

Grace & Truth Bible Church

Virginia, Minnesota
November 2020

Be Ready!

But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you with meekness and fear. 1 Peter 3:15

No matter the outcome of the election on November 3rd, we need to prepare our hearts to share the reason of our hope for the future, not based on a political candidate or party, but upon the promises of God. God is sovereign; He raises up rulers according to His will. We can rest in the Lord for He is in control. *Do not fret—it only causes harm. Psalm 37:8*

The future for believers in America may include suffering. Apart from a revival, America will continue to depart from its Christian heritage and believers who do not conform will be punished. *But even if you should suffer for righteousness' sake, you are blessed. 1 Peter 3:14.* Suffering righteously gives us the opportunity to share the gospel and to reap heavenly rewards. *Rejoice... for great is your reward in heaven Matthew 5:12.*

What does it mean to *be ready*?

Ready means the Lord must have first place in our hearts. We need to abide in fellowship and to walk in obedience through the power of the Spirit.

Ready means knowing how to defend our faith. We need to know what we believe and why we believe it - to know how to give a clear gospel and have Scripture to back it up.

Ready means an attitude of meekness and fear. We need to witness with humility toward men and with reverence for God.

Let us purpose in our hearts and prepare our minds to stand and to speak for Christ in these last days as we wait patiently for His return.

So, as much as is in me, I am ready to preach the gospel...

Romans 1:15

November Services

November 1	No evening service
November 8	Communion – Jon Novak
November 15	Pastor DeMarte
November 22	Pastor DeMarte
November 25	Thanksgiving Service & Pie Night
November 29	Potluck after morning service

Greeting! Welcome to all and especially to our visitors! The chaotic year of 2020 continues with the increase in covid cases, a contentious election and threats of riots after the election. We, indeed, live on a shaky platform from a human perspective. Yet Jesus promises us peace (John 14:27). Christ is our rock. I may tremble on the Rock, but the Rock never trembles under me! *Let not your heart be troubled* (John 14:1).

Pray fervently for our country and the election. This election will determine the future of our country. I encourage you to vote considering the platforms of the candidates (not their personalities). Some of the things to consider – their position on the life of unborn children, their stand on Israel, their view on freedom of religion and free speech, the Constitution, gun control, family and morality. It is important to vote and encourage others to vote for those who stand for principles of righteousness.

Our annual Thanksgiving service and pie night is scheduled for November 25th at 6 PM. Everyone is invited to come! You are also invited to share a testimony, a verse, a thought, a poem, a song, or a musical presentation to celebrate all the blessings we receive from the hand of God. Ladies are asked to bring pies to enjoy after the service. This is a great time to invite a friend to come and join us in praise to our Lord for His grace and goodness.

Plans for the Christmas program are uncertain at this time. The increase in covid cases may limit our ability to hold choir and play practices. So, it may be necessary to scale back plans and have a program without a choir or a play.

October Offerings

Missions - \$2471.00

General - \$10,193.00

Travis & Angela Valley - \$354.00

Haiti Bibles - \$522.00

Memory Verses for November from Revelation 2-3

Week 1 – 2:4 *Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love.*

Week 2 – 2:10 *Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.*

Week 3 – 2:25 *But hold fast what you have till I come.*

Week 4 – 3:10 *Because you have kept My command to persevere, I also will keep you from the hour of trial which shall come upon the whole world, to test those who dwell on the earth.*

Week 5 – 3:15-16 *"I know your works, that you are neither cold nor hot. I could wish you were cold or hot. So then, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I will vomit you out of My mouth.*