

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

March 6, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 2:13-18 "Made near by the Blood of Christ" (opposite page)

Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 40
Hymns 339, 340, 341
Pastoral Prayer
Hymns 342 vs1, 343 "Rock of Ages" "Amazing Grace"
Communion followed by hymn 226
Message "God's Amazing Grace" John 13:18-30 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" 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 "Amos" - Margaret Was
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Ladies luncheon Saturday at 12 noon

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

¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For He Himself is our peace, who has made both one, and has broken down the middle wall of separation, ¹⁵ having abolished in His flesh the enmity, *that is*, the law of commandments *contained* in ordinances, so as to create in Himself one new man *from* the two, *thus* making peace, ¹⁶ and that He might reconcile them both to God in one body through the cross, thereby putting to death the enmity. ¹⁷ And He came and preached peace to you who were afar off and to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father.

Gentiles who have been far away from the covenantal grace of God are brought near by the blood of Christ. The middle wall has been broken down and we may all approach God.

In verse 14, we see that Christ Himself is the believer's source of peace. That middle wall of partition was the wall that partitioned off the Court of the Gentiles from those areas accessible only to Jews.

The enmity in verse 15 that is abolished is the Old Testament ceremonial laws, feasts, and sacrifices that had particularly separated Jews from Gentiles. Now all are brought together and Christ is the source of that reconciliation.

The preaching of peace in verse 17 is the announcement of Good News--salvation in Christ alone.

Then, we all have access by one Spirit to the Father. Note there is no worthiness for ourselves alone, it is all of the Spirit who gives us that access to Christ.