

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 *Pictures of Mom*

I.

II.

III.

IV.

May 9, 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

Love's Burden By David A. Sargent

In 1972, a two year old Chinese boy, Hu Jen-chuan, fell from a table and went into a coma. When he woke up after six days he was not able to talk or move. Like any parent, his mother, was terribly distressed. Yet her distress was multiplied by the fact that she could not afford to place him in a nursing home.

Instead she cared for Hu Jen-chuan herself, and her care revealed the unfathomable depth of her mother-love. You see, because he was unable to move, Hu Jen-chuan was liable to get terrible bed-sores. So for over 30 years, his mother did the unbelievable – she carried her son on her back. As of May 2002, Liu Kuei-lan was 65 years old and weighed 40 kilograms (about 88 pounds). Her son, then a grown man, weighed 82 kg (about 180 lbs.).

On many occasions Liu fell and fractured bones while carrying her son. Yet she continued to carry him. When asked how she could do it her reply was simple: “He ain’t heavy; he’s my son.” * The love of Liu Kuei-lan for her son pictures the love of Christ for us.

Our sin brings a great burden upon us. We suffer the pain of our mistakes, the impact of our sins upon those that we love, and the knowledge that we have offended the very God who created us. Our sins separate us from God (Isaiah 59:1-2) and put us on the path of destruction (Matthew 7:13-14). But God loves us so much that He gave His one and only Son to die on

the cross for our sins so that through Him, we can be reconciled to God and receive the gift of eternal life (John 3:16; 2 Corinthians 5:17-21).

Jesus willingly took the burden of our sin upon Himself as He died on the cross. “He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, so that we might die to sins and live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed” (1 Peter 2:24). Bearing the burden of our sin brought terrible pain, suffering, and death to Jesus. His great suffering was expressed when He cried out from the cross to His heavenly Father: “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” (Matthew 27:46). In order to bring us to God, Jesus had to endure the punishment for our sin (1 Peter 3:18).

Why did He do it? Was it because it was the will of His Father to redeem mankind? Yes. But it was also because Jesus loves us. “This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us” (1 John 3:16 NIV). How can we receive salvation and eternal life that Jesus provides through His atoning death?

God will save and give eternal life to those who place their faith and trust in Jesus (Acts 16:30-31), turn from their sins in repentance (Acts 17:30-31), confess Jesus before men (Romans 10:9-10), and are baptized (immersed) into Christ for the forgiveness of sins (Acts 2:38; 22:16). He will continue to cleanse from sin those who continue to walk in the light of His Word (1 John 1:7-9). Each of us can echo the words of the Apostle Paul: “He loved me and gave Himself for me” (Galatians 2:20).

Won’t **YOU** accept the salvation and eternal life that Jesus made possible through His atoning death?

* Source: reported in the *Taipei Times* May 11, 2002 and quoted in <https://storiesforpreaching.com/category/sermonillustrations/mothers/>. Adapted to reflect time past.

By the Numbers

Attendance 5/2/21
Bible Class: 33
A.M. Worship: 56
Wed. B. C.: 22

Family News and Notes

Steve Pool’s supervisor, **Tonio Petty**, will undergo a bone marrow transplant this week because of bone cancer. 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. Barry is having surgery Monday morning; Melany is still having to use a walker when out of bed. 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 9	May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15
Gen 45-46	Gen 47-48	Gen 49-50	Ex 1-3	Ex 4-6	Ex 7-9	Ex 10-12
Ps 128	Ps 129	Ps 130	Ps 131	Ps 132	Ps 133	Ps 134

Events

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

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

Regular Bible Classes: All Classes will start the first Sunday of June, June 6th. Please see Chad or Byran if you are able to teach.

