**Grace & Truth Bible Church**

**Aurora, Minnesota**

**November 2018**

**Giving Thanks**

*Oh, give thanks to the LORD, for He is good!*

1 Chronicles 16:34

**To Whom?** *“to the Lord”* used 17 times in the Scriptures.

**For What?**

1. His goodness & mercy – His grace to those who are not good! Psalm 100:5
2. His righteous judgments Psalm 119:62
3. His Name Hebrews 13:15
4. Our food *…received with thanksgiving* 1 Timothy 4:4
5. Everything 1 Thessalonians 5:18

**Where?**

1. In the great assembly – with believers Psalm 35:18
2. Among the Gentiles – a witness to the lost Psalm 18:49
3. Alone - *Daniel gave thanks before his God* Daniel 6:10

**When?**

1. At all times - *I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.* Psalm 34:1
2. Always - *Giving thanks always…* Ephesians 5:20

**How?**

1. With instruments of music - … *with a harp to give thanks and to praise the LORD.* 1 Chron. 25:3 *…with instruments of music David had made* 2 Chron. 7:6
2. With singing - *It is good to give thanks to the Lord, and to sing praises to Your name, O Most High.* Psalm 92:1
3. With our voice - *I went with them to the house of God, With the voice of joy and praise…* Psalm 42:4
4. With our heart - *Singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord, giving thanks always…* Eph. 5:20

*It is good to give thanks to the LORD…* Psalm 92:1

**November Evening Services**

**November 4**  Communion – Erik Laaksonen **November 11** Pastor Miller

**November 18**  Mission Presentation

**November 21** Thanksgiving Service& Pie Night at new church

**November 25** Pot Luck – no evening service

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**Greetings!** It is November, the month we celebrate Thanksgiving. We have so much to thank our Lord for this year, especially considering He provided us with a new church building in Virginia. “Lord, thank you for this gracious provision, and help us to use it effectively and for your glory as good stewards of the grace of God. Amen.”

**The closing on the new building in Virginia is scheduled for Wednesday.** In the next few weeks we will be packing up and moving our equipment, furniture and supplies from Aurora to our new location. **The goal is to have the first service at the Virginia church on November 21st at 6 p.m.** This is our annual Thanksgiving service and “pie night”. This will be a great opportunity to bring a visitor. We also need people willing to share something about Thanksgiving, in a Scripture, a thought, a poem, or with special music.

**Choir practice will begin soon.** You are all welcome to participate but note that choir members must be committed to attend all practices if possible. This is only fair to the leaders and other members of the choir.

**We are planning a Thanksgiving Dinner** for anyone who wants to attend on Thanksgiving Day at 1:30 at the new church. There will be a signup on the back counter. We will also welcome anyone who would like to help with this outreach.

**Pray for the elections Tuesday** and be sure to vote for those who stand for righteousness, especially for the rights of the unborn. Pray also for our President and our other elected officials.

**October Offerings**

* General **-** $7919.00
* Missionary **-** $3330.00
* Children’s Missions - $30.12
* Laurentian Bible Church **-** $815.00
* 2B Free- $250.00

**Memory Verses for September from Romans 8**

(Romans 8:1) There is therefore now no condemnation to those who are in Christ Jesus, who do not walk according to the flesh, but according to the Spirit.

(Romans 8:2) For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin and death.

(Romans 8:3) For what the law could not do in that it was weak through the flesh, God did by sending His own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, on account of sin: He condemned sin in the flesh,

(Romans 8:4) that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us who do not walk according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.