

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

September 18, 2016 8:30 AM & 10:15 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Ephesians 6:18-20 opposite page
"Doxology"

Hymn 815
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 29
Hymns 226-228
Pastoral Prayer
Hymns 753 & 755
Message "King of Kings! Is Jesus Really Your King?"

Hymn 521 "A New Name in Glory" 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
Hour of Prayer Monday, Sept. 19th at 7pm
Precept class Tuesday Sept 20th with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Tuesday Bible study begins Sept. 27th at 7pm
Thursday precept class on Romans at 9:15am with Margaret Was
Ladies fellowship and prayer time Thursday at 10am-Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading
Men's breakfast Saturday 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 complete-received \$28,540
Missions Corner: Thanks for School Supplies for children in Niagara Falls

September 24th from 6:30-8pm we will be providing an E1M Church Service for those with special needs. All are welcome!!!

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints.

Paul concludes this picture of the fighting saint with encouragement that the Christian shall undergird his use of all this equipment by prayer and supplication. As the Christian soldier takes up his armor, he takes up each piece with prayer that he shall use it in the most effective way. This he does on every occasion of battle. He prays that he shall use the armor effectively, and he prays in the ever watchful attitude of one who carries in his heart not only his own interest but those of all his fellow soldiers in battle.

And in behalf of me, in order that to me may be given utterance in opening my mouth, to make known in boldness the mystery of the gospel, on behalf of which I am an ambassador in chains, in order that in it I may speak boldly as I ought to speak.

In verse 19, Paul urges that these Ephesian Christians, as they engage prayerfully in the spiritual conflict of life, pray that Paul himself will be strengthened by their prayers for his own battles.

Even though Paul is a prisoner at this point, he is with the Ephesians through this letter as a fighting saint. He is serving as an ambassador, though an ambassador in chains. An ambassador is one who represents a government at some foreign court. Paul was God's representative and even in his chains he felt the constraint to carry out his work as an ambassador. Paul's desire for the Ephesians was that they would pray that he would be given the power to proclaim with perfect freedom of speech the mystery of the gospel.

The mystery of the gospel was that God in Christ had provided redemption for all men without regard to race, and this redemption made all who received it one spiritual body in Christ. That is the heart of the Gospel—one God providing one way of redemption for all people making all the redeemed one spiritual body of which Christ is the Head.

Paul wants us to know that in this battle in which we are engaged with Satan we are fighting on the side of the eternal God.