

**Privileged to Serve**

*Morning Worship*

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Williams

Lord's Table:  
Presiding: Dustin Pool

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher  
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Dale Wiles

*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: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

**Pantry Item**

N/A

*Sermon Notes*  
*A Simple Plan*

I. \_\_\_\_\_ *Word will not* \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_ *is on* \_\_\_\_\_

III. \_\_\_\_\_ *is still too* \_\_\_\_\_

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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 (part 4)**

It is a misconception that the church must have professional ministers. Some congregations have a "professional staff." They now have a pulpit minister, associate minister, youth minister, personal involvement minister, educational minister, singles minister, single again minister, family services minister, parking minister, etc., etc. Where will it end? Is this the design of the New Testament church?

The church is not to have a "Clergy/Laity" dynamic, but with degrees conferred and required by some congregations, it certainly feels that way. While it is not wrong to continue one's education, it also should not be the ultimate requirement to preaching the Gospel. And if one should acquire through diligent study a "Master's Degree" or "Doctoral Degree" there should come with it no special privileges in the church of our Lord. In fact, the Lord condemned those who loved "...the uppermost rooms at feasts, and the chief seats in the synagogues, And greetings in the markets, and to be called of men, Rabbi, Rabbi" (Matt. 23:6-7). He continued by saying, "But be not ye called Rabbi: for one is your Master, even Christ; and all ye are brethren. And call no man your father upon the earth: for one is your Father, which is in heaven. Neither be ye called masters: for one is your Master, even Christ" (Matt. 23:8-10).

Notice how Jesus said, "all ye are brethren." His point was to show that no one is above another. And, in fact, the Lord's way shows that regardless of what position of distinction and honor one has in this world, he must forfeit it and humble himself to become a Christian and be counted among the faithful. Jesus plainly said, "And whosoever shall exalt himself shall be abased; and he that shall humble himself shall be exalted" (Matt. 23:12). In the Lord's army, the excess baggage of worldly acclaim and accomplishment is too much to enter the strait and narrow gate. All must be left behind. Many are unwilling to do this, just as the rich young ruler was unwilling to give up his riches. They simply fool themselves when they think they can

serve God and hang on to their earned degrees in the Lord's house.

Regardless of our station in this world, we are all the same in the Lord's house. In the military there are many ranks, from privates to generals, seamen to admirals. Those of lower rank salute those of higher rank. Each must maintain their status. But, these same individuals have no rank in the Lord's army. Privates and generals alike are simply brethren in the Lord. They are stripped of all rank as they work and worship in the Lord's vineyard. No salutes are given there! Likewise, government officials are ranked from file clerks to the President of the United States. But, there are no titles or distinctions in the Lord's house. We are simply brethren.

The Lord's church is a melting pot. All kinds of people from every walk of life, every country of the world, every language, culture, ethnic background, race and heritage become one in Jesus Christ. From royalty to peasant, from Nobel prize winner to common laborer, from educated to non-educated, all must lay aside their sins, from prejudice and vanity, to idolatry and immorality. "For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus. For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ. There is neither Jew nor Greek, there is neither bond nor free, there is neither male nor female: for ye are all one in Christ Jesus. And if ye be Christ's, then are ye Abraham's seed, and heirs according to the promise" (Gal. 3:26-29).

In First Corinthians 4:6 Paul says, "...that ye might learn in us not to think of men above that which is written, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another." Paul also wrote, "For I say...to every man that is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think; but to think soberly, according as God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith. For as we have many members in one body, and all members have not the same office: So we, being many, are one body in Christ, and every one members one of another" (Rom. 12:3-5). "Let love be without dissimulation. ... Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love; in honour preferring one another" (Rom. 12:9-10).

Some in the church at Corinth were condemned for their feeling of superiority over others. "Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul" (1 Cor. 1:12-13)? "For while one saith, I am of Paul; and another, I am of Apollos; are ye not carnal? Who then is Paul, and who is Apollos, but ministers by whom ye believed, even as the Lord gave to every man? I have planted, Apollos watered; but God gave the increase. So then neither is he that planteth any thing, neither he that watereth; but God that giveth the increase."(1 Cor. 3:4-8).

There is no room for titles of honor and distinction in the Lord's church. We be brethren and join hands in accomplishing that which is our duty to do, side-by-side.

- BTH

## By the Numbers

Attendance 6/6/21

Bible Class: 24

A.M. Worship: 47

Wed. B. C.: 24

## Family News and Notes

**Deborah Ross** has just found out that she has congestive heart disease. **Brent Pollard** is in critical condition in a Chattanooga, TN hospital. Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. **Maggie Gabel**, Tiffany Oliver's mother, was just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. **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. Many of our members are fighting seasonal allergies and sinus pain. 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

|           |           |           |           |           |           |           |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| June 13   | June 14   | June 15   | June 16   | June 17   | June 18   | June 19   |
| Num 13-14 | Num 15-16 | Num 17-18 | Num 19-20 | Num 21-22 | Num 23-24 | Num 25-26 |
| Pro 13    | Ps 14     | Pro 15    | Pro 16    | Pro 17    | Pro 18    | Pro 19    |

## Events

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

**Regular Bible Classes:** All classes will start next week. Children will be in the Fellowship Hall.

