

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 3, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 3:13-21 "Prayer for the Resources of Christ" (opposite page)
Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 43
Solo "Come to Jesus" Lisa McLeod
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 317 "O Mighty Cross"
Communion & Hymn 353 "Victory in Jesus"
Message HEAVEN: BUT HOW?
John 14:1-14 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 423 "Bond of 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 Monday 7pm at Harbor Light Church
Bible study Tuesday at 7pm - Ernie Beck
No Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am - Jim O'Rourke
Wednesday evening April 6 at 7pm ladies invited to work on church photos
No 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 noon - sign up in hallway

Thanks for joining us at the BFC

Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz
The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary
The Easter offering went towards a storage barn on property

¹³ Therefore I ask that you do not lose heart at my tribulations for you, which is your glory. ¹⁴ For this reason I bow my knees to the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, ¹⁵ from whom the whole family in heaven and earth is named, ¹⁶ that He would grant you, according to the riches of His glory, to be strengthened with might through His Spirit in the inner man, ¹⁷ that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith; that you, being rooted and grounded in love, ¹⁸ may be able to comprehend with all the saints what *is* the width and length and depth and height— ¹⁹ to know the love of Christ which passes knowledge; that you may be filled with all the fullness of God. ²⁰ Now to Him who is able to do exceedingly abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that works in us, ²¹ to Him *be* glory in the church by Christ Jesus to all generations, forever and ever. Amen.

Sometimes we point out the negatives and suffering involved in following the Lord and cause some to lose heart in their own weak faith. Paul knows that some in Ephesus might be alarmed by his imprisonment, and perhaps see that as a lack of blessing or that Christianity was on the demise. These are great days for the church, and the power of the Holy Spirit has not weakened. Especially I see a strength of faith and resolve among young people that I don't remember in past decades. Many already have a depth of commitment to the Lord and knowledge of the Word that is phenomenal. Our own young people report that school teachers share their faith openly.

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So we find the Apostle Paul praying that the Church at Ephesus would be strengthened with might through the Holy Spirit in the inner man. Be sure to note the Trinitarian emphasis in these verses as we see Paul providing instructions for prayer while praying. He bows his knees to the Father, then he gives honor to the Son—our Lord Jesus Christ who can equip us with the riches of His glory won through the perfect sacrifice on the Cross. The strengthening that Paul knows the Ephesians need in the face of his own imprisonment and suffering comes from that very Holy Spirit of God. The theme of filling then involves Christ who dwells in our hearths through faith. The filling with Christ causes us to be filled with the appreciation for Christ's love—which is boundless (width, height, length, depth). Finally the fullness of God the Father is commended as He has the exceeding abundant ability to do above what we ask or think. Paul wants the Ephesians and us to know that we have Power. All those “fear nots” in Matthew are not limited to the life of Christ, but apply to us as well—we have the power of the very Triune God every day.

Do not live in defeat!