

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Dustin 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

How To Identify a False Prophet

I. The Nature of _____

II. The Nature of _____

III. Some _____ Prophets

IV. Some _____ Prophets

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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

Misconceptions of the Church

The kingdom of God and the church of Christ are used synonymously in Matthew 16:18-19. God chose to make known His glorious Gospel and eternal purpose through and by the church (Eph. 3:10-11,21). However, there is so much misconception today regarding the Lord's kingdom/church. All kinds of things are believed about the church: from the belief that it has not yet been established to the idea that the Lord has already come the second time! What are some misconceptions people have about the church?

It is a misconception that the church is the building.

The church is the people, not a building. A building is simply a place where the church meets. Hebrews 10:25 demands that children of God assemble on the Lord's day to worship. This necessitates a place to assemble. This place may be rented or furnished by the church. However, at no time does the place of assembling become the church. It is improper and incorrect to refer to a building as the church. The building may burn down but the church will still be intact. One may attend a beautiful church, but it is beautiful only because Christ is its head and the members of it live godly lives, not because the building in which the church meets has eye appealing architecture and decorations. The word church means "called out" (Col. 1:13). The church is composed of those who have been delivered from the power of darkness and translated into the kingdom of God's dear Son.

It is a misconception that the church is a temporary substitute for the kingdom. Some people say Jesus came to establish his kingdom in the first century but was rejected in

doing so by the Jews. In its place He established the church as a temporary substitute until such time He would be able to return and establish His kingdom. Those who believe this doctrine say Jesus is coming soon to establish the kingdom and are actually bewildered as to why He has not already done so. This suggestion comes from not knowing the Scriptures nor the power of God (cf. Mark 12:24). The truth is, many of the Jews were ready and willing for Jesus to be their king and tried to make Him so. *"Then those men, when they had seen the miracle that Jesus did, said, This is of a truth that prophet that should come into the world. When Jesus therefore perceived that they would come and take him by force, to make him a king, he departed again into a mountain himself alone"* (John 6:14-15).

The context of Ephesians 3:10-11 clearly points out the church was not an accident, nor was it only a temporary substitute for the kingdom. It is exactly what Jesus had planned! *"According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord."* The prophets prophesied of the days of the church! Peter made this clear on the day of Pentecost when he said, *"But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel"* (Acts 2:16). The kingdom Christ came to establish was instituted just as prophesied. It is the church (Mark 9:1). If it is not, then Jesus is a liar and a fraud.

It is a misconception that the church is not essential to salvation. Jesus believed the church was important enough to die for. In Acts 20:28 we read, *"...the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood."* If the church is not essential, then Jesus died in vain. None who believe in Him would claim such. When a person's sins are washed away at baptism (Acts 22:16), the Lord adds that one (the saved) to the church. Concerning some on Pentecost we read, *"Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls...And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 2:41,47). Those people who think they can live a good life and go to heaven without being a member of the church of Christ are sadly and tragically mistaken.

When the Lord comes again it will be to save His body, the church. Ephesians 5:23 says, *"he is the savior of the body."* Matthew 22:11-12 shows that those without a wedding garment will be cast out. The church IS the saved. There are no saved individuals that are outside of the church of Christ. - BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 5/16/21

Bible Class: 25

A.M. Worship: 47

Wed. B. C.: 23

Family News and Notes

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 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28	May 29
Ex 34-36	Ex 37-40	Lev 1-2	Lev 3-4	Lev 5-6	Lev 7-8	Lev 9-10
Ps 142	Ps 143	Ps 144	Ps 145	Ps 146	Ps 147	Ps 148

Events

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.

Teacher Workdays: The next two Saturdays 9-2. Lunch provided.

