

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

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

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements

Doxology

Scripture Reading Psalm 103 – responsively

Prayer

Hymns 106, 107

Pastoral Prayer

Hymns 618, 627

Message

Casting

Psalm 43:5

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Closing Hymn 793

“For the Beauty of the Earth”

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 Bible study at 7pm on Ephesians 1-3 Pastor Cal leading

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm

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

"By him therefore let us offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually, that is, the fruit of our lips giving thanks to His name." Hebrews 13:15

Giving praise to the Lord is one of the best ways to express our thanks to God for His blessings and yet how many of us do it on a regular basis? Yes, we normally go through our routines of thanking God for our food before we eat, sometimes we even thank Him for the clothes we wear and praise Him for the sunshine. Around the Thanksgiving holiday we may even list out our blessings and reflect on what God has done, as we spoke about this past Sunday, but do we really *offer the sacrifice of praise to God continually* as Hebrews 13:15, states?

Continual doesn't just mean once a year or even once a day for that matter. It implies that it is repeated without interruption. David said in Psalm 34:1 ...His *praise shall continually be in my mouth*. He also said, *At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee because of thy righteous judgments*. (Psalm 119:62)

When's the last time we found ourselves up at midnight thanking the Lord? Later on in that same psalm David says, *"Seven times a day do I praise thee because of thy righteous judgments."* Do we stop seven times a day to praise God? Do we even stop once or twice to praise Him?

Now that we know that we need to praise God continually, how do we do it? If you think that all praising God involves is sitting in a small group in a quiet place, whispering quiet praise songs--think again! Praising God is an active thing.

The Bible says the following about praise. "shout for joy" (Ps. 32:11) "O clap your hands" (Ps. 47:1) "*sing*" (Ps. 47:6)"*make a loud noise*" (Ps. 98:4) "*lift up your hands*" (Ps. 134:2) "*with the sound of trumpet*" (Ps. 150:3)"*upon the loud cymbals*" (150:5) "*make a joyful noise*" (Ps. 98:4) "*rejoice*" (Ps. 98:4)"*with harp*" (Ps. 33:2) We are not to keep praising God to ourselves. We are to ...*make known his deeds among the people*."(Psalm 105:1)In other words if you receive a blessing-tell someone about it.

If we are going to develop a lifestyle of praise to God continually we need to put things in perspective. Realize who God is and we who are not. *Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture*. (Psalm 100:3, 4) We need to recognize that all of the things we find in our blessing basket come from above. And the best is yet to come! Ephesians 1:3-14

With thanksgiving in my heart towards you all, I pray the Lord's blessing on you.

Pastor Cal VanderMey

December 3rd children's Advent rehearsal following 2nd service
Rehearsal on Sat. Dec. 9th at 4pm
Ladies Luncheon on Sat. 9th at 12:30pm
Children's Advent service Dec. 10th at 4pm
Christmas Caroling Mon. Dec. 11th at 6pm

Church Family Prayer Page

Thankful for 29 Christmas boxes to Samaritan's Purse

Pray for our church and families

Vi Anderson for strength

Clair Card – continued recovery

Elaine Woodell – 3rd chemo went well

Catherine Woodell – health

John and Melissa Hoegg for wisdom

Peggy Whitmire – health and strength and comfort from pain

Diane Scott – recovery from surgery

Continued 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