

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
April 26, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Piano Joanne Lorenzo
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 15:30-33 (on opposite page) Paul's Prayer Request

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 27
Hymn 343 "Amazing Grace"
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 347 "And Can It Be?"
Message Faith and Works – A Relationship
James 2:14-26 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 345 "What a Wonderful Savior" 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 58: What does the fourth commandment require?

Answer: The fourth commandment—remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy—requires us to set apart to God the times He has established in His word—specifically one whole day out of every seven as a holy Sabbath to Him.

Scripture: Deuteronomy 5:12-14

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Youth Group Monday 6:30-8pm. Ages 8 and up
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
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

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

****Bible Conference with Dr. Gary Cohen May 3-6****

Now I beg you, brethren, through the Lord Jesus Christ, and through the love of the Spirit, that you strive together with me in prayers to God for me, that I may be delivered from those in Judea who do not believe, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, that I may come to you with joy by the will of God, and may be refreshed together with you. Now the God of peace be with you all, Amen.

The world does not take account of a prayer ministry and yet there is nothing greater. The church needs prayer warriors who dedicate hours each day to praying for the people and the ministry of the local church, and then for the missionaries who labor on the field on behalf of the congregation.

Paul mentions three things that he wants them to pray about. He is very specific in these requests.

First, he asks them to pray that he is delivered from those that do not believe. He is going to Jerusalem where the unbelieving Jews tried to kill him. His delivery would be at the hands of the Romans later on in Caesarea.

Second Paul asks that they would pray that his ministry might be acceptable. Paul had some of the Jewish Christians who opposed his ministry. Instead of ignoring them, Paul humbly prays that they will come to accept his message and ministry.

Third, Paul asks for prayer that he would be able to come to the Roman believers with joy. Paul would be welcomed by the Romans, but as a prisoner. There greeting did encourage him and for two whole years he was permitted to dwell in his own hired house, and preach the gospel to all who came to him. This request was answered in a powerful way!

Paul wanted to refresh the people at Rome, but in verse 32 note that he wanted to do that "by the will of God." It was his desire always to minister according to the will of God. May each of us minister in such a way that is always marked by sacrifice, power, purpose, and especially prayer.