Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:

Presiding: Scot Parchman

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
Potato Soup

<u>Sermon Notes</u> Brothers' Keeper

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III.

February 14, 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

<u>Deacons</u> Steve Pool John Williams The

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

Second Fiddle

After a discussion in my Acts class for Central Carolina School of Preaching, this article idea came to mind. In the 1990's Michael Jordan, a North Carolina native, became the greatest basketball player to ever play the game. Jordan would tell you, though, that he would not have attained such heights if it were not for his good friend and teammate Scotty Pippen. Pippen, an exceptional player in his own right, always played "second fiddle" to Jordan. My point was that there would be no Jordan without a Pippen. Paul was great because he had help. First from Barnabas, but he did his greatest work with Silas. Silas always played "second fiddle" to Paul.

There are a number of great "second fiddle" players in Scripture. Jonathan, Elisha, John the Baptist and John Mark all played the role and played it well. However, there is one second fiddle player on whom I want to focus. That is Andrew, Peter's brother. Peter overshadowed Andrew from the beginning. Do not forget that Andrew was the first Apostle called by the Lord. Then he went and brought his brother Peter. Andrew never preached a sermon that is recorded in Scripture. He was never inspired by the Holy Spirit to pen a book, or letter, of the Bible. He is really only mentioned three times and even then he is almost in the

background; just one of twelve. Consider what Andrew did not do even though the focus was not on him:

- 1. He did not resign. This human inclination is present everywhere. We live in a "cancel culture." If things are not just the way I want them, then I quit! If a preacher works at a small congregation, that does not make the preacher small, nor his work. If the elders ask you to do a small task, it does not mean that you or your task is small. Great men go about their daily tasks without realizing the significance. Andrew was a great man. It is the man that makes the position, not the position making the man.
- 2. He did not quit and defect to the "other side." Even though he was chosen first, when his brother came to prominence, Andrew did not begin stabbing the Lord, his brother, and the other Apostles in the back. He did not become a servant of Satan. He did not become bitter for a lack of recognition. How many today do not receive what THEY want and begin to lay waste to the church for all to hear? Those are defectors and reprobates.
- 3. He did not attempt to take over. Sometimes in life there is just a "natural order." No one can prevent this, no one can overturn it. It is just how God has providentially ordained things. Not everyone can be number one. There is only one quarterback on the field, only one pitcher. Without the wide receiver to catch the pass, and without the right fielder to catch the ball, the quarterback and pitcher are without a job! Bad things happen when we try to get ahead of ourselves. This is a danger of winning the lottery by the way.
- 4. Andrew was a great man in his own right, just as all those of Scripture that played "second fiddle." A successful man once said, "there are 7 rules of success. Rule #1: Deliver the goods; Rule #2 forget the other 6 rules." No matter what your role for the Lord is, "Deliver the Goods!"

5. -BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 2/7/21 Bible Class: 25 Contribution: N/A

A.M. Worship: 50 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 is moving to Texas today. 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. He is doing very well in his training! 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 14	Feb 15	Feb 16	Feb 17	Feb 18	Feb 19	Feb 20
Ac 12-13	Ac 14-16	Ac 17-19	Ac 20-22	Ac 23-25	Ac 26-28	Rom 1-3
Ps 45	Ps 46	Ps 47	Ps 48	Ps 49	Ps 50	Ps 51

Events

Ladies Bible Class: Meeting again at 10am Feb 16th

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

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