

Grace & Truth Bible Church

Virginia, Minnesota

October 2020

The righteous should choose his friends carefully, For the way of the wicked leads them astray. Proverbs 12:26

Companions – Good & Evil

Show me a man's companions, and I'll show you his character. One of the most accurate spiritual barometers of someone's life is the people he chooses to keep company with. At the very least we know this is true when it comes to our children.

We as parents all have concern when it comes to the company that our children choose. We know the reality of the Scripture in 1 Corinthians 15:33: "evil company corrupts good morals." We have either seen it in our own children, or in the children of our friends and neighbors. It is so easy to spot the negative influence of other people. Their behavior smacks of adolescent immaturity.

Unfortunately, the negative influence that is so easily detectable in children, sometimes is harder to discern in adulthood. I have found that many times as adults we make three major mistakes when it comes to relationships.

- o We give little thought to the power of relationships.
- o We have difficulty in recognizing negative relationships.
- o We do not know how to develop Godly relationships.

God's Word commands us to abandon unhealthy relationships and activate Godly relationships. Whenever God wants to bless you, he will send someone into your life as that vehicle of blessing. In the same fashion whenever Satan wants to destroy your life, he will send someone into your life to be that vehicle of destruction. The people around you either increase you or decrease you. –Mike Fehlauer

He who walks with wise men will be wise, But the companion of fools will be destroyed. Proverbs 13:20

October Evening Services

October 4	Communion – Daniel Trygstad
October 11	Pastor DeMarte
October 18	Pastor DeMarte
October 25	Potluck after morning service – no evening service

Greetings! Fall colors remind us of God's faithfulness and love. Let us not forget that He is in control of all things, including the upcoming election. Pray fervently and exercise your constitutional right to vote but then leave the results with Him! Pray also for our president for his health and especially for his salvation.

Special music practice tonight after the communion service. If we have good turnout, we can break into smaller groups. Please come out and participate!

Bibles for Haiti – There is a box in the back to collect money to buy Bibles in Creole for Haiti. Bibles International has produced an excellent translation and we would like to help Charis to provide them to the believers in Haiti.

Travis & Angela Valley will be with us to update their ministry with Rio Grande Bible College the evening of October 11th. Keep them in prayer as they travel and seek to raise support for this important work with Spanish speaking students.

We are thankful for our new sign & pray that it will be used to attract new people to our assembly. Pray too, that we would be faithful in proclaiming Christ in this area both corporately and individually.

There will be a Ladies Fall Luncheon at the church on October 31 at 11 AM. All ladies are to attend and bring a friend!

September Offerings

2B Free - \$100.00

Missions - \$2574.51

General - \$26,414.73*

Camp - \$2805.00

* Includes Approximately \$9000 from the sale of the building and \$7000 from reimbursement for the heating system.

Memory Verses for October from Revelation 1

Week 1 – vs. 3 *Blessed is he who reads and those who hear the words of this prophecy and keep those things which are written in it; for the time is near.*

Week 2 – vs. 5 *and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood.*

Week 3 – vs. 18 *I am He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.*

Week 4 – vs. 19 *Write the things which you have seen, and the things which are, and the things which will take place after this.*