnesota

March 2019

*My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.* 1 John 3:18

## ***Love in Action***

If the law of Christ (and therefore Christianity) is love then love must be important. To learn to love the way Christ loved is therefore the key understanding the Christian life. Ephesians 3:16-19 This is Paul's prayer for the Ephesians (note that after this he gives the promise of the power of God in their lives in vs. 20-21).

\*Love is more important than obedience because love produces obedience John 14:15, 23-24, 15:10, 2John 1:6 And *this is love, that we walk after his commandments*. In this Jesus is our example as well: John 14:31. \*Love is more important than knowledge for love is humble, rejoices in truth, and seeks to edify while knowledge can lead to selfish pride (1 Corinthians 13:4-8, 8:1).

\*Love is more important than gifts and works 1 Corinthians 13:1-3, 8 for they are worthless without love.

\*Love is greater than faith & hope for it will last forever. 1 Corinthians 13:13

Love is more than affection or sentiment, to be effective, love must be demonstrated. Jesus is our example: *By this we know love, because He laid down His life for us. And we also ought to lay down our lives for the brethren* (1 John 3:16).

A man was trying to get financial help for a widow who was in dire need, but his efforts were meeting with very little success. The concerned man, refusing to give up, had high hopes as he approached a wealthy acquaintance, but he too refused to offer help. In declining the request, the rich man said, "I do want you to know, however, that I really feel sorry for that poor woman." The man responded, "I'm sure you do. But I'm afraid you don't feel it in the right place." "Oh, yes, I do," the man replied, "I feel it very deeply in my heart." The other responded, "That's the problem. You feel it in the wrong place. I just wish those feelings were also in your pocket."

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## March Services

March 3 AM	Missionary Phil DeMarte
March 3 PM	Communion – Donn Kunnari
March 6 Wednesday	Evan Johnson
March 10 AM & PM	Pastor DeMarte
March 13 Wednesday	Brackett Paine
March 17 AM	Daniel Trygstad
March 17 PM	DVD “Tortured for Christ”
March 20 Wednesday	Lyn Nelson
March 24 Am & PM	Pastor Miller
March 31	Fellowship Dinner following morning service

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**Thanks so much** to all who helped out with the Bible conference with Pastor Steel. It was a great blessing, and the special music and good food really added to the enjoyment! Connie and I will be down in Texas the next few weeks. Thank you to all who will be filling in!

**We want to welcome** Brian DeMarte who was voted in as Associate Pastor at the annual meeting. Jackie Campbell was also voted in as an official member. Another item of business was to accept the bid for the heating system from Iron Range Plumbing & Heating.

**Anyone interested in learning more about an evangelistic outreach to pregnant women** (and encourage them keep their babies rather than abort them) is invited to hear a presentation by Wanda Lerol on March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 10:30 AM at the church. We are considering the option of working with an existing center or starting our own.

**Keep Dave & Sue Tibbetts in prayer** as they battle health problems. Also, pray for Cheryl Reindahl who is at the Chris Jensen nursing facility.

**The First Baptist Church in Hibbing** is holding a women's retreat April 5-6. More information can be found in the foyer.

### **February Offerings**

- General - \$
- Missionary - \$
- 2B Free - \$

### **Memory Verses for March**

Review verses from Romans Chapters 1-8.