

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
Brynn Hatcher

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Trevor Moore

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

N/A

Sermon Notes

God's Power in the Little Things

I. *God* _____

II. *God* _____

III. *God* _____

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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

Be Careful Who You Follow

Have you ever been driving and noticed traffic was backed up for what appeared to be several blocks ahead of you? You might have been in a hurry and did not need the delay so perhaps then you decided to turn on a side road with the plan take a route with which you were familiar. At that point you might have noticed several vehicles ahead of you that apparently had the exact same idea. Almost without exception, one by one, they turned onto a side road with which you were not as familiar. But, being impatient, you were "certain" they knew a short-cut, so you followed right in line. One by one, each of you reached a dead end with nothing but a neighborhood ballpark in sight. Everyone had to turn around and go back to the right road and continue your journey, losing even more time because all of you were so "smart!". Once back on the right road, with some new found patience, you eventually found your way to where you wanted to go.

Matthew 15, beginning with verse 1, the Scribes and Pharisees accused Jesus' disciples of transgressing the Jewish tradition of washing their hands before eating. They Pharisees were not concerned about hygiene but about their traditions. Jesus revealed their hypocrisy to them, telling them that while they accused His disciples of breaking their "tradition", they were guilty of breaking

God’s “commandment” to honor their parents. They were teaching for doctrine the commandments of men, resulting in vain worship.

Jesus later told His disciples, “they be blind leaders of the blind. And if the blind lead the blind, both shall fall into the ditch” (Matthew 15:14). There are too many false teachers that are teaching things contrary to the New Testament pattern and doctrine. Those false teachers are blind to truth. Tragically, those false teachers have some of the largest followings of all. What was Jesus’ conclusion about this sad situation? That both the leaders AND the followers were going to fall into the ditch. He was indicating that both would be lost spiritually.

Just as you (or me) might assume those who were blindly followed knew the way around the traffic jam, many follow religious leaders, parents, friends, co-workers on their spiritual journey, assuming they know the way to heaven. It is easy to recognize when one comes to a dead end on the road. It is relatively easy to make an immediate correction and get back on the right road. Such is not the case spiritually. Many leaders and followers have come to a dead end but they are blind and unaware of their surroundings. All those who follow man-made religions and doctrines will come to a spiritual dead end.

The lesson is simple: be careful whom you follow. Some think they know the way and will loudly declare it (perhaps with huge LED screens!), but Jesus said “I am the way, the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me” (John 14:6).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 4/11/21
Bible Class: 31

A.M. Worship: 62

Wed. B. C.: 23

Family News and Notes

Linda Williams’ mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all dealing with Covid. Wayne is in ICU. **Jack** and **Sondra Wain**, Kim Perkins’ parents are dealing with serious health issues. **Jamie Phillips** is caring for his mother and going through a hard time. **Claudia Farrington** is having a difficult time right now. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. It was so good to see **Vicky Carver**’s son, **Joe**, last Sunday! Please keep **Barry** and **Melany Hatcher** in your prayers.

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. 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!

Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24
Gen 3-4	Gen 5-6	Gen 7-8	Gen 9-10	Gen 11-12	Gen 13-14	Gen 15-16
Ps 109	Ps 110	Ps 111	Ps 112	Ps 113	Ps 114	Ps 115

Events

Wednesday Evening Bible Study: Wednesday at 7pm. Adult Bible Class only.

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

Ladies’ Bible Class: Tuesday 10am in the Library.

