

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

November 19, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude David Schmidt
Piano Wendy Baldwin

We are thankful for our Veterans of the Armed Forces
Announcements & Song "Little White Church" Ron Mock
Scripture Reading Psalm 101 - unison
Prayer
Hymn 790 "We Gather Together"
Pastoral Prayer
Special Song of Praise
Doxology
Message These Three Kings
II Chronicles 24, 25, 26 Pastor Cal VanderMey
Closing Hymn 794 "Let All Things Now Living" Benediction
Happy ThanksLiving!!!

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
Thanksgiving Eve Service Wednesday at 6:30 pm
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

"Our Response to the Lord's Faithfulness" Psalm 101:1-8

I will sing of mercy and justice; to You, O LORD, I will sing praises.
I will behave wisely in a perfect way. Oh, when will You come to me?
I will walk within my house with a perfect heart.
I will set nothing wicked before my eyes; I hate the work of those who fall away; It shall not cling to me. A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness. Whoever secretly slanders his neighbor, Him I will destroy; The one who has a haughty look and a proud heart, Him I will not endure.

From the title for the Psalm--*A Psalm of David*--we would conclude that this psalm was made by a man after God's own heart. We see why the LORD loved David. It has been suggested that this Psalm was written about the time that David was about to become king. David vows here to be the kind of monarch that the LORD himself has chosen. While Psalm 100 was a Psalm of Praise, Psalm 101 is a Psalm of Practice. In a sense, we can say that we never praise the LORD better than when we do those things which are pleasing in His sight.

In verse 1, David sings of mercy and justice. He extols both love and severity, sweet and bitter, which the LORD has mingled together in the life of a king. In this David is reminding himself of the attributes of justice and goodness which are found in perfection in the LORD. **Verse 2** talks about David's resolve. To be holy is to be wise; a perfect way is a wise way. David's resolve was excellent, but his practice fell short of these good intentions. **Verse 3** speaks of David's resolve to not allow tempting things to come before his eyes. David is saying that if he has wickedness brought before him by others, he will turn away from it. The psalmist is very sweeping in his resolve to do the will of the LORD. **In verse 4**, David vows: "A perverse heart shall depart from me; I will not know wickedness." The king refers here to both himself and those round about him. He is saying that he will not be crooked himself, nor would he employ persons of evil character in his house. Preventing evil begins at your own house. I would call **verse 5** in particular and Psalm 101 in general David's response to Machiavelli's *The Prince*. While Machiavelli believed that the head of state should ruthlessly use every wicked means to establish and strengthen his kingdom, David believed that slander and pride in himself or his followers should not be tolerated. David knew so well the miseries caused by slanderers that he intended to deal severely with such attitudes in his own administration. And the motive was not revenge, but rather to prevent others

from having the suffering that he had experienced. **In verse 6**, King David vows that he will choose highly qualified and faithful people to serve in his administration. He will seek them out, engage their services, take care of them, and promote them to honor. This is a valuable rule for anyone in leadership. **In verse 7**, David warns that those who are deceitful will not find a place in his administration or his house. While many considered deceit a virtue in Middle Eastern governments, David is determined to set his face against it. Diplomacy even today is often bound up in deceit. **Verse 8** states that David's goal is to destroy all the wicked of the land in order to make it a proper habitation for the LORD. This is similar to the LORD's commands to Moses and Joshua to destroy the wicked in the Promised Land. God knew that their continued presence would influence and corrupt the Israelites. When we think that we will never be corrupted by bad influences, we need to read over what happened to Solomon in I Kings. David dealt out justice to the worthless, and would leave them no rest. To favor sin is to discourage virtue, and leniency to evil is a punishment to those who are good. In the final words of verse 8, David indeed looks forward to the day when the ultimate King, the Lord Jesus, comes in judgment. Until then, we are to witness to the unsaved of the mercy and grace of God.

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 and our first responders

Pray for our Missions & Outreach

Pray for our leaders and military members and families

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



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