

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Scot Parchman

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Steve Pool
DustinPool

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
Vegetable Soup

Sermon Notes *Brothers' Keeper*

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February 7, 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

The Bible, God's Textbook On Division By Ivie Powell

How rapid a wide-open division occurs in a congregation that might not be the same for all religious groups. Often, it is not one particular episode, but an accumulation or underlying cause through months and even years that reaches the point of "Mt. St. Helens." Remember, it just takes "a little leaven" to destroy the body of Christ ([1 Cor. 5:6](#))! A raging firestorm within the body of Christ is often started by a spark which ignites a fire, then fanned, and if not extinguished, results in a raging inferno. The old proverb, "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure" is well worth heeding!

Prevention is the operative word! What can be done to prevent division within the body of Christ? While we should strive to do everything that is biblical in preventing division, there are two major areas where division occurs: 1) personal opinions and 2) a matter of doctrine. Simply stated, when people are not willing to submit to God's instructions, division is inevitable!

What paradigm (pattern, model) should one use in resolving potentially explosive areas of conflicts in the church? Many will look to the science of psychology which is a study of the mind and its behavior to solve any and all

problems. Dr. Samuel L. Jones and Dr. Richard E. Butman in their book (*Modern Psychotherapies*, p.11) quote a work identifying 260 distinct schools of psychotherapy. Which of these schools, if any, should one turn to for help in dealing with church conflicts? While these theories are interesting and, helpful, depending on the theory, one must remember everything man needs for his spiritual well being is supplied in the inspired, inerrant, all authoritative Word of God! “*All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness. That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*” (2 Tim. 3:16-17). Again, we are told, “*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain to life and godliness...*” (2 Peter 1:3).

As Dr. Carl D. Mills so well stated, “While the Bible was not written as a textbook on psychology, it contains the most psychologically sound teaching available on the needs of human life. ... I affirm that no man is fully prepared to assist people to meet the above needs if he does not respect biblical teaching. I further affirm that any appropriate method, or school, or psychotherapy will reflect truths found in the Bible” (*Personal Counseling*, Dr. Bill Flatt and Others, pp.35-36).

Let us go back to the Bible, not only in preaching fundamentals of the faith, but also in dealing with church conflicts! A key passage in dealing with church conflict is the prayer of our Lord in the garden of Gethsemane where Jesus prayed, “*Father, if thou be willing, remove this cup from me: nevertheless, not my will but thine, be done*” (Luke 22:42). That phrase “not my will but thine, be done” is the key in solving any and all conflicts!

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.

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!

Bible Reading Plan

Feb 7	Feb 8	Feb 9	Feb 10	Feb 11	Feb 12	Feb 13
Jn 15-17	Jn 18-21	Acts 1-2	Acts 3-4	Acts 5-7	Acts 8-9	Ac. 10-11
Ps 38	Ps 39	Ps 40	Ps 41	Ps 42	Ps 43	Ps 44

Events

Ladies Bible Class: Cancelled for February 9th because of construction

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

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

