

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

January 15, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

MEDITATION

“Jonah’s Second Chance” Jonah 3:1 - opposite page

Opening Song and Announcements	Ron Mock
Doxology	
Prayer and Scripture Reading	Psalm 146
Hymn 210 “Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”	
Pastoral Prayer	
Missions Update	
Hymn 732 “The Battle Belongs to the Lord”	
Message “The Word of God”	
	Luke 5:1-11 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 92 “O How I Love Jesus”	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 at 6:30pm
Tuesday Precept at 6:30pm on James – Wendy Baldwin teaching
Tuesday Bible study: The book of Jude at 7pm - Pastor Cal teaching
Wednesday Men’s Bible study – Jim O’Rourke teaching
Thursday Precept at 9:15 on Romans – Margaret Was teaching
Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am – Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching
The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary
Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz

“Jonah’s Second Chance”

Jonah 3:1

“Now the Word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

It has often been said that God is one who gives “second chances.” Jonah 3:1 states: that the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time. God miraculously spared Jonah from death and recommissioned him. God still had in His heart the thousands of idolatrous Ninevites who needed to hear the message of redemption. Jonah could have been passed over and another prophet chosen, but God knew that Jonah’s deliverance was the sign that the Ninevites needed. It would attest that his message was from God as it says in Luke 11:30-32. Nineveh would repent at his message.

Jonah is the missionary book of the Old Testament. It is truly the one book that reveals God’s grand purpose for choosing Israel to be the source of His blessings to the world. Jonah, like Israel, did not want to fulfill that role until God let him. God wanted Israel to share His truth with the nations of the world so that all might come to know Him. They should not despise Gentile nations but consider them be “missionaries” to Gentiles appears at various places in the Old Testament.

In Isaiah we find that God’s purpose was to give Israel as a light to the Gentiles, that they may bring salvation unto the end of the earth.

DR. KING ON THE CHURCH’S ROLE

In Martin Luther King’s *Letter from Birmingham Jail*, he wrote: “There was a time when the church was very powerful—in the time when the early Christians rejoiced at being deemed worthy to suffer for what they believed. In those days the church was not merely a thermometer that recorded the idea and principles of popular opinion; it was a thermostat that transformed the mores of society.”

EIM church service for those with special needs is on January 28th, 6:30pm