

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

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**THE LORD’S DAY**

December 20, 2015 8:30 & 10:15 AM

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

**MEDITATION**

Jonah 3:2 (on opposite page)

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 29

Hymn 815, 271 “Doxology” “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”

Pastoral Prayer Pastor Cal VanderMey

Choir Anthem “Come, Thou Almighty King”

Carol 262 “Away in a Manger”

Message FAITH HAS A COST

Dr. Brian Albrecht

Carol 273 vs 2, 3 “Good Christian Men, Rejoice” 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.

**THIS WEEK’S EVENTS**

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

Sweet Hour of Prayer Monday at 7pm here at the church

No Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm till Jan. 5<sup>th</sup> - Ernie Beck

No Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm – begins January 19<sup>th</sup>

Men’s Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am – Jim O’Rourke

No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. - Margaret Was – begins January 7<sup>th</sup>

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\*

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

\*\*Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz\*\*

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol Service at 6pm

Looking at Jonah 3:2, what spiritual truth is suggested by the words: “Arise, go.”

These are the exact same words that God used when he first commissioned Jonah.

In those words, Jonah is given a second chance not only at life, but for ministry. We find here one of the many times when God gives a second chance to one who has failed miserably. Let’s make sure we do that for our loved ones!

What different attitudes of heart do you think are involved in genuine repentance?

Jonah 3:8 gives a textbook look at the subject of repentance. The king of that area told the people and animals to “cry mightily to God.” For repentance to be genuine there must first be an unstoppable sorrow of heart that just causes you to realize how far you are from God. When you cry out to God, you are asking Him to forgive your trespasses. The other word in Jonah 3:8 that is mentioned as a command by the king is “turn.” A lot of people feel sorry for what they have done, and then go back to doing it again. The king commanded the people to cry out for forgiveness, and then to change their behavior. Repentance in its truest sense carries the thought of turning in the opposite direction. Imagine we were in a church bus and I was driving (scary I know lol), and we were looking for the thruway entrance, but the snow was coming down so heavily I couldn’t see the entry point until it was right in front of us. Then, the snow cleared enough for me to see the sign: **WRONG WAY! DO NOT ENTER!** For the sake of the lives of all in the bus, I repented, and threw the bus in reverse. That is what the king senses as the one who bears the responsibility for the welfare and livelihood of the people. He tells them to turn from their wicked ways to seek the Lord. Never be afraid to turn a soul from the broad road that leads only to destruction!

Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday evening at 6pm!!!