

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

December 3, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Announcements

Lighting of the first candle

Hymn 247 "Let's Worship and Adore Him"

Scripture Reading Psalm 98 – responsively (printed on back page)

Prayer

Hymn 287 "A Communion Hymn for Christmas"

Pastoral Prayer

Communion & Hymn 243 "Emmanuel"

Message Training

Proverbs 22:1-6

Pastor Cal VanderMey

Closing Hymn 270

"Joy to the World"

Ron Mock

Isaiah 9:6

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 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
with Margaret Was teaching

Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am – Elsa Peters

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching

Today! December 3rd children's advent rehearsal following 2nd service*

Saturday December 9th Ladies Luncheon at 12:30

Saturday December 9th at 4pm Children's Advent Service rehearsal

Sunday December 10th at 4pm Children's Advent Service

Christmas Caroling Mon. Dec. 11th at 6pm

What is the right way to receive the Lord's Supper?

Answer: The right way to receive the Lord's Supper is to examine whether we discern the Lord's body, whether our faith feeds on Him, and whether we have repentance, love, and a new obedience—so that we may not come in the wrong way and eat and drink judgment on ourselves. Scripture: I Corinthians 10:16-17; 11:28-31; 2 Cor. 13:5

Psalm 103:9 *He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever.*

"Bringing up bones" is a country song of Randy Travis that speaks of our desire to bring up all the things done to us in the past. Whenever we are corrected, we have something ready on the other person. Parents unfortunately do that with their children, and husbands and wives often have the same scenario with each other.

God tells us in this verse that He will not always accuse nor will he harbor His anger forever. God chooses to have a short memory. Psalm 130:3 tells us that if God kept a detailed record of our sins, none of us would ever be able to stand before Him. Isaiah 57:16 has been paraphrased: *If I kept throwing up in your face your past failures, if I chose to retain an angry disposition toward you because of your sin, your spirit within you would grow faint before me. You would wither up and die.*

Once we seek God's forgiveness, He does not keep on accusing us. He does not keep on harboring His anger toward me. He chooses to have a short memory where previously forgiven sins are concerned.

Psalm 103:10 *He has not dealt with us according to our sins, Nor punished us according to our iniquities.*

Verse 10 promises that God will not repay us according to our iniquities. It has been paraphrased in these words: "God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities."

If God punished us every time we deserved it, we would be in a perpetual state of receiving retribution. Every time we turned around, God would be chastening us for a selfish attitude or hurtful words or prideful spirit or materialism or indifference to the needs of others or something. The Bible word for this thick skin of God's is forbearance. There are a lot of things that God never brings up to us because He's chosen just to ignore them. Love covers a multitude of sins, and for that we all praise the Lord for His Amazing Grace. God is looking for people to truly come to comprehend the extent of His grace, and then live according to that.

Sunday messages are available online, CD or e-mail. See Bill Schultz
Anyone interested in joining the choir please see Dawn Fraser
The offering box is located in the back of the sanctuary

Church Family Prayer Page

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

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

Psalm 98 Oh, sing to the LORD a new song!

For He has done marvelous things;

His right hand and His holy arm have gained Him the victory.

²The LORD has made known His salvation;

His righteousness He has revealed in the sight of the nations.

³He has remembered His mercy and His faithfulness to the house of Israel;

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

⁴Shout joyfully to the LORD, all the earth;

Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.

⁵Sing to the LORD with the harp, With the harp and the sound of a psalm,

⁶With trumpets and the sound of a horn;

Shout joyfully before the LORD, the King.

⁷Let the sea roar, and all its fullness, The world and those who dwell in it;

⁸Let the rivers clap *their* hands;

Let the hills be joyful together before the LORD,

⁹For He is coming to judge the earth. With righteousness He shall judge the world, And the peoples with equity.