

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
May 17, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Piano Joanne Lorenzo
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 16:3-4 (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer		Psalm 39
Duet	“How Majestic Is Thy Name”	
Hymn 705	“It Is Well with My Soul”	
Pastoral Prayer		
Hymn 325	“Why Should He Love Me So?”	
Message	That Troublemaker That We Cannot Control	
	James 3:1-12	Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 571	“Trust and Obey”	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 61: What does the fourth commandment forbid?

Answer: The fourth commandment forbids failing to do or carelessly doing what we are supposed to do. It also forbids treating the day as unholy by being lazy, or doing anything sinful.

Scripture: Ezekiel 22:26; Malachi 1:13

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
Men's breakfast Saturday May 30th at 10am

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

“Greet Priscilla and Aquila, my fellow workers in Christ Jesus, who risked their own necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles.”

Paul singles out Priscilla and Aquila as having done something for his ministry. They were Jews, apparently a man and his wife, who made it their business to go to different places and help Paul with his work. They had first been a t Rome, and then went to Ephesus when Jews were driven out of Rome. They could go to a mission field, and stand by an evangelist and provide for his need. Note that the wife is named first which many believe indicates that she was the leader among the couple—even in Acts 18 where Priscilla and Aquila took Apollos aside and taught him “the way of God more perfectly.”

Paul also greets the church that meets in their house in Rome. All of the early churches were house churches, and we find that today in countries where Christianity is oppressed.

There is a beautiful story that comes down from Justin Martyr who was killed by the Roman government in the third century. When he was on trial before the Roman prefect, he was asked: We do not, as you suppose, meet in one place: for our God, the God of the Christians, fills heaven and earth and therefore He is present anywhere. That backs up what we find here in Romans 16:3-4.

Now here we are coming to another Sunday with our air-conditioned building. Many are the excuses as to why one would not be able to go to Sunday morning worship service, yet Justin Martyr risked and later lost his life for meeting in a home on Sunday. Priscilla and Aquila donated their home and even trained pastors. They rise up and question our priorities. Remember, we were created to glorify God and enjoy Him forever, not when we absolutely had nothing else to do. Let's put God first.