

## **BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

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### **THE LORD'S DAY**

March 13, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann  
Piano Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements Ron Mock

### **MEDITATION**

Ephesians 2:18-22 "Christ as the Cornerstone" (opposite page)

Doxology

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Hymn 347 vs 1, 2 chorus & 3, 4 chorus "And Can It Be?"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 188 thru 191

Message "How Does Father, Son, Holy Spirit Change Your Life?"

John 13:31-38 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 444

"I Love to Tell the Story"

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

Choir practice Thursday at 7pm

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

**Palm Sunday Memorials must be in today**

### **Thanks for joining us at the BFC this morning!**

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

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

<sup>18</sup> For through Him we both have access by one Spirit to the Father. <sup>19</sup> Now, therefore, you are no longer strangers and foreigners, but fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, <sup>20</sup> having been built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ Himself being the chief cornerstone, <sup>21</sup> in whom the whole building, being fitted together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord, <sup>22</sup> in whom you also are being built together for a dwelling place of God in the Spirit.

From verse 18 we see that through prayer all believers can enter the presence of the sovereign of the Universe, and can address Him as "Father." One great Trinitarian verse often overlooked is found right here in verse 18—Through Christ we have access by the Holy Spirit to God the Father—the Trinity not only involved in our salvation but in our daily needs that we express through prayer.

Christ is also our cornerstone as we see in verses 19-22. Ephesians focuses on the Church so it is to be expected that the thought of the Church as a building would be found in Ephesians. The apostles and prophets are the foundation; Christ is the Chief Cornerstone; it is in Christ that all the building fits together; then grows as a holy temple in the Lord; and finally it is in Christ that all the Church becomes a habitation of God through the Holy Spirit. This is so exciting to focus on today! Are you smiling?

The foundation that is laid by the apostles would best be seen as being the Holy Scriptures. For years now there have been banners all over the place, frequent advertisements on television and radio—all for the Dead Sea Scrolls. There is excitement about seeing documents that are 2100 to 2300 years old! Why? Because they provide evidence that indeed the Scriptures are the preserved Word of God—errors did not take place over thousands of years. We can have confidence about the Old Testament. But what about the New Testament? Again, archaeology has given us over 2400 ancient papyrus, vellum, parchment, and codex manuscripts of the New Testament—the oldest coming from near Alexandria—John's Gospel—dated at A.D. 125. John wrote around A.D. 90, which means that the document was copied and sent to other countries within a few decades after being originally written.