

## **BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

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### **THE LORD'S DAY**

May 22, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

### **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann  
Piano Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements Ron Mock

### **MEDITATION**

Ephesians 4:30-32 "What does it mean to grieve the Holy Spirit?"

Doxology

Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 136

Hymn 11 "Come Thou Fount"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 302 "Lamb of God"

Message "The Holy Spirit Offers Liberty"

John 16:1-11 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 345 "What a Wonderful Savior" 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

Men's breakfast Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup> at 10am

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

**102,568 tubes of toothpaste! Wow!**

See Louise Bellefeuille and Lois Seidel

Ephesians 4:30-32

<sup>30</sup> And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, by whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. <sup>31</sup> Let all bitterness, wrath, anger, clamor, and evil speaking be put away from you, with all malice. <sup>32</sup> And be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God in Christ forgave you.

The Holy Spirit is front and center in this verse, and we see that as an emotion is expressed we have affirmation that the Holy Spirit is not a force but rather is a Person—equal to the Father and the Son. When things that are foreign to Christ are brought into the life of a believer, the Holy Spirit is grieved. Certainly all the items mentioned in verses 25-29 bring grief to the Holy Spirit when the way of truth is not followed.

Verse 30 is an imperative, and as such the meaning is that we must stop those areas that cause grief to the indwelling Holy Spirit. Remember that the Holy Spirit seals the believer for the day of redemption in Christ. Our body is the dwelling place of the Holy Spirit and is not to be corrupted by evil practices.

Safeguards against grieving the Holy Spirit are presented in verses 31 and 32. First, we are to have compassion for one another. Compassion is a deep feeling for the needs of another. Paul says that Christians are to also exercise forgiveness in their relationships to each other. As God has forgiven us, so we must forgive one another. We should turn from every kind of evil conduct and do that which pleases the Lord.