

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 4:20-24 "The New Man to Be Put On" (opposite page)

Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 126 & 127
Hymn 45 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" favorite of Andrea Moreau
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 548 "As the Deer" favorite of Chris Secord
Message "What Kind of a Mom?"
Exodus 2:1-10 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 635 "In the Garden" favorite of Jane Greer
Benediction Happy Mother's Day!!!

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
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
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. – Hosea- Margaret Was
Thursday at 10am Ladies Bible Fellowship led by Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Special gift for all ladies today at close of service!!!

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 \$7290

Missions Corner: Looking for "Soft Toothbrushes" to go with the
71,032 tubes of toothpaste! Wow!

See Louise Bellefeuille and Lois Seidel

But you have not so learned Christ, ²¹ if indeed you have heard Him and have been taught by Him, as the truth is in Jesus: ²² that you put off, concerning your former conduct, the old man which grows corrupt according to the deceitful lusts, ²³ and be renewed in the spirit of your mind, ²⁴ and that you put on the new man which was created according to God, in true righteousness and holiness.

These verses offer the alternative to the old man. The pronoun subject "you" in verse 20 is emphatic. It is in contrast to the non-Christian Gentiles of verses 17-19. The idea is that these who are Christians have learned a new philosophy of life, a new evaluation of and approach to life, as they have come to know Christ. The verb translated "learn" is the verb from which the verb "disciple" comes. In other words, they have come to know Christ in the role of disciples or learners. One vital thing they have learned is a new way of life and conduct. They have heard Christ and have been taught in Him—not personally hearing Christ but through the apostles.

The content of that teaching concerning the true way of life is in contrast to the false way of life of the Gentile world as given in verses 22-24. First, they were to put off the former way of life which they had known before they came into contact with Christ. Second, they are to put on the new man, divinely created in righteousness and holiness which have their source in the truth. Note in verse 23 we have the words "the spirit of your mind" which stand in contrast with verse 17 "in the futility of their mind." This means a complete reversal of their thinking. Whereas once they dwelt in a vacuum of the truth, now they have at their disposal through the Holy Spirit all those things that make for vibrant Christian living. Thus, in verse 24, Paul indicates that a part of the lesson of what has been learned is that we put on the new man who has been created according to God in righteousness and holiness. This is heavy teaching but ought to serve as a reminder to continue to labor in God's Word. Next week we look at verses 25-29.