BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

June 4, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Prayer and Scripture Reading Psalm 119:121-128 Ron Mock

Hymn 10 "Majesty"

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn 311 "Halleluiah, What a Savior"

Communion followed by hymn 308 "There Is a Redeemer"

Message The Price of Unity: Christ's Death

Philippians 2:1-11 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Hymn 426 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds"

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 at 6:30pm
Hour of Prayer Monday at 7pm in sanctuary
Tuesday Bible study at 7pm on Titus – Pastor Cal teaching
Wednesday Men's Bible study – Jim O'Rourke teaching
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am. – The book of "Romans"- Margaret Was
Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am – Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching
Ladies Ice Cream Social at 2pm

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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

"The Exhortation Justified"

II John 7

For many deceivers have gone out into the world who do not confess Jesus Christ as coming in the flesh. This is a deceiver and an antichrist.

Having assured the elect lady that believers are commanded of the Lord to love one another, John now proceeds to the main subject of his letter. What should be the attitude of the Christian toward the "many deceivers" who have gone out into the world? Should they be treated with Christian hospitality?

Verse 7 begins with the conjunction "for" indicating that the words that follow will have a relation to verses 5-6. Believers are to cultivate genuine love for one another because "many deceivers are entered into the world." John had warned believers about the false teachers that are traveling from place to place back in I John 4:1. Gnostic teachers like Cerinthus refused to believe that the divine Christ actually came in human flesh. These teachers are denying the truth of the incarnation as was set forth in I John 2:22. Thus, John is still warning of the same heresy to which he devoted his First Epistle.

Jesus as coming in the flesh is not a reference to the Second Coming of Christ. We know that because there was no heresy that denied a second coming in flesh, and we know that the Gnostics were denying that the first coming was a coming in flesh. John characterizes those who reject the incarnation of Christ as "the deceiver and the antichrist." By this affirmation, John is lumping together all of the Gnostics and describing them as the epitome of what it is to be the deceiver and the antichrist. John is in reality saying that the Gnostic heresy is the product of the archenemy of God and His people. It thus comes from the deceiver who is Satan himself. John had already said that the spirit of Antichrist was in the world of his day (I John 4:3). Christians must be on the alert for Satan's deceptions, whether they are Gnosticism or any other religion that denies the incarnation of God in flesh. Not surprisingly, most cults and all other world religions come out against the deity of Jesus Christ. We do not have to "dialog" with them, we must seek to win them to faith in the only begotten Son of God.