

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

October 30, 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
Prayer and Scripture Reading Psalm 66
Hymns 530, 531
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Cal VanderMey
Violin Solo Patt VanderMey
Hymn 45 "Crown Him with Many Crowns"
Message "Lights In The Darkness"
John 1:5-12 Dr. Bob VanderMey
Hymn 56 "To God Be the 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
Tuesday Precept class with Wendy Baldwin at 6:30pm
Tuesday Bible study: The book of Jude at 7pm - Pastor Cal
Wednesday Men's Bible study at 9:00am - Jim O'Rourke
Wednesday scrapbooking church pictures from 6:30-8pm
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

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

BFC Multipurpose/Utility Building \$31,400 to complete-received \$30,330
Missions Corner: Yes: We received another 868 big tubes of toothpaste!
4000 tubes of toothpaste were delivered to Niagara Falls ministry.

Bible Conference with Dr. Gary Cohen Nov. 6-9th Sun-Wed

Sunday 8:30 & 10:15 Mon-Wed at 6:30pm

Ladies Luncheon November 12th at 12:30

Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

"Purposes and Geography found in the Book of Jonah"

The Book of Jonah is included in God's Word to teach us all about our responsibility to deliver the message of salvation to all people—Jew and Gentile; to demonstrate that God honors repentance for sin (Read Romans 1:16; 2 Peter 3:9); to show Christians that the events in the lives of people such as Jonah prefigure exactly what Christ would do when He came to this earth (in the case of Jonah, he was three days in the stomach of the great fish and then released from that prison of death just as Christ would be dead three days and then resurrected (Matthew 12:39-41).

As we consider the geography of the book of Jonah, we want to first note that he was a prophet to the northern kingdom of Israel that had left the rule of the line of David back in I Kings 12. They were extremely ungodly and had followed "the ways of Jeroboam who made Israel to sin. "Jonah was from a town called Gath-hepher, which was in the north along the coast. He boarded a ship for Tarshish at the port city of Joppa, which is also on the coast but farther south. Today, it is near Tel Aviv, and still a tourist spot for Christian groups. Tarshish is most likely a town in southwest Spain along the coast of the Mediterranean. Remember also, that sailors of that day saw Spain as the end of the known world, and that monstrous dangers lurked there. In a sense, then for Jonah to book passage to Tarshish would be like saying: Get me a ticket to the end of the world. He wanted to get as far away from God as possible.