

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

July 23, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Doxology Ron Mock
Prayer and Scripture Reading Psalm 121-responsively
Hymns 10, 152 "Majesty"
Pastoral Prayer Rev. Cal VanderMey
Hymn 408 "How Firm a Foundation"
Sermon Galatians 1:1-12 John Hoegg
Closing Hymn 588 "All for Jesus"
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
Tuesday Bible study at 7pm on Titus- Pastor Cal teaching
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 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
We welcome John Hoegg to our pulpit this morning

"Prayer for the Beloved Gaius"

III John 2

Beloved, I pray that you may prosper in all things and be in health, just as your soul prospers.

Throughout the Gospel of John, the writer never referred to himself as John, but rather such expressions as "the disciple whom Jesus loved." Love is always a theme in the writings of John, and thus it comes as no surprise that John begins this second verse with the reference to "Beloved." This designation will be repeated in verses 5 and 11. We have studied this word "Beloved" in detail on Tuesday evenings.

The verb used for "pray" is *euchomai*, which can refer to prayer or even to a desire or wish. It is a common greeting found in literature of the Greek world in the First Century. John turns that wishful greeting into an actual prayer for the physical well-being of Gaius.

Think for a moment about how remarkable this prayer is. It reverses the terms of the comparison from the order that might have been expected. John prays that Gaius may prosper and be in health even as his soul prospers. Uppermost in the author's mind were material prosperity and physical health.

It might seem more natural to pray that a person may prosper spiritually as he is prospering in his business. Saying that John could pray that Gaius may prosper materially as he is prospering spiritually is a high compliment to the level of spirituality that this beloved brother enjoyed.

Vacation Bible School August 7-11 – see insert

Church Picnic August 19th

Baptisms August 20th

Church Family Prayer Page

Pray for our members and families

Vi Anderson

Warren Hardy – hospital

Elaine Woodell – upcoming surgery

Bud Abate

Catherine Woodell – health

Lean Bouchard – spinal tests this week

John and Melissa Hoegg for wisdom and safe travels

Dyanne Johnson – health

Peggy Whitmire – health and strength

Elsa Peters – health

Diane Scott – health

Delores Hoefner – eye surgery

Lynn Wagner – loss of sister

Pray for our Missions & Outreach

Pray for our church

Pray for our leaders and military members and families

Pray for our first responders

“O God, You are my God, earnestly I seek You”

Psalm 63:1