

# GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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**Sunday April 18th, 2021**

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

## Order of Service

Hymn #82 Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing.♪

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Hymn#313 At Calvary.♪

Hymn #319 Wonderful Grace of Jesus.♪

Message: Take Heed and Watch II: Charismatics

Pastor Don Hosfeld

Closing Prayer

## Memory Verse

“Therefore watch, and remember, that by the space of three years I ceased not to warn every one night and day with tears” (Acts 20:31).

Communion is held the 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

**Today we will take two offerings.** The basket will be for the Benevolence Fund and the plate for the General Fund. Thank you for your giving.

- **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, and Joy Czapski. Continue to pray for Matt Piper, Judy's son. If you know of anyone who you would like prayer for, please let the pastor know so we can put it in the bulletin. Pray for our missionaries as a lot of them are experiencing hard times in the countries that they are ministering in due to COVID.

**“What shall we say then? Shall we continue in sin, that grace may abound? God forbid. How shall we, that are dead to sin, live any longer therein? Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into His death? Therefore we are buried with Him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of His death, we shall be also in the likeness of His resurrection: knowing this, that our old man is crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin”**  
(Rom. 6:1-6).

## **BIBLE WORDS**

### **NECROMANCY**

Necromancy, which is also referred to as Spiritism or Spiritualism, is the occultic belief that the spirits of those that have died are able to interact and communicate with the living. People try to contact them through séances, Ouija boards, divination, channeling, and other means. There are various other reasons, but most often the attempt to communicate with the dead is to obtain information about the future or receive power and/or spiritual enlightenment. It is closely associated with witchcraft and sorcery.

Can the spirits of those who have died communicate with those still living? The answer is no, they cannot and we are not to try to contact them. There are several Scripture references regarding the prohibition of necromancy. Trying to prove the existence of ghosts (the spirits of the dead) and confirm their presence in certain “haunted” places is not exactly the same as spiritism, but it is closely related. Those referred to as having a “*familiar spirit*” in the Bible were mediums and spiritists who practiced necromancy. The spirit beings that these do call up to converse with humans and work what appear to be miracles are demons and not the spirits of departed humans. Divination was commonly used in these mediums.

God’s people are not to take part in any form of necromancy or related pagan practices such as soothsaying, interpreting omens, sorcery, fortune telling, astrology, and witchcraft. All such practices are condemned in Scripture.

Following are some of the Bible passages dealing with this forbidden pagan practice: Ex. 22:18; Leviticus 19:26, 31; 20:6; Deuteronomy 18:9-14; II Kings 21:2, 6; I Chronicles 10:13-14; Isaiah 8:19-22; 19:3; Acts 16:16-18; I Timothy 4:1;