

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

February 14, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements Ron Mock

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY

MEDITATION

Ephesians 2:1-10 "Portrait of our Changed Condition" (opposite page)

Doxology

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 37

Hymn 207

"We Have Come to Join in Worship"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 86, 87 vs1, 3, 4

Message

"AGAPE LOVE" John 13:1-20 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 727

"Faith is the Victory"

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

No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. – The book of "Jonah"- 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 20, 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

And you *He made alive*, who were dead in trespasses and sins, ²in which you once walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit who now works in the sons of disobedience ³among whom also we all once conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, just as the others.

⁴But God, who is rich in mercy, because of His great love with which He loved us, ⁵even when we were dead in trespasses, made us alive together with Christ (by grace you have been saved), ⁶and raised *us* up together, and made *us* sit together in the heavenly *places* in Christ Jesus, ⁷that in the ages to come He might show the exceeding riches of His grace in *His* kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. ⁸For by grace you have been saved through faith, and that not of yourselves; *it is* the gift of God, ⁹not of works, lest anyone should boast. ¹⁰For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand that we should walk in them.

The first chapter of Genesis resembles Ephesians 2 in this way: There was ruin, without form and void, second, there was the introduction of the presence of Divine power, and the Spirit of God moved, and third, there was the creation of life: And God saw everything He had made, and behold, it was very good.

The first ten verses of Ephesians 2 are a spiritual "rags to riches" scenario. In verses 2-3, we see that the prince of the power of the air wants to do evil things, and desires that we follow him. There is an indictment of our will in these verses, indicating that the bondage of our will is total—total depravity. When we realize that in ourselves we can do nothing to relieve our condition, we have the words: But God! in verses 4-5. Your life can be changed only by God. This is similar to Romans 5:8—that God commends His love toward us while we were still sinners—Christ died for us. This raises us up together and allows us to sit in heavenly places in Christ—verses 6-7. We are not destined to death but in Christ to life. And the reason for that is we are saved by grace, not by works as we have in verse 9. Then, verse 10 we are created to do good works, which flow from the salvation that we have been given. We are God's workmanship, which is in Greek *poiema*, from which we get our word "poem." A poem is something that takes work to make, and we are called by God to be poems in our lives.