

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

May 1, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 4:17-22 "Walking in Holiness: Putting Off the Old Man" (opposite page)
Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 125
Hymns 10, 153
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 139 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Message The Tabernacle Commanded to Moses – Exodus 25-40 Dr. Cohen
Solomon Builds the First Temple – I Kings 6-10; Isaiah 6; I Cor.6:19-20
Hymn 499 "I Will Sing the Wondrous 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

Bible Conference May 1-4 with Dr. Gary Cohen

Youth Group Monday 6pm. Sharp! Ages 8 and up. Roller Skating!
Bible study Tues at **7pm** on Eschatology-Study of End Times- Ernie Beck
No Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Men's Bible study Wednesday at 9:30am – Jim O'Rourke
No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. – Revival or Captivity- Margaret Was
Thursday at 10am Ladies Bible Fellowship led by Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Saturday Ladies Mother's Day Tea 12 noon

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
BFC Multipurpose/Utility Building \$31,400 to build-received \$7100
Missions Corner: Looking for "Soft Toothbrushes" to go with the 52,888
tubes of toothpaste! Wow!

See Louise Bellefeuille and Lois Seidel

¹⁷This I say, therefore, and testify in the Lord, that you should no longer walk as the rest of the Gentiles walk, in the futility of their mind, ¹⁸having their understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, because of the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their heart; ¹⁹who, being past feeling, have given themselves over to lewdness, to work all uncleanness with greediness. ²⁰But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²²that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts.

Paul is speaking in these verses to the Gentile believers and he draws the line between how a believer should walk and how the nations walk. This fits the theme of unity because for there to be unity believers cannot unite or endorse those who live in the unholy principles of the world. Thus Paul commands that they "put off" the Old Man. There is a futility to the minds of those who have not been redeemed, and Paul warns believers that such a futile mind set needs to be put off like an old filthy garment. The worldly lifestyle is empty and vain and without purpose, and that is in stark contrast to the life of a believer.

In verses 18 and 22, we see that the Old Mode of living—sensual selfishness that alienates from God's life—is to be set aside. In verses 17-18, we see that the Old Mind and its empty, darkened and ignorant side—is to be cast aside. We only have to check the daily news to see that the world today has not put off the old man—our response should be to come boldly with the Good News of freedom from the chains of sin through the sacrifice of the Savior upon the Cross. The weekend is upon us—are your thoughts with the world—pleasure and selfish desires? Or do you anticipate the great opportunity of worshipping in the presence of the Savior this weekend.