Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Chad Futrell Song Leader:

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:

Presidina: Scot Parchman

Steve Pool Assisting:

Kyle Pool

Byran Hatcher Sermon:

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

N/A Reading:

Invitation: N/A

> **Pantry Item** Corn

Sermon Notes What God Wants From Me

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January 31, 2021

Welcome!

Cape Fear 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: Tuesdays10:00am

Elders Scot Parchman Wade Hedgepeth Byran Hatcher

Deacons 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

Happiness

What all desire and few actually have obtained is happiness. A recent study declared that having a certain amount of money can make one happy. Hah! And then comes the list of all those that are miserable that have money and the things that money can buy. no, money cannot take care of the last of happiness in life. It can not be directly pursued. It is like trying to grab water with your hand. It might be there for a moment, but it quickly passes through and is gone. Happiness is a serendipity. It is a product, a result. It is a state of mind and an attitude, not ones circumstances or the result of uncontrollable events. If one is not happy now, what would it take to make one happy tomorrow? If one is not happy in current circumstances of life, what place would produce happiness? Remember: the Apostle Paul was happy in jail and Caesar was miserable on the throne.

Happiness is courage. The word "courage" has been misunderstood and misinterpreted by nearly everyone. Being a daredevil is not the same thing as being courageous. Courage is about standing one's ground when everyone else gives way, quits, or runs away. Courage is being the one friend that remains as all others vanish into the woodwork. Thee is very little desire for true courage anymore, this is why unhappiness abounds. Courage is key to genuine happiness. It is impossible to be happy while running away. There is no way to be happy behind the proverbial mask. Courage identifies problems early on and then tackles them as soon as logical to do so.

Happiness is service. Happy people are not trying to be happy. Personal gratification is not the goal. The goal of happy people is to be useful. Have a place to belong. A long time ago a philosopher said, "I know no happy person who lives only for himself... true happiness comes from squandering ourselves for a purpose." Jesus said it this way, "If you would be happy, give yourself away" (Acts 20:35).

Happiness is security. The Beattitudes of the Sermon on the Mount give the very formula for human happiness. Happy people are anchored fast in heart by the great principles of God! Days need to begin with God, be filled with God, and end with God. Happiness always involves ones character. It is not, nor has it ever been about what one possesses. It is all about who one is on a daily basis. Being good and obedient to the Lord precedes happiness. Jesus can fill us in ways that nothing this world has to offer. That is not just in the hereafter, but in the here and now. Just think, if one is happy now, how much more happiness will be had hereafter?

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By the Numbers

Attendance 1/24/20 Bible Class: 19 Contribution: N/A

A.M. Worship: 52 DB Readers: N/A P.M. Worship: N/A Chapters Read: N/A

Family News and Notes

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. A coworker of Steve Pool passed away suddenly. Please keep the family of Bobby Petty in prayer. The Oliver family will be moving to Texas soon. Venson has been reassigned to Fort Bliss. We wish them well. Keep Trevor Moore in your prayers in his training in Va. He should be back by April. 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 11 months.

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

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.

Adams. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4	Feb 5	Feb 6
Jn 1-2	Jn 3-4	Jn 5-6	Jn 7-8	Jn 9-10	Jn 11-12	Jn 13-14
Ps 31	Ps 32	Ps 33	Ps 34	Ps 35	Ps 36	Ps 37

Events

Ladies Bible Class: Cancelled for February 2nd because of construction

Monday Reminder: Every Monday morning at 8am on Facebook/YouTube

Wednesday Devotional Message: Wednesday evening at 6pm on Facebook/YouTube