

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

January 31, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 1:15-17 "Prayer for Spiritual Perception in Christ"

Doxology		
Scripture Reading and Prayer		Psalm 35
Hymn 372	"Our God Reigns"	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 347	"And Can It Be?"	
Message	Psalm 24	Dr. Brian Albrecht
Hymn 348	"My Savior's Love"	
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
Prayer Meeting and Bible study Tuesday at 6:30pm - Ernie Beck
Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am – Jim O'Rourke
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. – The book of "Joel" - Margaret Was
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

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

FEBRUARY LADIES LUNCHEON

FEBRUARY 13, 2016 12:00 – 2:00PM

Hostesses: Caroline & Christina Wojton

Devotional Speaker: Christina Wojton

I Corinthians 16:14 "Let all that you do be done in love" (NAS)

Special Music

Bring a dish to pass & paper goods for the kitchen pantry: plastic wrap, wax paper, and small and large plastic food storage bags.

Sign-up sheet is on the podium near the double doors at the front entrance

Ephesians 1:15-17

¹⁵ Therefore I also, after I heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all the saints, ¹⁶ do not cease to give thanks for you, making mention of you in my prayers: ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give to you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of Him,

Praise for their faith and praise for their love is followed in verses 15-16 with an assurance of Paul's prayers for the Ephesians. The love of the Ephesians did not last. Love for other believers is an evidence for saving faith. It is sad that in Revelation 2 the point made about the Ephesian church is that they left their first love. Their needs to be a balance of faith and love in our hearts and in the life of the church.

Paul continues in his prayer in verses 17-23 with several requests. May it be stated that Paul is writing from prison and yet the prayer requests do not refer to getting him out of prison or that his needs would be supplied in prison. Rather, the first request is that the believers in Ephesus might have the eyes of their understanding enlightened. They had the indwelling Holy Spirit, and that illumination was vital. Paul did not want them to search for that which they already possessed.

Involved in this prayer we see that Paul wanted each Christian to really know God (v. 17). The Exodus was a demonstration of the power of God to deliver His people from bondage. It was also a school experience in the nature of God for the Pharaoh, who told Moses from the outset: "I do not know the Lord." He knew the character of God as each plague would destroy one of the gods of Egypt. He knew that the Lord was sovereign when his own son died. And, he knew the power of the Lord by the time that all of his army was destroyed in the Red Sea.