

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER
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THE LORD'S DAY
June 14, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Wendy Baldwin
Piano Joanne Lorenzo
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Romans 16:17-20 (below and opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer		Psalm 24
Hymn 548	“As the Deer”	
Pastoral Prayer		
Hymn 554	“Give Me Jesus”	
Message	James 4:7-10	Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 340	“Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus”	
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.

¹⁷ Now I urge you, brethren, note those who cause divisions and offenses, contrary to the doctrine which you learned, and avoid them. ¹⁸ For those who are such do not serve our Lord Jesus Christ, but their own belly, and by smooth words and flattering speech deceive the hearts of the simple. ¹⁹ For your obedience has become known to all. Therefore I am glad on your behalf; but I want you to be wise in what is good, and simple concerning evil. ²⁰ And the God of peace will crush Satan under your feet shortly. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ *be* with you. Amen.

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
No 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

“A Warning”

When you meet people who cause divisions and who become stumbling blocks (division is arguments over doctrine; stumbling blocks are offenses to you personally), Paul says to not argue with them. Instead, mark them and avoid them. Paul goes on to say that the Christian is never to surrender, even for the sake of unity, to any man or woman who brings some teaching contrary to the doctrine of Christ. Paul is for unity and urges people not to split over trivialities. Unfortunately, most divisions among Christians are over leadership personality rather than doctrine.

According to verse 18, these divisive people think of nothing but themselves. It is all selfish. Christianity is filled today with teachers who speak of Christ and the resurrection, yet they do not mean what the Bible means.

The church at Rome did not have any false teachers, so some have wondered why Paul mentions this as he finishes the letter. The reason is given in the 19th verse. All over the Roman Empire, people had heard of this wonderful church—how willing the Christians were to work, how easily led by any man who wanted to teach them. Paul knew that it would not be long before false teachers would converge on this church.

Verse 20 has reference to the first prophecy in the Bible of the coming of the Messiah (Genesis 3:15). The God of peace is in contrast to these false teachers, who always stir up strife. The promise that Satan will be crushed “shortly” does not refer to an event that would be in the next few years, but rather that when God does crush Satan, it will not take a long period of time to complete. God’s timetable is exact—even in future events. Be vigilant.