

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD'S DAY

November 20, 2016 8:30 AM & 10:15AM

#### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann  
Piano Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements Ron Mock

#### MEDITATION

“Jonah Runs from God” - opposite page

Hymn 815	“Doxology”	
Prayer and Scripture Reading		Psalm 100
Hymn 790	“We Gather Together”	
Pastoral Prayer		
Hymn 793	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	
Message	DOUBTER?	
	John 20:19-29	Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 791	“Jesus, We Just Want to Thank You”	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  
No Thursday precept class on Romans at 9:15am with Margaret Was  
No 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

\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\*

BFC Multipurpose/Utility Building \$31,400 to complete-received \$31,490!!!

#### Praise the Lord it's paid for!!!

Missions Corner: God continues to bless through the giving of the tooth paste

Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday November 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm

November 26<sup>th</sup> Saturday, We will be hosting an E1M Church Service for those with special needs and disabilities from 6:30-8pm All Are Welcome!!!

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

Jonah 1:1-3

1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” <sup>3</sup> But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah had been a zealous patriot for God's country and people. As a Prophet, Jonah knew and preached against sin and idolatry. Jonah knew also that God would judge that country for these sins, and Jonah knew that God had already used the nation of Assyria to do that judging in the past. Here is a description of the cruelty of an Assyrian king named Ashur-Nasirpal II:

His usual procedure after the capture of a hostile city was to burn it, and then to mutilate all the grown male prisoners by cutting off their hands and ears and putting out their eyes, after which they were piled up in a great heap to perish in torture from sun, flies, their wounds and suffocation; the children, both boys and girls, were all burnt alive at the stake; and the chief was carried off to Assyria to be flayed alive.

The Ninevites were a violent people, which is perhaps the reason that Jonah refused the order to preach to them. His thought must have been that he was fearing that God would spare them their deserved punishment.

However, God is so infinitely wise that Jonah missed the point completely—God was strengthening Ninevah so that they would stop their disintegration and remain a super power long enough to bring that punishment of destruction on the Northern Kingdom of Israel in 722 BC. Regardless, Jonah books passage for Tarshish—a city at the end of the world--the exact opposite direction from Ninevah.