

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Steve Pool
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Dustin Pool

Closing Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

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

Chicken Noodle Soup

Sermon Notes
Always Be Prepared

I.

II.

III.

IV.

December 27, 2020

Welcome!

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Church of Christ

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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
Steve Pool
John Williams

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The
Cape Fear Crier

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

Contentment

“Not that I speak in respect of want: for I have learned, in whatsoever state I am, *therewith* to be content. I know both how to be abased, and I know how to abound: every where and in all things I am instructed both to be full and to be hungry, both to abound and to suffer need. I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me” (Phil 4:11-13).

Contentment is not discussed in any circles any more. Everyone is too busy wanting the next big thing to come down the pike. Not only is it rarely spoken of, it is even more rare for it to be put into practice. Do you know what contentment looks like? Is there someone in your life that exudes this Godly trait? It has been said that contentment is the flower virtue, beautiful to behold, but soon neglected.

Contentment is something that must be taught and learned. Just as Christianity is a taught religion, contentment is a learned trait, taught by those who have experienced it. No one is born being content. Everyone that learns how must continue learning their entire lives. If God expects His child to learn how to be

content, then it is possible, but a great challenge. But through Christ it is possible!

Paul had learned how to be content. He was found in all manner of situations. Most of them very uncomfortable (see 2 Corinthians 11). Yet, through those difficult and inhospitable times, he found a way to live. True living and contentment go hand-in-hand. Paul never taught passivity, stoicism, or resignation. He never sought sympathy. He did teach, by his own personal experience, how to live a contented life. In that life there is abundance. There is joy and hope!

Contentment is not attained by way of human reason and wisdom. One truly live on personal merit. The Christian must learn how to live the abundant life, filled with contentment from Jesus. He acknowledged that “foxes have holes, and the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man hath not where to lay His head” (Matthew 8:20). The very God of Heaven had no physical attachments, yet His life has been the most significant of all!

Contentment is a challenge to obtain in any circumstance. Sinful poor people do not become righteous when they come into wealth. (What amount of money would be the right amount for happiness?) Nor if they become powerful, educated, or popular. Contentment might actually be more challenging with worldly goods than without them. A respected, successful businessman might have the ability to support his family and be able to buy whatever he wants, but still be as miserable as the man living in a cardboard box! Contentment is not where you are or what you have, it is who you are based on your relationship with the Lord.

By the Numbers

Attendance 12/20/20
Bible Class: 32
Contribution: N/A

A.M. Worship: 40
DB Readers: N/A

P.M. Worship: N/A
Chapters Read: N/A

Family News and Notes

Wink Oxendine's mother passed away last week in Laurinburg from Covid complications. **Claudia Farrington** is having a difficult time right now. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo.

Most of our church family have physical family members affected by Covid-19. For this reason many are not traveling for the holidays. Some are able to travel. We have been blessed thus far that none of our members have had serious complications with Corona Virus. 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 10 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, Alex Freshley, 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

We hope everyone continues to have a safe and happy holiday season! It is our prayer that 2021 is a better year.

Events

Ladies Bible Class: is on break until after the first of the year

Monday Reminder: Every Monday morning at 8am on Facebook.

Wednesday Devotional Message: Every Wednesday evening at 6pm on Facebook

