

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

February 26, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

MEDITATION

“God is the Real Key Person in Jonah” Jonah 4:9-11 - opposite page

Announcements	Ron Mock
Doxology	
Prayer and Scripture Reading	Psalm 119:17-24
Hymn 730 “Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus”	
Pastoral Prayer	
Hymns of Praise 633, 635, 643	
Message	
Hymn 630 “What a Friend We Have in 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: begins Feb 28th on Titus - Pastor Cal teaching
Wednesday Men's Bible study – Jim O'Rourke teaching
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm
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

Anyone interested in joining the choir please see Dawn Fraser

Jonah 4:9-11

⁹ Then God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?”

And he said, “It is right for me to be angry, even to death!”

¹⁰ But the LORD said, “You have had pity on the plant for which you have not labored, nor made it grow, which came up in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not pity Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than one hundred and twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left—and much livestock?”

This is the concluding paragraph of the book. It reads as an anticlimax as far as the drama about Jonah is concerned. But when God is seen as the key Person in the book, then the climax which had been reached at Jonah 3:10 is amplified in these final verses.

God asks Jonah if it is right that He is so angry about the loss of a one-day old plant. Yet, Jonah has no compassion for 120,000 people who cannot even discern on their own their right hand from their left hand. Basically, God is calling Jonah a hypocrite. He has more concern for a plant than for people. Again, we need to take that to heart. What do you do with your time? Where are your priorities? Did you bless anyone else, or was it focused on you.

Jonah knew life was short, and yet it did not bother him that his interests were self-centered continuously. How about you?

I want you to notice who has the last word in the book of Jonah. God makes sure that we who reading this account know that the whole story was about God, and what we are to come away with is not a picture of a narrow minded prophet, but rather the God who will have mercy on whom He will have mercy and compassion on whom He will have compassion. Let us never strive to be like Jonah, but rather catch a vision of God's sovereignty power working in conjunction with His compassionate lovingkindness. Amen and Amen.