

# GRACE BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

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**Sunday July 18th, 2021**

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<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 #453 It is Well🎵

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Offering

Hymn#299 Amazing Grace🎵

Hymn #313 At Cavalry🎵

Message: I Timothy 1:18-20: Onward Christian Soldiers

Pastor Don Hosfeld

Closing Prayer

## Memory Verse

“Thou, therefore, endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ. No man that warreth entangleth himself with the affairs of this life; that he may please him who hath chosen him to be a soldier” (II Tim. 2:3-4).

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.

**We will be taking two offerings this morning.** The plate is for the General Fund and the basket for the Benevolence Fund.

- **Wednesday, 6:00 p.m.** Bible study here at the church with Pastor Hosfeld. We are finishing up the Book of Genesis.

**Sharon Williams' sister, Karen,** has had a stroke. Please keep Sharon and her family in prayer.

- **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, and Matt Piper. Pray for Mike Williams's daughter-in-law, Terry, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Pray for Rick and Joy's sister-in-law as she needs surgery and there is a possible return of cancer. Also, keep each other in prayer as this is one way to share each other's burdens.

**“But as it is written, ‘Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him. But God hath revealed them unto us by his Spirit: for the Spirit searcheth all things, yea, the deep things of God’”** (I Cor. 2:9-10).

# 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 seances, 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;