

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 4:1-6 "Walking in Unity: the Ground for Unity" (opposite page)

Doxology

Scripture Reading and Prayer

Psalm 121

Hymn 562

"Be Thou My Vision"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 643, 649, 650

Message HEAVEN: DO YOU HAVE ASSURANCE? AND

HOW CAN WE DO GREATER WORKS THAN JESUS DID?

John 14:12-14

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 572

"Blessed Assurance"

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 13 at 7pm ladies invited to work on church photos

Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. – The book of "Amos"- Margaret Was

VBS meeting Thursday April 14th at 7:30pm for anyone interested in helping

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading

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 facility on property

I, therefore, the prisoner of the Lord, beseech you to walk worthy of the calling with which you were called,² with all lowliness and gentleness, with longsuffering, bearing with one another in love,³ endeavoring to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.⁴ There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called in one hope of your calling;⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism;⁶ one God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.

When Paul marks a change in his epistles, he often uses the word translated in this instance "therefore." It means that what follows will be different but will be based on what has been said before. In Ephesians, this is the dividing line between the doctrinal section and the practical section of the book.

Paul is saying that in light of all that Christ has provided for us, we should walk worthy of our calling with all lowliness of mind. Humility is a difficult concept and it is the first characteristic that comes to the pen of the Apostle Paul. Interestingly, there was no word at that time in secular Greek for humility, and thus it is coined for our NT Scriptures. (How did you like the word "thus" lol?)

The purpose for exhibiting the fruit of the Spirit that we have in verses 1-3 is that this will allow us to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Paul wants us to maintain unity, and confidently states that this unity will come through the indwelling Holy Spirit. The bond of peace has been described as the cord that surrounds and binds all believers together.

Paul in verses 4-6 goes from the general description of the ground of unity to the particulars. Again, there is a focus on the Trinity with the unity of the Spirit seen in verse 4, the unity of the Lord Jesus and our faith in Him in verse 5, and the unity of God the Father who is above, through, and in all believers.