

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD'S DAY

January 28, 2018 8:30 & 10:15 AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude      Carol Dammann  
Piano      Wendy Baldwin

Announcements      Ron Mock  
Prayer  
Hymn 56      "To God Be the Glory"  
Scripture Reading Psalm 107:21-43  
Hymn 338      "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"  
Pastoral Prayer  
Message      "Choose Life! Spend It in Prayer"  
Deuteronomy 30:19-20; Psalm 139 Pastor Cal VanderMey  
Hymn 40      "You Are My God"      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- 6:30 pm  
Tuesday Bible study at 7pm on Ephesians 2 Pastor Cal leading  
No Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm  
Precept Thursday at 9:15am on "Daniel"-Living Out a Biblical Worldview  
with Margaret Was teaching  
Thursday at 10am Ladies Fellowship  
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching

## SEVEN MINUTES WITH GOD . . . EVERYDAY!

*Morning by morning, O Lord, You hear my voice; morning by morning I lay my requests before You and wait in expectation.*      Psalm 5:3

Here at Bible Fellowship Center, may I encourage each of you to develop or strengthen an intimacy of communion with Christ that will begin your day. These holy minutes at the start of each day explain the inner secret of Christianity—time alone with God. It's the golden thread that ties every great person of God together --rich and poor, businessmen and military personnel.

To get started, set your alarm seven minutes ahead.

Ask God to help you: "Lord, I want to meet You the first thing in the morning for at least seven minutes. Tomorrow when the alarm clock goes off at \_\_ AM, I have an appointment with You."

How do you spend these seven minutes? Invest the first 30 seconds preparing your heart. Thank Him for the good night of sleep and the opportunities of this new day. "Lord, cleanse my heart so You can speak to me through the Scriptures. Open my heart. Fill my heart. Make my mind alert, my soul active, and my heart responsive. Lord, surround me with Your presence during this time. Amen."

Now take four minutes to read the Bible. Your greatest need is to hear some word from God. Allow the Word to strike fire in your heart. Meet the Author!

Start with Mark. Read consecutively -- verse after verse, chapter after chapter. Read for the pure joy of reading and allowing God to speak -- perhaps just 20 verses, or maybe a complete chapter. When you have finished Mark, start the Gospel of John, and then the rest of the New Testament.

After God has spoken through His Book, then speak to Him -- in prayer. You now have two and a half minutes left for fellowship with Him in four areas of prayer that you can remember by the word ACTS.

**A -- ADORATION.** This is the purest kind of prayer because it's all for God -- there's nothing in it for you. You don't barge into the presence of royalty. You begin with the proper salutation. So worship Him. Tell the Lord that you love Him. Reflect on His greatness, His power, His majesty, and sovereignty! (Read I Chronicles 29:11 now)

**C -- CONFESSION** follows. Having seen Him you now want to be sure every sin is cleansed and forsaken. Confession comes from a root word meaning "to agree together with." Apply this to prayer. It means to agree with God. Something happened yesterday you called a slight exaggeration -- God calls it a lie! You call it strong language -- God calls it swearing. You

call it telling the truth about somebody in the church -- God calls it gossip. *If I regard iniquity in my heart, the Lord will not hear me* (Psalm 66:18). Read I John 1:9 to find a promise on confession.

**T -- THANKSGIVING.** Express your gratitude to God. Think of several specific things to thank Him for: your family, your business, your church and ministry responsibilities -- even thank Him for hardships. First Thessalonians 5:18: *In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.* Ephesians 5:20 is a passage that speaks of this.

**S -- SUPPLICATION.** This means to "ask for, earnestly and humbly." This is the part of your prayer life where you make your petitions known to Him. Ask for others, then for yourself. Why not include other people around the world, such as missionaries, students studying abroad, friends in distant places, and above all the people of many lands who have yet to hear about Jesus Christ (see Matthew 7:7).

You will find that seven minutes becomes 20, and 20 becomes 30, and the priceless privilege of fellowship with the Lord becomes a priority that you never want to miss.

If you are unable to attend services please visit our website  
Sunday messages are available online after Sunday services. 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

Comfort for Card family in passing of Clair. Memorial February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11am

Comfort for Pauline in the passing of Rick Swan

Randy Yoshida – health

Joan James – health and praise for continued healing

John and Melissa Hoegg for wisdom

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*