

**BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER**

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**THE LORD’S DAY**

August 27, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

**PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann

Piano Wendy Baldwin

Doxology

Ron Mock

Prayer and Scripture Reading Psalm 67-responsively

Hymns 143, 144 “This Is My Father’s World”

Pastoral Prayer

Hymn Favorites

Message Christian By Conviction

Philippians 3:12-14 Pastor Cal VanderMey

Closing Hymn 56 “To God Be the Glory”

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 - Pastor Cal teaching

Tuesday Precept on 2 Corinthians **Sept 19<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30pm with Wendy Baldwin

Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm

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

Ladies fellowship begins **September 7<sup>th</sup>**, Thursday at 10am – Elsa Peters

Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching

\*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 Condemnation of Diotrephes"

III John 9

*I wrote to the church, but Diotrephes who loves to have the preeminence among them, does not receive us.*

Whereas Gaius by his reception of itinerant teachers had given John reason for rejoicing, there was another member of the same local church, named Diotrephes, who was creating trouble by refusing to receive such teachers. In fact, he even refused to receive any written communication sent form John to the church.

From this verse, we can see that Diotrephes was in a position of leadership so that he could intercept such a letter and keep it from being read to the congregation. Also, from this verse we can surmise that the content of John's comments to the church related to the arrival of the traveling teachers or missionaries that John was sending to them.

This characteristic seen in Diotrephes is that he loves the preeminence. It is clear that Diotrephes was not willing to share the leadership of the church with others there, and in fact not even with the Apostle John. The desire for power and glory had become an obsession with him. Church history is filled with people like Diotrephes who have brought shame to themselves and disgrace to the cause of Christ.

**Bible Fellowship Center Members Baptized Sunday**

Jennifer DiSanto	Robin Smith	Jeff Rice
Maria Smith	James Smith	Susan Rice
Wynonna Roberts	Elizabeth Olmstead	Chris Rice
Douglas Roberts	Douglas Smith	
Samantha Fraser	Kim Woodell	
Bobby Fraser	Leean Bouchard/Pontikos	
Robert Fraser		

## **Church Family Prayer Page**

Pray for our members and families

Vi Anderson for strength

Clair Card - hospital

Warren Hardy – continued health and strength and healing

Elaine Woodell – upcoming surgery august 30<sup>th</sup>

Dyann Johnson – health improved Glory to God!

Catherine Woodell – health

Lori Smith - health

John and Melissa Hoegg for wisdom for future ministry

Doug & Judy Smith – Doug and Don’s mom Irene home with the Lord

Peggy Whitmire – health and strength and praise for time with family

Elsa Peters – health

Delores Hoefner – eye surgery- thankful for Gods continued healing

Angelo A. – stroke

Nick Shearer – health

## **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*