Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Lord's Table:

Presiding: Brian Godfrev

Assisting: **Dustin Pool**

> Carlos Boles Phil Byrd

Byran Hatcher Sermon:

Closing Prayer: Kyle Pool

Evening Worship

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Dustin Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Lord's Supper: Brynn Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Scripture: Pro 23:8-14

Brynn Hatcher Reading:

Invitation: Jon Williams

Pantry Item N/A

Sermon Notes Uncommon Faith

1. _____ to God

11. _____ from God

111. _____ for God

June 9, 2019

Welcome!

Cape Fear Church of Christ

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

Wednesday Night: B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class: Tuesdays10:00am

Elders Scot Parchman Wade Hedgepeth Byran Hatcher

Deacons Brian Godfrev Steve Pool John Williams

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

Jesus in the Pulpit

With the church under attack from without and within. we have to wonder if the Lord himself would be allowed in most pulpits across the country.

He probably would not be allowed in any of the denominations; to them He would be "too unloving." Remember Matthew chapter 23; on this occasion Jesus used the word "WOE UNTO YOU" eight times and called the Scribes and Pharisees "HYPOCRITES" seven times. Jesus spoke the truth about them and their miserable state, but they would not listen to it. Jesus always taught "in love" as we are told to do (Ephesians 4:15). Most people have the wrong idea about love. For most, love means to cause the least amount of discomfort. That is not Biblical love. Jesus was consistent in His demonstration of love. He truly cared for the condition of each soul.

Jesus would also be "far too narrow minded" for most. He said I am "THE WAY" (John 14:6) and that is considered "too narrow." We are told by those in the religious world that all those that believe in God are going to Heaven, each is just going to get there by different avenues. Jesus had a different viewpoint on that subject and taught there is but ONE WAY to the Father.

Further, Jesus said a person must be BAPTIZED to be saved (John 5:3,5). Some would respond by saying, "He has gone to teaching water salvation, and we know that can not be allowed." Everyone seems to forget how Naaman was saved

from his leprosy. Was it the water that cleansed him, or his obedience? Naaman would tell you it was not the water!

With the kind of preaching Jesus did, we know he would not be allowed in any of the denominational pulpits. But what about the pulpits of the church of Christ, the Lord's church, His very own body?

It is the case of the leg telling the head, "No, I am not going that way." With liberalism taking over so many congregations; most brethren are afraid to speak out against sin. Some might call them unloving; since love is causing as little friction as possible, most just do not want any trouble. For this very reason, Jesus would not be allowed in a lot of places with the name "church of Christ" on the sign.

Do we want growth in the church today? YES! But not at ANY cost! Not at the cost of allowing false doctrine to go uncontested. Not at the cost of allowing those into fellowship who have married, divorced and remarried for reasons other than fornication, which the Lord Himself commanded in Matthew 19:9. We have to grow spiritually first and then in number (cf. James 3:17). Games and gimmicks will not truly convert people; only the gospel will do that (Romans 1:16). Those that come into the church for a reason other than obeying the Gospel call are living in a fantasy world. Not only them, but those that "convert" such a one under those pretenses. All will be lost, one for not teaching correctly, the other for not obeying correctly.

No, Jesus would not be allowed in pulpits of denominations and a lot of congregations of the Lord's church. Would Jesus be allowed here in the pulpit at Cape Fear? What would be His reception? Would tender hearts accept His words, or would hard hearts run Him out of town?! I trust it would be the former. May more brethren have the courage to stand for the truth and turn back the workers of Satan. Truly love as Jesus loved, and teach as Jesus taught.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/2/19 Bible Class: 40 Contribution: \$4,188.25

A.M. Worship: 69 DB Readers: 11 P.M. Worship: 34 Chapters Read: 244

Family News and Notes

Betty Mason, wife of Paul Mason, passed away. Our sincere condolences to the Mason family. Beck Pool's sister, Esther Nissley, is being tested for breast cancer. Rick Caldwell is dealing with some heart and lung problems. Charlie Budd, Debbie Smith's daughter-in-law, is cancer free! Charlotte Misher, Doreen Neely & Claudia Farrington are dealing with various chronic health issues. John Williams remains in severe pain with his knee. Charles and Kim Perkins are dealing with serious chronic health concerns at this time. Gay Mathis is in room is #316 in Autumn Care. Continue to remember Vera West and her sister Glenda Cox, in prayer. Linda Williams brother, Willie "Wayne" Pipkins, still needs our prayers. Her mother is not doing well at this time. 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 in the nursing home in Roseboro. 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.

Also remember: Margaret Langston, Vera West, Vicky Carver, Gloria Emerick, Carolyn Pierce, Rudy and Lettie Gray, Gay Mathis, Robbie Sprayberry, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen and Sarah Jennen, John and Linda Williams, the Pollard family, Claudia Farrington, Rick Caldwell, Monica Ullom (Neuse Correctional in Goldsboro, NC), and Thelma Adams. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Special Recognition

We enjoyed another Men's Lunch this past Thursday. It really is these times when you get to know one another and truly become "family." Make sure you get together with your Christian family for bonds that will last for eternity!

Events

H.S. seniors: Please leave our High School seniors a gift in their box on the table in the foyer. There will be a fellowship meal to honor them the third Sunday of June.

Elders/Deacons Meeting: This afternoon at 3:30.

CCSOP Lectureship: June 9-15. Evening lectures begin at 6:30. Saturday, all day.

VBS: July 15-17. 6:30 each evening. Classes for all ages. Door knocking - July 13th.