

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

July 9, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Doxology

Prayer and Scripture Reading Psalm 119:161-168 Ron Mock

Hymns 11, 18, 84

Pastoral Prayer

Camp Testimonies

Hymn 583 "You Are My All in All"

Sermon Are You a Sincere Friend of the Gospel?

Philippians 2:17-30 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Closing Hymn 575 "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

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

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

No Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm till July 26th

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 29th at 11am - Men's Lunch

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

"Introduction to Third John"

This letter presents a glimpse of first century church life, and like Second John it is an extremely short letter. Also, like Second John, this letter is addressed to one person, except that in this letter that person is named—Gaius. Gaius was as common in the first century Roman world as the names John or James are today. Three people had the name Gaius in the New Testament (Acts 19:29; Romans 16:23; and I Corinthians 1:14), but none of them can explicitly be named as the Gaius to whom Third John is addressed.

Although John does not identify himself in Third John, the style and vocabulary are in absolute agreement with I John and II John. We find the theme of love and Truth and Joy found in all three epistles as well as the Gospel of John. In addition, the contrast of good and evil as spiritual tests reminds us of I John, and III John 3:13-14 is almost an exact duplicate of II John 12. Because of all these similarities, most commentators believe they were written within a few years of each other—most likely in the last two decades of the first century.

The purpose of Third John is to commend Gaius for his manifestation of Christian love in how he handled the traveling teachers who had come from the Apostle John. Gaius had received them with Christian hospitality, but Diotrephes, a leader in the church, had refused to receive them and even sought to cast out of the church those who did receive the teachers. John assures Gaius that Diotrephes will be dealt with at some future point. It is interesting that Second John warned against showing hospitality to false teachers and Third John warns against not showing hospitality to those who faithfully teach the Word.