

## **Privileged to Serve**

### *Morning Worship*

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**  
Split Pea Soup

## **Sermon Notes**

### *Act Now!*

I.

II.

III.

March 7, 2021

Welcome!

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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

## **How Much “Stuff” Is Enough?**

It has been attributed to John D. Rockefeller - the wealthiest American to ever live - when asked “How much money is enough?” His reply was, “Just one more dollar.” It is actually very unlikely that Rockefeller ever said anything remotely so materialistic. Instead, he gave credit to God for his wealth. “God gave me my money.” Further, he would say that if you were only living to get rich, you will never attain it. Rockefeller might have had wealth, but it did not rule him. By 1937 he had given over half a billion dollars away to charities, universities, and medical research.

Rockefeller owned four vast estates. In stark contrast, recently I watched a series of short documentaries on minimalistic living and tiny houses. There was a man who lived in a “hobbit-like” house dug into the side of a hill. Another man lives in a 12 x 24 (288 sq. ft.) house he built in the West Texas desert. There were young people who built their 2-story tiny house on a 16 ft. utility trailer. It was quite interesting to see just how little it takes to get along and live very comfortably if one's health and attitude allows.

So the question came to mind, “just how much ‘stuff’ does a person really need?” Growing up and living in a materialistic society has convinced most of us that we need a whole bunch of “stuff” in order to survive when the real truth is you only need food (including water), clothing and adequate shelter. I think about myself and just how much I have accumulated over my lifetime. If I took inventory I’m sure that I don’t need 98% of my “stuff” and that’s probably a conservative estimate.

As disciples of Jesus we need to be careful of the influence of materialism. We follow a Savior who had “*nowhere to lay His head*” (*Luke 9:58*) and refused an opportunity to possess “*all the kingdoms of the world*” (*Matthew 4:9*). Jesus taught that we need not worry about what we will eat, drink, or wear, but make seeking the kingdom of God and His righteousness our priority and God will supply those life sustaining necessities to us. Our problem lies in that we believe a person who has only the basics of life is the poorest of poor and we pity them because of this perceived poverty. Yet that’s exactly the type of “man” that Jesus was.

The bible teaches that “*contentment with godliness is great gain*” and we should be content in the state of living we find ourselves in at the present time (*1 Timothy 6:6; Philippians 4:11*). So next time you think you just can’t get by without that gadget, appliance, vehicle or house then take a moment and ask yourself, “How much do I really need?”

- BTH

| By the Numbers     |                  |                    |
|--------------------|------------------|--------------------|
| Attendance 2/28/21 |                  |                    |
| Bible Class: 31    | A.M. Worship: 47 | P.M. Worship: N/A  |
| Contribution: N/A  | DB Readers: N/A  | Chapters Read: N/A |

**Family News and Notes**

**Donna Priola**, friend of the Hatchers, had successful hip replacement surgery 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, but is doing a lot better. 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 this past year. 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**, and **Thelma Adams**. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

| Bible Reading Plan |         |         |          |          |         |         |
|--------------------|---------|---------|----------|----------|---------|---------|
| Mar 7              | Mar 8   | Mar 9   | Mar 10   | Mar 11   | Mar 12  | Mar 13  |
| Eph 1-2            | Eph 3-4 | Eph 5-6 | Phil 1-2 | Phil 3-4 | Col 1-2 | Col 3-4 |
| Ps 67              | Ps 68   | Ps 69   | Ps 70    | Ps 71    | Ps 72   | Ps 73   |

**Events**

**Ladies Bible Class:** Meeting again at 10am

**Men’s Lunch:** Thursday, March 11 at Golden Corral, 11am

**Sheffield Drive Lectures:** May 1st. 9-3: lunch provided. Theme: “Biblical Leadership”

