

Those Serving Today:	
<u>Morning</u>	
Announcements:	Eric Austin
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	John Williams
Lord’s Table:	
Presiding	Scot Parchman
Assisting:	Brynn Hatcher
	Calvin Austin
	Dustin Pool
Sermon:	Byran Hatcher
Closing Prayer:	Kyle Pool
<u>Evening</u>	
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	Ron Austin
Sermon:	TBA
Lord’s Supper:	Kyle Pool
Closing Prayer:	Sam Rose
Those Serving Wednesday:	
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	TBD
Scripture:	Sam Rose
Reading:	Ps 132:10-18
Invitation:	Byran Hatcher
<div><div><u>Pantry item of the week:</u></div><div>Gift basket items</div></div>	

Sermon Notes

The Severity of God

I. To the Jews

II. To the Gentiles

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

Contend for the Faith

Jude admonishes Christians to contend for the faith (Jude 3). He does not leave us to guess as to why there is such a necessity because in the very next verse of scripture he tells us: “For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.” However many in the Lord’s body would say that it is unloving and not Christ-like to contend for the faith. The Christian should always be kind and considerate. But being kind and standing up for the truth and against false teaching are not mutually exclusive. Furthermore, it is the teaching we ought oppose not the persons espousing such erroneous doctrine. Too often there are those that will gladly compromise the truth and will be able to “agree to disagree” on doctrinal issues. Notice several examples of those in the New Testament that defended the truth.

1. Jesus is the world’s greatest controversial figure. It follows that since we are to follow in His steps (1 Peter 2:21), and since He publicly defended the truth, we likewise must do the same. There can be no doubt that He loved everyone - He died for them! But not once did He endorse the false doctrine or those teaching it in His day (Matthew 15:9; 23:1-39).

.2. Peter and John earnestly contended for the faith as recorded in the Acts 4 & 5. far from being the only members of the church to do so, the whole church was set for the defense of the Gospel (1 Peter 3:15). The early church was constantly challenged by the enemies of the truth, especially those of Judaism.

3. Stephen was a man filled with the Holy Ghost. He courageously defended the truth in public and the result was that He was stoned to death. The Lord showed His approval from Heaven by standing up at the right hand of the Throne (Acts 7:55,56). After reading Acts chapter 7, Stephen was bold in his proclamation, but he was not unloving nor unkind. Therefore, when Stephen requested the Lord to receive his spirit the Savior did just that (Acts 7:59,60).

4. The Apostle Paul was one that filled his life by contending for the faith. Everywhere he went there was some sort of opposition. Certainly there were those that listened to the pure Gospel of Jesus the Christ. Those that listened and obeyed were saved. Those that opposed Paul and the Gospel were not saved (Mark 16:16). Paul preached the truth fervently because he knew its power (Hebrews 4:12). When his preaching sparked a debate or some controversy, he took advantage of the situation by preaching and teaching the truth and refuting error.

In all these things the reason we contend for the faith is so that some will be saved and that all might have an opportunity to hear the truth and make their own decision to follow the Lord.

- BTH

By The Numbers

Attendance 11/20/16

Bible Class: 75	A.M. Worship: 100	P.M. Worship: 62
Contribution: \$3,356.50	D. B. Readers: 15	Chapters read: 411

Family News and Notes

Prayer Requests

Ruth Hooker had a pacemaker put in last week at CFVMC. She is now in rehab behind the hospital. The brethren of the **South Lumberton** congregation and all those that experienced loss in the wake of Hurricane Matthew. Many are still struggling. **Brother B.G. Campbell**, the minister at South Lumberton, is dealing with some chronic health issues. **Lauren Brannon** is at home with the flu. **Rudolph Best**, passed away Friday. Funeral is December 10th. **Tylia Landrum's** parents, **Walter and Blanche Landrum**, are not doing well at this time. **JD Carver** has been moved back to the Veterans Home behind the VA on Bragg Blvd. **Rudy Gray** is declining in health. **Linda Williams'** brother, **Willie "Wayne" Pipkins**, still needs our prayers. Those of our number that are deployed: **Bryan Godfrey, Bill Rose, James Horne, Gesna Davis. Active military.** Pray for our active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moments notice. Remember to pray for their families as well. Pray for all those travelling this week to be with family.

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, Francis Salaz, Becky Pool, Tylia Landrum, Gwen & Sarah 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

We are so glad many got to go home to spend time with family and some even had family come to them! What a joyous time of year it is to reconnect with those we love.

Events

Quarterly Drill Down: Wednesday night, November 30th

Gift Baskets: December 9th and 10th. See Chad for more details and how to help!

New Years' Eve Party: at the building Dec 31st.

Creation Seminar: February 17-19, with Eric Lyons from Apologetics Press, here @ Cape Fear