

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
October 26, 2014 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 12:9-13 (on opposite page)

Scripture	Psalm 44
Prayer	
Hymns 54-56	
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 151	“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”
Message	Titus 3:1-8 John Hoegg
Hymn 344	“Grace Greater than Our Sin”
Benediction	

THE MINISTRY OF MISSION

For the glory of God, Bible Fellowship Center is committed to spreading the Good News of salvation, equipping the believers, that they might become more Christ-like, worship God and enjoy Him forever.

WESTMINSTER CATECHISM

Question 31: What is effectual calling?
Answer: Effectual calling is the work of the Holy Spirit, whereby, convincing us of our sin and misery, enlightening our minds in the knowledge of Christ. Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:9; 2 Thessalonians 2:13.

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up
Adult Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm- Ernie Beck
Precept study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Wendy Baldwin
Wednesday Bible study at 9:30am with Jim O'Rourke
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am - Margaret Was
No Prayer and fellowship Thursday at 9:30am see Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!
Sunday messages are available on CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz
Bible Conference with Dr. Gary Cohen November 9-12

Romans 12:9-13: ⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor what is evil. Cling to what is good. ¹⁰Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another; ¹¹not lagging in diligence, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord; ¹²rejoicing in hope, patient in tribulation, continuing steadfastly in prayer; ¹³distributing to the needs of the saints, given to hospitality.

Paul continues his appeal to a deeper spiritual life in these verses on love. It is a tragic thing that the greatest grace of the Christian life is sometimes made a cloak for hypocrisy. No wonder Paul admonishes against it. The remainder of chapter 12 explains how love should manifest itself.

In verse 9, the word “cling” in the Greek means “to be glued.” Glue yourself fast to the good thing is the thought. In verse 10, the words “brotherly love” might better be rendered “brother love” for it refers to the love that ought to exist between Christian brothers.

Paul in verse 11 touches on the fact that the church body should not be lazy in regard to zeal. We are to be “fervent in spirit” which actually in Greek indicates something that is about ready to boil over. The Lord wants the church to boil over with enthusiasm under the control of the Holy Spirit. “Serving the Lord” points everything in Christian conduct toward this focal point.

In verse 12, we are told to be positive by rejoicing in hope. We are also to be patient in tribulation, and bathing our Christian life in prayer. Verse 13 identifies love within the church through distributing to the necessities of the saints.