

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Steve Pool
Kyle Pool
Phil Byrd

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Trevor Moore

Evening Worship

Song Leader: N/A

Opening Prayer: N/A

Sermon: N/A

Lord's Supper: N/A

Closing Prayer: N/A

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: N/A

Scripture: N/A

Reading: N/A

Invitation: N/A

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes
The Thief on the Cross

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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

Stiff Upper Lip

In times like these it is more important than ever to keep a “stiff upper lip.” In other words, be courageous. The devil is working overtime to discourage the children of God in so many areas. He is seeking out our weaknesses and exploiting them, all too often with devastating effect.

What has hurt the church the most in these past few months is the separation from one another. There is such an emphasis on being together in the New Testament. Luke wrote, “And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers” (Acts 2:42). Coming together was also important on the first day of the week. Luke writes about Paul in Troas, “And upon the first *day* of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). It was essential that Paul meet with the Christians and that he encourage them and warn them with many words. They, too, were eager to hear what Paul had to say. A few days later Paul would send for the elders of the church at Ephesus and speak with them. At the end of his time with them he let them know it would be for the final time and they were all sorrowful.

On his way to Caesarea, Paul stopped in Tyre and Ptolemais. In both places he spent time with the brethren.

Then in Caesarea he stayed with Philip and his family until the day of Pentecost when he wanted to go to Jerusalem.

My point in all this is that we are social beings. We NEED to be around others. But not just any others, we need to be around those of like precious faith. Paul warns, “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Corinthians 15:33). When we are away from the brethren for an extended period of time that will have a negative affect on our souls.

If there is one thing this pandemic has taught us, I hope it is that we need one another. Hopefully we will not take each other for granted. If we value the spiritual over the physical, then we should find a way to remain in fellowship and keep the connections with the brethren strong, while helping everyone to stay safe at the same time. Where there is a will, there is a way! Is the church valuable enough to you to find that way? It will not be easy, and there are sure to be pitfalls and missteps. But we must value the church just as Jesus did - He gave His life for it!

Times like these require courage. Sometimes we face physical threats, sometimes we face spiritual threats. When our brothers and sisters in Christ need our aid, let us jump at the opportunity to help.

I want you to stay safe physically. I want you to be well and happy. But I do not want you to be physically safe at the expense of your soul. Hell is not worth temporary health. If you have left the church and the Lord - Please come back! Come back and get back in the business of helping others know the Lord.

- BTH

By the Numbers		
Attendance 9/20/20		
Bible Class: N/A	A.M. Worship: N/A	P.M. Worship: N/A
Contribution: N/A	DB Readers: N/A	Chapters Read: N/A

Family News and Notes

We have been blessed thus far that none of our members have contracted Covid-19 as of yet. Let us continue to pray that remains the situation. We do want to pray for those family members that have lost loved ones these past 6 months. Please also say a special prayer for Alex Freshley as he was diagnosed with Crohn’s disease.

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, Vicky Carver, Gloria Emerick, Lettie Gray,, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen Jennen, John and Linda Williams, the Pollard family, Claudia Farrington, Rick Caldwell, Margaret Eads, and Thelma Adams.** Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Special Recognition

I can not stress how grateful I am to the men that have stepped up and done such a remarkable and admirable job in leading the worship every Lord’s Day since March. Last week was no exception! Thank you men, keep up the good work.

Events

Ladies Bible Class: started back up last Tuesday. They meet at 10:00 every Tuesday.

Worship services: Still having only Sunday morning adult Bible Class and worship.

Fall Gospel Meeting: Oct. 4-7. Weeknights at 7:30. Speaker is Bill Haywood.

