

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

April 17, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 4:7-12 "The Gifts for Walking in Unity" (opposite page)

Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 122
Hymns 226, 227, 228
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 630 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
Message THE KING IS COMING Dr. Brian Albrecht
Psalm 96
Hymn 56 "To God Be the Glory"
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. - Revival or Captivity- Margaret Was
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Bible Conference May 1-4 with Dr. Gary Cohen see insert

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

Missions Corner: Looking for "Soft Toothbrushes"

See Louise Bellefeuille and Lois Seidel

⁷ But to each one of us grace was given according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸ Therefore He says: "When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men." ⁹ (Now this, "He ascended"—what does it mean but that He also first descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰ He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.) ¹¹ And He Himself gave some *to be* apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, and some pastors and teachers, ¹² for the equipping of the saints for the work of ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ,

The gifts of God are distributed according to the Grace of God. It is that same grace that brought us salvation, and it implies something that is not able to be purchased by man. It is the perfect term to express the spiritual gifts.

Verse 8 speaks of Christ ascending on high—going to heaven as the great victor. He led captivity captive—conquering Satan and death, and in triumph returning to God those who were once slaves to sin. Like a great conqueror, Christ had the spoils of victory pictured in this verse as the gifts that he can give to men. Fulfilling all the prophecies and completing our redemption, Christ had the right to give us the spiritual gifts that will allow the church to walk in unity.

The gifts are centered on the growth of the church with the apostles, prophets, evangelists, and pastors and teachers mentioned in order. Apostles were chosen by Christ Himself. Prophets were in the local churches to give the Word of God which was still not written. Probably you have wondered what the churches of the First Century had for the Gospel—they had prophets who by the Holy Spirit, gave God's Word.

Evangelists are still found today, and have the spiritual gift of presenting the Gospel and finding great results. Pastors and teachers were the leaders of the local church and expounded the Gospel.