

GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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Sunday February 28th, 2021

Sunday School	10:00 AM
Morning Worship Service	11:00 AM
Mid-Week Bible Study	Wednesday 6:00 PM

Order of Service

Hymn #93 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing♪

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Hymn#299 Amazing Grace♪

Hymn #511 Victory in Jesus

Message: The Spiritual War We Face: Pastor Don Hosfeld

Closing Prayer

Memory Verse

“This charge I commit unto thee, son Timothy, according to the prophecies which went before on thee, that thou by them mightest war a good warfare; holding faith and a good conscience, which some having put away concerning faith have made shipwreck (I Tim. 1:18-19).

Communion is held the 1st Sunday of the month.

Board Meetings are held the last Sunday of each month

Welcome to Grace Bible Fellowship this morning. We are so glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. If you are a first-time visitor, please sign our guest book in the entryway and take a gift bag home with you.

Remember the Women's Online Bible Study every Monday evening at 7:00 p.m. See Valerie Hosfeld for details.

Next Sunday we will celebrate communion. You do not have to be a member of this church to partake with us.

- **Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.** Bible study here at the church with Pastor Hosfeld. We are studying in the book of Genesis. Come prepared to learn from this foundational book in the Old Testament. .
- **Continue to pray for those on our prayer list;** Pastor Bedore, Pastor Hosfeld and Valerie, Pastor Myers, Judy Piper, Howard and Virginia Tiffany, Lou Ann Spaanem, Joy Czapski. Keep Mike Williams in prayer as he continues to heal from the surgery on his foot. Continue to pray for Matt Piper, Judy's son.

“Bless them that persecute you: bless, and curse not. Rejoice with them that do rejoice and weep with them that weep. Be of the same mind toward another. Mind not high things, but condescend to men of low estate. Be not wise in your own conceits. Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men” (Rom. 12:14-18).

INTERESTING BIBLE FACTS

“Scholasticism”

The Vulgate, a Latin translation of the Bible, was commonly used in the Middle Ages. The priests and monks who wrote commentaries and other religious books wrote them in Latin for each other during this period, not for the common people at large. Over time, they developed a system of Bible interpretation and theological study based on the logic and metaphysics taught by Aristotle, Plato and the writings of the early church fathers. They believed that the true meaning of the Bible was to be found in some deeper spiritual meaning than that of a literal interpretation. In other words, they rejected the idea of taking the Scriptures at face value and they approached the Bible as if it were an allegorical book of symbols with each passage having multiple layers of meaning that were waiting to be discovered by those who were properly schooled and clever enough to uncover them. The different writers seem to have been in competition with each other in discovering unique interpretations of the Bible. This “out of touch” with Biblical truth religious movement and its open-ended theological system became known as Scholasticism (not to be confused with scholastics and scholarship) and was prominent from the 10th to the 15th century. One of their leaders is said to have claimed that each passage of the Bible could be interpreted seven different ways. Another said that “the sense of God’s Word is infinitely varied.” It is no mystery why true Bible scholars like John Wycliffe, John Huss, Martin Luther, William Tyndale, and other faithful servants of the Lord worked so hard and sacrificed so much to translate the Bible into the common languages of the people so that they could read and study it for themselves without depending on the self-styled religious “experts” of Scholasticism.

Sadly, we are living in an era in which the vast majority do not appreciate having a Bible in their own language and neglect it and the precious truths found in it. At the same time, there is a growing band of self-styled apostles and prophets and influential Bible teachers that are propagating teachings that they have gleaned from Scripture in much the same way of the mystic Scholastics of old time. Let us stand firm on God’s Word in the *“present evil world”* (Gal. 1:4) that we are living in.