

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 4:25-29 "The New Manner of Living" (opposite page)

Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 134 & 135
Hymn 372 "Our God Reigns"
Pastoral Prayer
Hymn 563, 564
Message "Jesus Calls Me Friend"
John 15:12-17 Pastor Cal VanderMey
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

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
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 \$16,715
Missions Corner: Looking for "Soft Toothbrushes" to go with the 91,768
tubes of toothpaste! Wow!

See Louise Bellefeuille and Lois Seidel

²⁵ Therefore, putting away lying, "Let each one of you speak truth with his neighbor, "for we are members of one another. ²⁶ "Be angry, and do not sin", do not let the sun go down on your wrath, ²⁷ nor give place to the devil. ²⁸ Let him who stole steal no longer, but rather let him labor, working with his hands what is good, that he may have something to give him who has need. ²⁹ Let no corrupt word proceed out of your mouth, but what is good for necessary edification, that it may impart grace to the hearers. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. ³² And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

In verse 25 we see the principle of conduct for the new man changes from one of lying to one of basic honesty and integrity. Verses 26-27 refer to anger, and the fact that the Christian must control his temper. How many people are offended and do not return to church because of an outburst of anger by a believer. Paul says that we should be angry and sin not. "Be angry" has the thought of revolt of the mind against that which is shameful, sinful, or unjust. It is God's reaction against what is evil, but here Paul is saying that believers need to control that anger or else it will become sin. Holding that anger longer than the day extends—"let not the sun go down on your wrath" means that if you foment with anger all night it will lead to sin. Indeed this gives place to the devil.

Verse 28 has Paul point to one who in the past had lived by the thought: What can I get from others? To such extent had this been his practice of life that he had engaged in stealing the possessions of others. Paul reminded the churches that he had the trade of tent making to provide for his living expenses. Paul says that because he wants the Christians to be employed and busy at their jobs. Hard work is commendable in Christian living, and sloth is spoken against in both the Old and New Testaments.

Verse 29 talks about restraint in the area of our speech. When asked your opinion on a subject, it is better to gather your thoughts rather than fly off the handle. A Christian's words should build up another believer rather than tear down.