

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

November 12, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

We are thankful for our Veterans of the Armed Forces
Announcements & Doxology Ron Mock
Scripture Reading Psalm 100 - unison
Prayer
Hymn 809 "God of Our Fathers"
Pastoral Prayer
Veteran Hymn Favorites
Message The Surrendered Life
Romans 12:1-2 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Closing Hymn 532 "Only Believe"
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- 6:30pm
Tuesday Precept on 2 Corinthians at 6:30pm with Wendy Baldwin
Tuesday Bible study at 7pm on Ephesians 1-3 Pastor Cal leading
No Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm
Wed. 7-9pm Anyone willing to help put church photos in albums
Precept Thursday at 9:15am on "Daniel"-Living Out a Biblical Worldview
Begins November 30th with 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

Anyone interested in joining the choir please see Dawn Fraser

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

"Praising the Lord for His Faithfulness" Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands! 2 Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. 3 Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. 4 Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name. 5 For the LORD is good; His mercy is everlasting, and His truth endures to all generations.

The title of this psalm refers to praise and thanksgiving, and is found in hymnals today as "All People that on Earth Do Dwell."

The Psalm begins: *Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!* Our God should be worshipped by a happy people; a cheerful spirit is in keeping with His nature, His acts, and the gratitude which we should cherish for His mercies. Note that verse one is not limited to the nation of Israel, but rather this is a worldwide call to shout joyfully to the LORD.

Verse 2: *Serve the Lord with gladness; Come before His presence with singing.* As we serve the LORD, we also serve the people. This verse teaches that people's burdens should not dampen our gladness at serving the LORD. Even Sunday morning, some of those problems that are so heart-breaking feel like a punch in the stomach. Yet, still we are commanded to serve the LORD with gladness. Singing helps to make us glad, and it also praises the LORD. May that strengthen all our hearts as we enter the presence of the LORD.

Verse 3 continues: *Know that the Lord, He is God; It is He who has made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.* From this verse, I would say that God wants us to worship Him in spirit and in truth. The truth here would be the nature of God. When Moses went to the Pharaoh, and told Him that the LORD said *Let my people go.* Pharaoh made an honest reply: I do not know the LORD! If we really saw the LORD as our creator and redeemer, and the LORD as our shepherd, we would praise the LORD in a magnificent manner that would cause all around us to be changed. Instead, we often worship when we have nothing else to do, we give our time for His service when we have nothing else better to do or feel sorry that no one else is helping, and we tithe after we have bought for ourselves everything we need to make us comfortable. If that is our attitude,

then we do not KNOW the LORD. We prove that we know the LORD when we show our obedience, trust, submission, zeal, and love.

In verse 4, we read: *Enter into His gates with Thanksgiving, and into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, and bless His name.* Thanksgiving must abound like the incense of the temple, which filled the whole house with smoke. Expiatory sacrifices are ended, but those of gratitude will never be out of date. As long as we are receivers of mercy we must be givers of thanks. It is God's mercy that permits us to enter into His gates. Accordingly, we must praise that mercy.

Verse 5 proclaims that the LORD is good. This sums up the character of God and provides us reasons for praise. God is good, gracious, kind, bountiful, loving. God's mercy is everlasting. God is not mere justice, stern and cold. He has bowels of compassion, and takes no delight in a sinner's death. Everlasting mercy is a glorious theme for the ages among God's people. Note also that the LORD is a God of truth and faithfulness: His truth endures to all generations, and no word of His shall fall to the ground. The promise is sure to all believers in all generations.

December 3rd children's advent rehearsal following service

Church Family Prayer Page

Pray for our church and families

Vi Anderson for strength: Clair Card – continued recovery

Carol Dammann – back trouble; Elaine Woodell – 3rd chemo soon

Catherine Woodell – health; John and Melissa Hoegg for wisdom

Peggy Whitmire – health and strength and comfort from pain

Nick Shearer – health: Diane Scott - hospital

Comfort and provision for those affected in Las Vegas attack

Peace in Jerusalem

Pray for our Veterans

Pray for our Missions & Outreach

Pray for our church

Pray for our leaders and military members and families

Pray for our first responders

“O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You” Psalm 63:1