

## Privileged to Serve

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:  
Presiding: Eric Austin

Assisting: Ron Austin  
Sibio Farrington  
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Caleb Rose

### *Evening Worship*

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Eric Austin

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Lord's Supper: Calvin Austin

Closing Prayer: Lee Sherman

### *Those serving Wednesday*

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Scripture: Pro 4:22-27

Reading: Abel Abraham

Invitation: John Williams

## Pantry Item

Canned Chili

## Sermon Notes

### *Into Thy Hands, I Commend My Spirit*

I.

II.

III.

IV.

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Welcome!

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### Service Times

Sunday:  
B. C. 9:00am  
Worship 10:00am  
Evening 5:00pm

Wednesday Night:  
B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class:  
Tuesdays 10:00am

Elders  
Scot Parchman  
Wade Hedgepeth  
Byran Hatcher

Deacons  
Brian Godfrey  
Steve Pool  
John Williams

# The Cape Fear Crier

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

## A Parting Gift

During the Cold War, the United States Air Force, as well as the other branches of the US military, set up communications stations to monitor and report on the military movement of the Soviet Socialist Republic (S.S.R.) forces. One station in particular was in a very harsh environment; that place was Cape Newenham Air Force Station. It is located on a remote Alaskan coast of the Bering Sea. Master Sergeant Sammie Morris, Sr. and a crew of about 110 men of the United States Air Force operated an early warning radar site and communications link. The base was located in the mouth of an inactive volcano, and the radar was mounted up on the rim of the crater. The radar dish was often subjected to near hurricane force winds kicked up by winter storms. Men on rotating shifts rode an open cable tram from the base up to the rim to operate and maintain the radar. Conditions were often brutal due to the biting cold, the bellowing winds, and the blanketing snow.

There were few outdoor activities during off time, besides fishing for salmon and dodging sea lions on the warmest summer days, which still required heavy jackets with fur-lined hoods. Sgt. Morris often filled his down time by reading his Bible. This made an impression on the fellow members of his squadron.

Sgt. Morris completed his assignment at Cape Newenham AFS at the end of 18 months. As a parting gift of appreciation, several of the airmen went in together and purchased a new Bible. Many of them signed the front leaf of the Bible. They had observed that his Bible had been his constant companion during some very difficult days, and his men wanted him to have a new one to continue with him.

That same Bible was placed in his folded arms as Master Sergeant Sammie Morris, Sr. went to be with his Lord at the age of 95. This very special copy of his constant companion accompanied his body to the grave.

Are we so dedicated to the reading of God's Word that those around us would think it an appropriate gift for us? God desires to be our great companion and guide in life. He wants to keep us from the bitter chill of sin. But if we never take the time to read His word He cannot help us.

God has given us His Son and His word as great gifts, the greatest gift we can give to others is to live out that life described in scriptures:

"Therefore lay aside all filthiness and overflow of wickedness, and receive with meekness the implanted word, which is able to save your souls. But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves... He who looks into the perfect law of liberty and continues in it, and is not a forgetful hearer but a doer of the work, this one will be blessed in what he does." - James 1:21-22, 25

This Word is able to save your soul when it is appropriated and applied to your life. The Word tells of God's love in giving His Son Jesus to die on the cross for our sins so that we can have forgiveness of our sins and receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; Romans 6:23; Ephesians 1:7).

Take the time today and pick up God's gift to you, His word, so that you can give great things to others.

-BTH

## By the Numbers

Attendance 12/3/17  
Bible Class: 57  
Contribution: \$4,413.84

A.M. Worship: 105  
DB Readers: 18

P.M. Worship: 52  
Chapters Read: 291

## Family News and Notes

**Claudia Farrington** has been having serious complications with her legs. **Jeanette Freshley** has asked that we keep her in prayer. Tests are being run to check on some issues she is dealing with. **Sherri Parchman's** step sister, **Lisa Suarez**, has cancer and is having surgery on the 6th. A sister in Christ in Las Vegas, **Debi Groven**, is also facing cancer surgery next week. **Vera West** has fallen several times. She will be moving to a different location in Chattanooga. Please send her a birthday card this week. Her address information is on the bulletin board in the foyer. Linda Williams brother, **Willie "Wayne" Pipkins**, still needs our prayers. Tylia Landrum's parents, **Walter and Blanche Landrum**, are not doing well at this time. **Tylia** also struggles with severe back pain. **Rudy Gray** is declining in health. Lettie is doing her best to care for him at home. Both miss being here very much. Active military: Pray for our active duty military members; they could be called to a conflict area at a moment's notice. Remember to pray for their families as well. Please pray for CCSOP and all those dedicating their lives to proclaiming the gospel of Christ.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vera West, Vicky Carver, Gloria Emerick, Carolyn Pierce, Rudy and Lettie Gray, Gay Mathis, Robbie Sprayberry, Francis Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen and Sarah Jennen, John and Linda Williams**, the **Oliver** family, the **Pollard** family, **Claudia Farrington, Monica Ullom** (in Women's State Prison in Raleigh), and **Thelma Adams**. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

## Special Recognition

Thanks to all those that came on Friday night to put the baskets together. Many thanks to Chad and Steve for doing an excellent job coordinating and delivering these beautiful baskets.

## Events

**FOM:** Our first class will be Saturday January 6th at 3pm. Come with Bible and pen. Be the PIG!

**Ladies' Day** - Meeting this morning after worship service down front

**Youth Devotional:** Sunday, December 17th at the Hatchers'. Please see Byran or Jennifer for more information.

**Please Note:** There will not be a "game night" until January

