

Please Remain Quiet In Sanctuary Before Service Thank You

<sup>4</sup> But the LORD sent out a great wind on the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken up. <sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid; and every man cried out to his god, and threw the cargo that *was* in the ship into the sea, to lighten the load. But Jonah had gone down into the lowest parts of the ship, had lain down, and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup> So the captain came to him, and said to him, “What do you mean, sleeper? Arise, call on your God; perhaps your God will consider us, so that we may not perish.” <sup>7</sup> And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots that we may know for whose cause this trouble *has come* upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. <sup>8</sup> Then they said to him, “Please tell us! For whose cause *is* this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” <sup>9</sup> So he said to them, “I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry *land*.” <sup>10</sup> Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Throughout the Book of Jonah, the Lord shows Himself sovereign over every aspect of creation. In verse 5, the Lord causes the storm at sea that is so ferocious that even the experienced sailors were afraid. Most likely this was a Phoenician ship, and the Phoenicians were experts at ship travel. Notice that while all this panic is going on, Jonah is asleep. This pictures two things to me. First, that Jonah is safe from the will of God. He is heading toward relaxation and a change of pace. Second, it shows that Jonah cares about no one’s safety. He is not like the Apostle Paul in Acts 27, who used every opportunity during the crisis at sea to keep the people alive and to win them to the Savior. In verse 6, Jonah is awakened and told to call on his God to stop the storm. They wanted everyone doing something to solve the crisis. It was common in the culture of that day to gamble over who is to blame. They do that in verse 7, and Jonah wins the lottery. A series of questions forces Jonah finally to testify for the Lord in verse 9. Interesting, Jonah say that “I fear the Lord” yet he really did not. The sailors rub it in by condemning Jonah with the words: “Why have you done this?” They knew that he had fled from the presence of the Lord, and even as heathen people they could observe that Jonah’s God was angry at him—and they were in the path of that anger.

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD’S DAY

November 27, 2016 8:30 AM & 10:15AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude      Carol Dammann  
Piano      Wendy Baldwin  
Announcements      Ron Mock

### MEDITATION

Jonah 1:4-10 -Jonah and the Sailors- opposite page

|                                     |                             |                      |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------|----------------------|
| Hymn 815                            | “Doxology”                  |                      |
| Prayer and Scripture Reading        |                             | Psalm 103            |
| <i>Lighting of the first candle</i> |                             | <i>Isaiah 9:6</i>    |
| Hymn 270                            | “Joy to the World”          |                      |
| Pastoral Prayer                     |                             |                      |
| Hymn 343                            | “Amazing Grace”             |                      |
| Message                             | WHEN JESUS COOKED BREAKFAST |                      |
|                                     | John 21:1-14                | Pastor Cal VanderMey |
| Hymn 786                            | “Count Your Blessings”      | 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 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  
Ladies fellowship and prayer time Thursday at 10am-Elsa Peters Home  
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell leading  
\*The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary\*

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Choir practice will begin in Dec. Start warming up your voices!

Ladies Christmas luncheon is on Dec.13<sup>th</sup> at 12:30pm.

Christmas Caroling Monday Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> bus leaves 6pm sharp!

Christmas Eve Candlelight and Carol service at 6pm.

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

More going to Mexico City this week!

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

Our Children's Christmas Program will be on Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

Dress rehearsal will be Dec. 10<sup>th</sup> at 4 pm.

If you would like your child to participate, they need to attend childrens church each Sunday. We are learning songs and parts.