

Those Serving Today:	
<u>Morning</u>	
Announcements:	Byran Hatcher
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	John Williams
Lord’s Table:	
Presiding	Scot Parchman
Assisting:	Steve Pool
	Adam Byrd
	Rick Caldwell
Sermon:	Byran Hatcher
Closing Prayer:	Jon Williams
<u>Evening</u>	
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	Jon Williams
Sermon:	Byran Hatcher
Lord’s Supper:	Kyle Pool
Closing Prayer:	Trevor Moore
Those Serving Wednesday:	
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	TBD
Scripture:	Abel Abraham
Reading:	Ps 125
Invitation:	Byran Hatcher
<u>Pantry item of the week:</u>	
Pinto Beans	

Sermon Notes

Lessons From Hell

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II.

III.

IV.

V.

Welcome,
Visitors!

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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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Elders: Wade Hedgepeth

Scot Parchman

Byran Hatcher

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

Authority of the Scriptures

(Part 4)

How does the Bible authorize a belief or action, whether they are optional or obligatory? There are three means by which the Bible authorizes a belief or action: a direct statement, approved example, and through implication.

This article will only deal with the first of the three means by which the Bible authorizes a belief or action - by direct statements. A direct statement is also known as a command. But a direct statement is even more than that. There are five catagories of a direct statement.

First is the declarative statement. When Jesus stated, “he that believeth and is baptized shall be saved” (Mark 16:16), He made a declarative statement. Notice that this statement is not a command, but a mere statement of fact. The implication of the stated fact is that in order to be saved one must comply with the fact - only those that believe and are baptized will be saved. The Lord then adds “he that believeth not shall be damned.” this statement then declares that at least two things are involved in mans salvation - belief and baptism.

Second is the imperative statement. In Acts 2:38 Peter ex-

claimed, “Repent ye, and be baptized, every one of you, for the remission of sins...”
this is a direct command. Those that obey these direct commands are following
through with God’s will

Third, actions and beliefs are authorized by interrogatives. Paul asked, “Is Christ divided?” (1 Corinthians 1:13). This rhetorical question teaches that we must believe that Christ is not divided. To divide the body of Christ is thus sinful.

Fourth, Hortatory statements, or statements of exhortation authorize be-
liefs and actions. The Hebrews writer exhorted, “let us press on unto perfec-
tion” (Hebrews 6:1). When Christians are encouraged to pursue a particular course
of action through statements such as this, then there is authority to obey such.

Fifth, the optative statement authorizes beliefs and actions. The optative
statement expresses a desire or wish from God. Paul asked the question, “Shall we
continue in sin that grace may abound?” Then follows that query with an optative
statement, “God forbid” or “let it not be so” (Romans 6:1,2). Therefore the best
thing for the Christian is to not engage in sin so that there can be more grace. The
implication is: that is not how grace works!

These five basic types of statements make up the direct statement aspect of
Biblical authority. These statements authorize the Christian in certain areas of be-
lief and practice. If one were to ignore or purposefully contradict these statements,
then that one is operating outside the authority of the scriptures.

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By The Numbers		
Attendance 9/18/16		
Bible Class: 61	A.M. Worship: 109	P.M. Worship: 57
Contribution: \$2,581.67	D. B. Readers: 17	Chapters read: 291

Family News and Notes

Prayer Requests

Rudolph Best, member at Clinton, and his wife, **Mildred. Linda Jenkins’** son and family. **Becky Pool’s** moth-
er has been diagnosed with severe osteoporosis. **Tylia Landrum’s** parents, **Walter and Blanche Landrum**, are
not doing well at this time. **JD Carver** is in The Veteran’s Center, behind the VA on Ramsey. **Margaret Lang-
ston** still needs someone to stay with her during the day. **Linda Boston** continues to deal with family issues.
Phil Byrd’s dad is in poor health. **Rudy Gray** is declining in health. **Linda Williams’** brother, **Willie “Wayne”
Pipkins**, still needs our prayers. Those of our number that are deployed: **Venson Oliver, Bryan Godfrey, Bill
Rose, James Horne. Active military.** Pray for our active duty military members; they could be called to a con-
flict area at a moments notice. Remember to pray for their families as well.

Also, please remember: **Margaret Langston, Vera West, J. D. and Vicky Carver, Gloria Emerick, Carolyn
Pierce, Anita Bottger, Rudy and Lettie Gray, Alice Morrison, Gay Mathis, Robbie Sprayberry, Lloyd and Cec-
il Kimbrel, Francis Salaz, Becky Pool, Tylia Landrum, Gwen Jennen, John & Linda Williams, Tiffany Oliver,
Gary, Brenda & Brent Pollard, Eddie Drews, and Thelma Adams.** Please pray for those in Bible Studies, both
students and teachers.

Special Recognition

Welcome to Trevor Moore! He wants to place his membership with us today. He is in the 82nd and lives on
post. We are glad he wants to worship here and grow as a Christian man.

Thanks to all those that helped the Hatchers move. They are very grateful.

Events

Titus 2 Ladies Class: Oct. 8th. 9:30-11:00
Young Ladies’: Meeting at Kendra Byrd’s’ house this Saturday, Oct. 1st, @ 10am
Lexington Gospel Meeting: September 25-29. Melvin Sapp speaking. Weeknights at 7pm. If you want to go Tuesday evening let Byran know.
Clinton Fall Gospel Meeting: October 16-19. Byran Hatcher speaking. Weeknights at 7:30pm