

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

October 2, 2016 8:30 AM & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin
Announcements Ron Mock

MEDITATION

Jonah - opposite page
"Doxology"

Hymn 815
Scripture Reading and Prayer Psalm 31
Hymn 139 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"
Pastoral Prayer
Special Music "Blessings" Lisa McLeod
Communion & Hymn 774 today is worldwide communion Sunday
Message "Can Jesus Trust Us?"
John 19:17-27 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 425 "Bind Us Together" 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 This Monday 6:00-8pm. Ages 8 and up
Tuesday Precept class with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Tuesday Bible study: review at 6:30 on Jude & study at 7pm - Pastor Cal
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
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 \$28,600

Missions Corner: Yes: We received another 4392 big tubes of toothpaste!
6624 tubes were delivered to Louisiana to the flood victims there.

Glory to God

If you have a cooler from the picnic please pick up today by the barn
Roller-skating Monday October 3rd Meet at church at 6pm sharp! If off island
be at Rainbow Rink by 6:20 for prayer with the youth group!
Ladies luncheon October 15th at 12:30 with Joanne Jordan speaking
Chowder fest and bon fire Oct 21st Please bring a desert!!!

"THE PROPHET'S MINISTRY"

We are going to focus on the book of Jonah, which is found in the prophetic section of the Old Testament. Jonah is one of sixteen prophets writing over a span of about 400 years who wrote the seventeen Old Testament prophetic books that we find at the end of the Old Testament.

Prophets in a broader sense can be found throughout the Old Testament, as a prophet (Hebrew word is nabi) were called by God to proclaim as a herald from the court of heaven the message to be transmitted from God to man. In other words, a prophet is a spokesman for God. In Exodus 7:1, Aaron, the brother of Moses, is called a prophet as he was to speak in behalf of God, and yet the books in which we find Moses and Aaron speaking are considered the Law (Torah). If you look at the Hebrew Bible arrangement, you will find that there are after the Five Books of Moses, eight books of the Prophets, and eleven books of Writings or Wisdom Literature. The eight prophetic books are: Joshua, Judges, Samuel, Kings, Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, and the Twelve (Minor Prophets all as one book).

The nature of the message from God dealt with the past, present, and the future. Prophets whose ministry was basically teaching and rebuking spoke of the past sins and present situation of the children of Israel. They were "forthtelling," telling the truth about the past and the present.

When we today consider the ministry of a prophet, we think only of foretelling, which is a prediction of the future. However, when we look at all of the great passages of the Bible written by prophets the vast majority is "forthtelling." Pastors today stand in the heritage of the prophets of the Old Testament, and must proclaim the truth centering it on the Gospel of our Lord, who is Truth.