

## BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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### THE LORD'S DAY

July 2, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude      Carol Dammann  
Piano                  Wendy Baldwin

Doxology

Prayer and Scripture Reading Psalm 119:153-160

Choir Anthem      "Come Thou Almighty King"

Hymn 338      "Wonderful Grace of Jesus"

Pastoral Prayer

Communion followed by hymn 372 "Our God Reigns"

Sermon      Holding Forth the Word of Life

Philippians 2:15-16      Pastor Cal VanderMey

Closing Hymn 799 vs1      "America, the Beautiful"

Benediction

Ron Mock  
2<sup>nd</sup> service

### 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

No Tuesday Bible study at 7pm on Titus – Pastor Cal teaching

No Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm

No Precept study Thursday at 9:15am till Sept – "Romans"- Margaret Was

No Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am – Elsa Peters

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching

Saturday July 8<sup>th</sup> at 2pm Ladies Movie Time!!! See flier

\*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

**Church Camp at Circle C July 3-8. Bus Leaves Church at 8am sharp!!!!**

## II John 12-13

*Having many things to write to you, I did not wish to do so with paper and ink, but I hope to come to you and speak face to face, that our joy may be full. The children of your elect sister greet you. Amen.*

The nature of the concluding remarks in verses 12-13 seems to confirm the view that the elect lady was an individual rather than a church. This is further indicated by the close similarity to the conclusion of 3 John, a letter which all agree was written to a single person.

It is further apparent that John is well acquainted with this Christian woman and her family for he has "many things to write" to them. John is really saying that he has only written that which is most urgent. She will need to wait until he can speak with them "face to face." John felt the spoken word is more effective and understandable than the written.

John believes that the face to face confrontation will result in joy that is full. The Greek construction stresses the continuing state of fullness which John intends. The face to face fellowship which he confidently awaits will contribute to the continuing joy of all concerned, for such personal fellowship is one of God's means of increasing and preserving genuine Christian joy.

The last verse of the Book suggests that the Elect Lady had an Elect Sister. Commentators disagree on the exact nature of this Elect Sister, but a reasonable interpretation would be that John was writing from the home of the Elect Sister who most likely lived in Ephesus. Perhaps the Elect Sister had gone to be with the Lord, as the greeting refers only to the children of the elect sister.

### AFTER THOUGHT TO II JOHN

II John is like an ancient telegram. Telegrams were used to send normally short messages that were of a vastly important matter. (Interestingly, this most reliable method of sending messages lasted from 1838 to 2006, surviving well into the computer age. Electronic money transfers are about all that is left to telegrams). One famous telegram from April 15, 1912 is interesting to look at because the coordinates of the Titanic were clearly stated, although it took an hour and 20 minutes before the *Carpathia* arrived.