

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

January 22, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

MEDITATION

“Nineveh Given 40 Days to Repent” Jonah 3:1-4 - opposite page

Announcements		Ron Mock
Doxology		
Prayer and Scripture Reading		Psalm 138
Hymn 211, 213, 214	“Let There Be Praise”	
Pastoral Prayer		
Hymn 564	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	
Message	“EQUIPPING THE SAINTS”	
	Ephesians 4:11-16	Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 605	“Living for 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
Men's breakfast Saturday at 10am.

The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

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

Jonah 3:1-4

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey *in extent*. ⁴And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day's walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

Nineveh itself was about eight miles in circumference, which made it an extremely large town in those days—and even today. Grand Island has a total area of 33.3 square miles. However, it would not take three days to make the circumference of Nineveh. Thus, it is likely that the name Nineveh refers to the core city and the many small towns that would be administered by Nineveh. That would be about a 55 mile circumference, which could be accomplished in three days of walking.

Jonah was given three days to warn the city that it would be destroyed in forty days. Jonah's message was simple: *Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!* What stands out to me in Jonah's message is its simplicity and clarity.

It is a *hell fire and damnation* approach to the Gospel, and would be roundly criticized today by those who would have encouraged Jonah to start a seeker-sensitive ministry.

But Nineveh would still have been destroyed. Jonah was not called to that. Jonah's message was to the point, and we should note that also as we seek to make so many accommodations with a country and a world that have exceeded the worst of the abuses of Nineveh.

E1M church service for those with special needs is on January 28th 6:30pm

Anyone interested in joining the choir please see Dawn Fraser