**Grace & Truth Bible Church**

**Aurora, Minnesota**

**September, 2018**

**Victory in Christ**

*For sin shall not have dominion over you….* Romans 6:14

It is not sufficient merely to *apprehend,* however clearly, our standing in Christ; we must see to it that the doctrine issues in a *holy life.* Nothing is more hurtful than to hold a truth intellectually, without giving it expression in character. Many who fight for the minute points of doctrinal accuracy are careless of the great demands of Christ for a life of godlike love. Therefore, after the Apostle’s massive statements of doctrine, he now turns to discuss the way of a holy life. The work of Christ *for us* must lead to His work *in us* and deliverance from the power of sin.

Standing with Christ on the resurrection side of death, we must present our whole being to God for His use. We have left forever behind, nailed to the Cross, the body of sin, Colossians 2:14, and henceforth must see to it that every faculty shall become a weapon in God’s great warfare against evil. Let your powers be monopolized by God, so that there shall be no room left for the devil, Ephesians 4:27.

All serve some higher power, but which? Our real owner and master, whatever we may say to the contrary, is indicated by our life. We belong to the one whom, in a crisis, we obey. Service to sin leads to uncleanness, iniquity, and death. Service to God leads to righteousness, and that to sanctification, and that to eternal life. Run your life into the mold of holy precept, as the obedient metal into the sand-cast, Romans 6:17, R.V. We have our reward in the present consciousness of the life which is life indeed. F. B. Meyer

*For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free…*

Romans 8:2

**September Evening Services**

**September 2** Potluck Picnic – no evening service

**September 9**  Concert at Washington Manor 6 p.m.

**September 16** Communion – Lyn Nelson

**September 23** Daniel Trygstad a.m. Pastor DeMarte p.m.

**September 30** Potluck – no evening service

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**Welcome to September!** We have had a great summer of activities and ministry and look forward to what God has in store for the coming months. There are some major decisions to be made, and for that we need divine guidance. My prayer is that, as a congregation, we’d be unified in love and purpose as we serve together for God’s glory. Satan would love to divide by self-will, self-seeking and conflict to diminish our effectiveness. May we *endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace*.

**The evening of the 9th, we will be performing the “Victory in Jesus” concert at Washington Manor at 6 p.m.** Pray that it would be effective in reaching the folks that live there. Also, it is a great time to bring a friend out to enjoy it with you. **Parents:** please find a place for your children to go during the concert to keep distractions to a minimum. Thank you!

**We want to give thanks to all who taught Sunday School this past year.** We also pray for those teaching during the coming year.

* Nursery: Joslynne Trygstad, Elana Zupetz
* Beginners: Rozanne Campbell, Kelly Hester
* Primary: Connie Miller, Kathy Ortler

**Teachers and helpers are needed for Release Time classes for the school year.** The classes will be on Wednesday again this year, beginning in October. The more that sign up, the better! Pray about how you can be used in this challenging but important ministry.

**Congratulations to Evan & Kelsey Johnson on the birth of Annie Kristen Marie Johnson on 7/11/18.** Annie weighed 6# 4 oz. and was 19” long.

**August Offerings**

* General **-** $7262.00
* Missionary **-** $4011.00
* Laurentian Bible Church **-** $730.00
* 2B Free- $200.00
* Camp total income - $16,729.00

**Memory Verses for September from Romans 6:**

Vs. 11 Likewise you also, reckon yourselves to be dead indeed to sin, but alive to God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Vs. 12 Therefore do not let sin reign in your mortal body, that you should obey it in its lusts.

Vs. 13 And do not present your members *as* instruments of unrighteousness to sin, but present yourselves to God as being alive from the dead, and your members *as* instruments of righteousness to God.

Vs. 14 For sin shall not have dominion over you, for you are not under law but under grace.