Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:

Presiding: Dustin Pool

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher

Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ron Austin

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: Brynn Hatcher

Pantry Item N/A

<u>Sermon Notes</u> Noah's Ark

I.

II.

III.

June 27, 2021 Volume 33 Issue 12

Welcome!

Cape Fear Church of Christ

3808 Village Dr Fayetteville, NC 28304 Phone: (910) 425-1108 Website: capefearcoc.org Find us on Facebook!

Service Times
Sunday:
B. C. 9:00am
Worship 10:00am

Wednesday Night: B. C. 7:00pm

Ladies' Class: Tuesdays10:00am

Elders Scot Parchman Wade Hedgepeth Byran Hatcher

<u>Deacons</u> Steve Pool John Williams

Cape Fear Crier

"Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel." Isaiah 12:6

We Will Persecuted

God's people have always been hated and persecuted. They "...were tortured, had trial of cruel mockings and scourgings, yea, moreover of bonds and imprisonment: They were stoned, they were sawn asunder, were tempted, were slain with the sword: they wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins; being destitute, afflicted, tormented; (Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth" (Heb. 11:32,35-38). The apostle John said, "Marvel not, my brethren, if the world hate you" (1 John 3:13). Jesus said, "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake" (Luke 6:22). "Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you" (Matt 5:11-12).

Like it or not, faithful members of the Lord's church, elders, deacons, preachers, Bible teachers, and every single member will be hated -- both by those of the world and many of our own brethren. That's all right, don't be discouraged, we know we're in good company, for Jesus said... "If the world hate you, ye know that it hated me before it hated you. If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you. Remember the word that I said unto you, The servant is not greater than his lord. If they have

persecuted me, they will also persecute you..." (John 15:18-20). "And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that endureth to the end shall be saved" (Matt. 10:22). "Blessed are ye, when men shall hate you, and when they shall separate you from their company, and shall reproach you, and cast out your name as evil, for the Son of man's sake. Rejoice ye in that day, and leap for joy: for, behold, your reward is great in heaven: for in the like manner did their fathers unto the prophets" (Luke 6:22-23).

The Lord's people in the first century were hated with a vengeance. They were threatened, imprisoned, beaten, and put to death. Stephen was stoned and those who did it laid down their clothes at a young man's feet whose name was Saul (Acts 7:57-59). This same young man stepped up the persecution and made "...havock of the church, entering into every house, and haling men and women committed them to prison" (Acts 8:3). He thought he was doing God's service (John 16:2) but later found out he was doing satan's service (Acts 26:9). Oh, how many multitudes today think they are doing God's service by teaching and promoting their human doctrines, yet all the while hindering and persecuting the cause of Christ and His elect.

As the Lord's people, we must fight. God wants his servants to stand and fight. "Fight the good fight of faith..." (1 Tim. 6:12). "Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor 16:13). We are not to fight with the weapons of this world, whether it be with fists, guns, or planes. "For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war after the flesh: (For the weapons of our warfare are not carnal, but mighty through God to the pulling down of strong holds)" (2 Cor. 10:3-4). The weapons of our warfare are spiritual -- the sword of the Spirit which is the Word of God. "Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places. Wherefore take unto you the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand" (Eph. 6:11-13).

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/13/21

Bible Class: 36 A.M. Worship: 54

Wed. B. C.: 32

Family News and Notes

Welcome! **Donna** are placing membership with us this morning. **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. Her sister-in-law **Rhonda Wain** needs prayers as well. **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. 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 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3
Deut 5-6	Deut 7-8	Deut 9-10	Deut 11-12	Deut 13-14	Deut 15-16	Deut 17-18
Pro 27	Ps 28	Pro 29	Pro 30	Pro 31	Ps 1	Ps 2

Events

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

Regular Bible Classes: Children 6th grade and under are in the Fellowship Hall.