

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD'S DAY

August 7, 2016 8:30 & 10:15 AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann  
Piano Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements Ron Mock

### MEDITATION

Ephesians 6:5-8 opposite page

Hymn 815		Doxology
Scripture Reading and Prayer		Ruth 1
Hymn 338	“Wonderful Grace of Jesus”	
Pastoral Prayer		
Communion		
Hymn 791	“Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You”	
Message	“Hesed” God’s Loving Kindness	
	Ruth 1	Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 426	“Blest Be the Tie That Binds”	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  
No Precept class on Tuesday with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm  
Wednesday VBS workshop at 6:30pm here at church  
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading  
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 complete-received \$26,925

Missions Corner: Thank you for the “Soft Toothbrushes” to go with the  
**40,000 tubes of toothpaste for Mexico City**

Bible Study at Kathy Yoshida’s home Wed. Aug 10, 9:30-11:30am on  
“IGNITE YOUR PASSION FOR GOD see Kathy or Becky Shearer

VBS August 15-19 from 9am-11:30am

Church Picnic August 20<sup>th</sup> - sign-up in hallway

**August 21<sup>st</sup> One Service Only at 9:30am With Baptisms Following**

If interested in baptism, please see Pastor Cal today

Bondservants, be obedient to those who are your masters according to the flesh, with fear and trembling, in sincerity of heart, as to Christ; not with eyeservice, as men-pleasers, but as bondservants of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart, with goodwill doing service, as to the Lord, and not to men, knowing that whatever good anyone does, he will receive the same from the Lord, whether he is a servant or free.

Paul now in these verses turns his attention to an application of the truth of redemption in Christ to the relationship between servants and masters. In verse 5, we have a present imperative of continuous or habitual action to tell them that they are to obey their earthly masters. Paul is not attempting to end slavery at this point, as the church was still so small. These instructions would help at the point of right relationships between the owner and those who were their servants who had become Christians. Paul says that being a Christian should cause the servant to become a better worker in relationship to their masters. "Fear and trembling" characterize the obedience that should be given to the masters who are to perform the duties while that is a negative term, there would be a positive thought in the words "sincerity of heart." The obedience should be from the heart--that is what makes a positive witness.

Verse 6 also gives both a positive and a negative approach to the area of responsibility. They are to do the work whether the master is watching them or not. The positive approach is observed in the statement that the servants are to serve their masters as if they are serving Christ Himself and in that manner they are doing the will of God. God does see us all the time and it is a reminder to us that we are bondservants like Paul of our Lord Jesus Christ. We see what we are to do to advance His Kingdom, and when we do not do our duty we do damage to the work of Christ in His church.