

Sermon Notes

Those Serving Today:

Morning

Announcements: Phil Byrd
 Song Leader: Chad Futrell
 Opening Prayer: Kevin Mitchell
 Lord's Table:
 Presiding Eric Austin
 Assisting: Mark Price
 Jonathan Hinton
 Rick Caldwell
 Sermon: Byran Hatcher
 Closing Prayer: Dustin Pool

Evening

Song Leader: Chad Futrell
 Opening Prayer: Brian Godfrey
 Sermon: Byran Hatcher
 Lord's Supper: Dustin Pool
 Closing Prayer: Alex Freshley

Those Serving Wednesday:

Song Leader: Chad Futrell
 Opening Prayer: TBD
 Scripture: Dustin Pool
 Reading: Ps. 104:29-35
 Invitation: John Williams

Pantry item of the week:

Cookies for VBS

Welcome, Visitors!

Cape Fear Church of Christ

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Services:

Sunday:

Bible Class 9:00am

Worship 10:00am

Evening 5:00pm

Ladies' Class:

Tuesday 10:00am

Wednesday:

Bible Study 7:00pm

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Preaching the Truth in Love!

The Cape Fear Crier

"Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6

What We Can't See Can Hurt Us

For millennia the mystery of disease had puzzled mankind. Various theories had been put forth as to why people became ill, such as spontaneous generation, evil spirits, an imbalance of bodily "humors," and bad air caused by eclipses and comets, among other conjectures.

Anton van Leeuwenhoek (1632-1723) of Delft, Netherlands, was employed in the textile business there where magnifying lenses were used to perform thread count in cloth. He began to hone his skill in grinding and polishing miniature lenses of high curvature, and magnifications of several hundred power. His curious mind led him to prepare specimens of the natural environment and examine them through his new lenses. These revealed, to his amazement, a new world of life, including what he called "tiny animals." van Leeuwenhoek thus became the first person to ever see bacteria and is commonly called "The Father of Microbiology."

When people such as Louis Pasteur in France began to assert that such microscopic organisms might cause disease and steadfastly insisted that surgeons sanitize their hands and equipment before surgery, they were often met with resistance and even ridicule. Many scientists and physicians found it ridiculous that something so tiny could harm a human being and would viciously attack proponents of such "quackery." Doctors such as Ignaz Semmelweis of Vienna, who insisted that doctors cleanse themselves before delivering babies, were made outcasts in the medical community. Of course, in time, Semmelweis, Pasteur and others would be vindicated as the danger came to be realized.

Sin can also mislead people in a very similar way bacteria did in times past. Indeed many today view sin as a harmless and meaningless threat to their well-being, ridiculing and scorning those who point out its devastating effects on human existence here and in the hereafter. Despite the age-old euphemism, wisdom leads us to realize that what we can't see CAN, in fact, hurt us!

“For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life through Christ Jesus our Lord” (Romans 6:23).

God loved us so much that He gave His Son to die on the cross to save us from the devastating effects of sin (John 3:16). He will save those who respond to this amazing gift of God's grace on His terms by: believing in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turning from sin in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confessing that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God (Romans 10:9-10), and being baptized (immersed in water) in the name of Jesus for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38). Although we may not see its effects immediately, sin will ultimately destroy us! Similarly, even though we cannot see our soul being saved by baptism, it is (John 3:8).

God's remedy for man's greatest problem: the blood of Jesus. You can be cleansed of sin if you will respond in trusting obedience to His will.

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By The Numbers

Attendance 5/31/15

Bible Class: 60	A.M. Worship: 92	P.M. Worship: 62
Contribution: \$2,547.90	DB Readers: 21	Chapters read: 361
May Averages		
Bible Class: 63	A.M. Worship: 88	P.M. Worship: 61
Contribution: \$2,606.35	DB Readers: 18	Chapters read: 353

Family News and Notes

Prayer Requests

Geraldine Cook's brother, **Charles Brown**, passed away after a lengthy battle with cancer. He lived in the Charleston, SC area.

Rudy Gray is now in Village Green Rehab in room #321.

Phil Byrd's parents are declining in health. **Brian Cimbura**, **Gloria Emerick's** son-in-law is in Afghanistan.

Margaret Eads, Byran's grandmother, is much improved. **Alice Morrison** has moved in with her son, Pete. **Linda Williams** has been doing better with her ankle. **John Williams** shoulder is doing better but still sore. **Active military**. Please keep all our active duty military members in your prayers. They could be called to a conflict area at a moments notice. Remember to pray for them and their families as well.

Also, please remember: **Margaret Langston**, **Vera West**, **J. D. and Vicky Carver**, **Carolyn Pierce**, **Anita Bottger**, **Rudy and Lettie Gray**, **Alice Morrison**, **Gay Mathis**, **Lloyd and Cecil Kimbrel**, **Becky Pool**, **Tylia Landrum**, **Gwen Jennen**, **Linda Williams**, **Tiffany Oliver**, **Jaimie and Thelma Adams**.

Special Recognition

Thanks to all the teachers that came to the teachers workshop. We are preparing and looking forward to implementing the new curriculum. A letter will be sent out later in the summer with further explanation.

Events

CCSOP Graduation: June 13th at 5pm. Kingsbury Road Church of Christ in Sumter, SC.

Graduation reception: for our senior, **Brynn Hatcher**, after the evening worship service next Sunday

AP Camp: We are going to the 2nd week which is June 28-July 3. Theme: "The Flood"

VBS: July 13-15; 6:30-8:30; Theme; TEAM POSSIBLE: The Journey's of Paul.

Polishing the Pulpit: August 14-21 in Gatlinburg, TN. Register online now if you are planning on attending.