

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: Byran Hatcher

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

Mixed vegetables

Sermon Notes

A Fresh Start

I.

II.

III.

IV.

January 3, 2021

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

New Year's Resolutions

Now is a good time with the new year to do some self-examination and make resolutions, or goals for our lives. Resolutions are not going to be effective if serious time has not been given to self reflection. We can not move forward if we do not even know where we are to begin with! If we are honest with ourselves past resolutions and goals have gone by the wayside because we have set up a priority list and then when things got tough, the priorities went out the window. In order to do better, to be better, set aside that thinking and avoid that temptation!

Unfortunately what must happen for most people, other than the passage of time, to actually change habits is to be faced with a tragedy. While a crisis is a time to reevaluate life, it would be better to make serious life changes before enduring a tragedy. For many, the tragedy is the loss of ones life, and it is too late after that to make any changes.

In looking back, what needs to be changed above all things? The first assessment should begin with ones relationship to God. Are you right with God? You know if you were to die this very moment if you would be saved or lost. If you know you would be lost, then that should be

your first priority in life. Get right with Him! If you are not a Christian, believe in Him, repent of your sins, confess Jesus as the Son of God, and be baptized for the remission of your sins. If you are a Christian, confess your sins and repent. There is no life worth living if your relationship with God is not what it should be.

In looking forward, what do you want most? If material things are what come to mind - stop. Ask yourself why material things are what you want. Can they make you truly happy? Will they last into the next life? Will those things make you a better person? The answer to all those questions is no. Change your heart to want a better relationship with others. To have good friends, you have to be a good friend.

Improving yourself and loving yourself is a valid goal. But do not try to change your outward appearance as much as your inward appearance. Most people use this time to set goals of weight loss, but when the going gets tough almost everyone quits. Why? Because losing weight does not change the person at all. To make lasting change, you have to put new information, better information in your mind than what you have been consuming. Putting in toxic thoughts will result in toxic behavior.

Resolve now to be a new you. A better you. The best you. Put God's word in your life and watch what happens. Improve your prayer life. Determine to be around the church more and watch what happens.

My prayer is that you will have a great year and you will be a better person for the Lord this year than you were last year.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 12/27/20
Bible Class: 25
Contribution: N/A

A.M. Worship: 35
DB Readers: N/A

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

Family News and Notes

Wink Oxendine's mother, Patricia, passed away and her funeral was last week. **Claudia Farrington** is having a difficult time right now. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. **Vicky Carver's** son, **Joe**, needs our prayers right now. **Charles Perkins** has been struggling with some health issues. 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, though we have all been affected negatively. 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 has a better 2021! Happy New Year and make sure Jesus and His church is first in your life.

Events

Ladies Bible Class: begins back this Tuesday at 10am

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

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

Men's Lunch: Thursday at 11 @ Golden Corral.

