

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
Kyle Pool

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

N/A

Sermon Notes

Who Is On The Lord's Side?

I.

II.

III.

May 2, 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

Fellowship in the Church

Fellowship is a wonderful blessing that is found in Jesus Christ. Joseph Henry Thayer has written concerning *koinonia*, "fellowship, association, community, communion, joint participation, intercourse" (*Greek-English Lexicon*, p.352).

New Testament Christians are a group of people who have a mutual interest, salvation in Jesus Christ. In Christ we have forgiveness of sins, salvation, membership in the true church, and every blessing that is promised to Christians in the Scriptures.

The Bible teaches that when one obeys the Gospel plan of salvation, he is added to the church by the Lord. *"Praising God, and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to them day by day those that were saved"* (Acts 2:47, ASV). The saved are in the body of Christ. In order for someone to be saved, he has to be in Christ -- in the church. Those in the church are in a unique position. They have fellowship with each other in a way that people outside the body of Christ cannot enjoy.

After Pentecost, the Christians *"continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers"* (Acts 2:42). The early Christians had joint participation in the apostles' teaching, which was Jesus' teaching. This teaching involves how we are to worship, to work, and to live as New Testament Christians. Brother Goebel Music has well said that fellowship "relates to and involves partnership, joint-participation, co-sharing, and mutual helpfulness and this can easily be seen from the fact that

Christians are described as: 1. Fellow Helpers (2 Cor. 8:23), 2. Fellow Citizens (Eph. 2:19), 3. Fellow Soldiers (Phil. 2:25), 4. Fellow Servants (Col. 1:7), 5. Fellow Laborers (Phil. 4:3)" (*A Critical Study Of A Critical Subject* -- Fellowship. p.11).

We are a body of Christians who work together to follow the Lord's will in spreading the Gospel, worshiping in spirit and truth, living our lives for Christ, and following the commandments of a loving Lord and Savior. As true brothers and sisters in Christ, we can enjoy the blessings of having *"the right hands of fellowship"* (Gal. 2:9). Even though this is a unique, glorious, brotherly, and warm fellowship in Jesus Christ, it still can be broken.

Some in the Lord's church have adopted the Calvinistic view of "once in grace always in grace" and have applied that false doctrine to fellowship. They have the false notion that no matter what your brother or sister teaches, you can never cease to have fellowship with them. The Bible teaches otherwise. Fellowship can be dissolved, broken, cut off, and withdrawn when the Scriptures are violated, whether by one or a group; in teaching false doctrine, immoral actions, or a failure to remain faithful in the fellowship of God (2 Thess. 3:6; Rom. 16:17-18).

Fellowship is limited, just as salvation is limited, to those who walk in the light. *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). Also, to those who abide in truth, *"Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son"* (2 John 9).

Fellowship is prohibited to those who are in Biblical error. Error in the Bible is designated as "darkness." *"And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them"* (Eph. 5:11). Withholding fellowship from an individual or congregation is for the benefit of their soul. It is an attempt to get them to see their error, repent and come back to the Truth.

Let us always be thankful for the wonderful blessing of fellowship with our faithful brothers and sisters in Christ. *"Ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ"* (1 John 1:3).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 4/25/21
Bible Class: 35
A.M. Worship: 53
Wed. B. C.: 23

Family News and Notes

We mourn the passing of **Melvin Sapp**. His funeral was Saturday, May 1st in Sumter, SC. Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all have recovered from Covid. **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. Please keep **Barry** and **Melany Hatcher** in your prayers. It is encouraging to see members we have not seen in a while! Let's remember one another in prayer.

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

May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7	May 8
Gen 31-32	Gen 33-34	Gen 35-36	Gen 37-38	Gen 39-40	Gen 41-42	Gen 43-44
Ps 121	Ps 122	Ps 123	Ps 124	Ps 125	Ps 126	Ps 127

Events

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

Mens' Lunch: Thursday at 11:00am @ Golden Corral

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

