

BIBLE FELLOWSHIP CENTER

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THE LORD'S DAY

September 24, 2017 8:30 & 10:15AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Organ Prelude Carol Dammann
Piano Wendy Baldwin

Doxology		Ron Mock
Prayer and Scripture Reading	Psalm 111-responsively	
Hymn 793	“For the Beauty of the Earth”	
Pastoral Prayer		Pastor Cal VanderMey
Hymn 562	“Be Thou My Vision”	
Message	Discipleship of the Mind Philippians 4:8-9	Dr. Ron VanderMey
Closing Hymn 560	“More About 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
Monday at 7pm Hour of Prayer here at church – all welcome
No Tuesday Bible study at 7pm - Pastor Cal teaching
Tuesday Precept on 2 Corinthians at 6:30pm with Wendy Baldwin
Choir Rehearsal Wednesday at 7pm
Precept study Thursday at 9:15am on “Romans”-Margaret Was
Ladies fellowship Thursday at 10am – Elsa Peters
Adult Bible study Friday at 7pm - John Woodell teaching
Sept 30th Sat. at 10am Bfast! All welcome! “Heaven” – Dr. Gary Cohen
Bible Conference Oct 1-4 with Dr. Gary Cohen – 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

"Having Many Things to Write"

III John 13

I had many things to write, but I do not wish to write to you with pen and ink.

The content of the conclusion in III John and that found in II John is nearly identical. In verse 13, John says that he has many things to write, but he has decided not to communicate these matters "with pen and ink." The phrasing is almost identical to II John, except that he uses "paper and ink" in that verse.

The word translated "pen" is literally "reed." A reed was a common writing instrument in ancient times. Writing in this manner took a long time, and thus it would be an arduous task. My son John and daughter Joy will sit to write a paper for school and speak some parts into their phone to transfer, as well as cut and paste and use the included dictionary and thesaurus on the computer as they write their thoughts. How many of us remember using a Corona manual typewriter that had some keys that stuck every time and we had to take the paper out of the typewriter to put in a new piece of paper. The Apostle John would have been amazed at our old typewriters and probably would have fainted at our current lap tops.

John's reason for not penning a more lengthy letter may have been (1) the cost of writing materials, (2) the labor of writing with the crude instruments available, or (3) the personal nature of the matters to be discussed. Perhaps all three are true.

God the Help of Those Who Seek Him

A Song of Ascents.

121 I will lift up my eyes to the hills—From whence comes my help?

² **My help comes from the LORD, Who made heaven and earth.**

³ He will not allow your foot to be moved;

He who keeps you will not slumber.

⁴ **Behold, He who keeps Israel Shall neither slumber nor sleep.**

⁵ The LORD *is* your keeper; The LORD *is* your shade at your right hand.

⁶ **The sun shall not strike you by day, Nor the moon by night.**

⁷ The LORD shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul.

⁸ **The LORD shall preserve your going out and your coming in**

From this time forth, and even forevermore.

Church Family Prayer Page

Pray for our members and families

Vi Anderson for strength

Clair Card – strength in rehab for recovery and ministry opportunities

Betsy Morrison – thankful for God’s healing hand

Elaine Woodell – Starting chemo Oct 4

Catherine Woodell – health

Lori Smith - health

John and Melissa Hoegg for wisdom for future ministry

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

Elsa Peters – health

Delores Hoefner – eye surgery- thankful for Gods continued healing

Nick Shearer – health

Joan Burd – thankful and for continued recovery. She is home

Anne Waite – health and thanks for God’s hand in everything

Flood and hurricane victims and area churches and in Mexico

Elaine Cook - 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