

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Dale Wiles
Steve Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes *Christian Fellowship*

I. _____

II. *Matters of* _____

III. *Matters of* _____

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Welcome!

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

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

WORK of the Church (pt 4) **Evangelism**

In addition to its work of benevolence and edification, the church is also to be involved in spreading the glorious Gospel. Jesus Christ came to this world to be the Savior of the world (1 John 4:14). However, before He ever got to the cross of Golgotha He was preaching the message of salvation.

Every nation in the world faces its own unique problems. Contrary to what some might suggest, the number one problem in this nation and in every other nation, is not one of economy, ecology, or education. The world's number one problem is sin! God knew that such would be the case. From eternity He had a plan that could serve as a remedy for man's sin. By His grace He revealed that plan (Titus 2:11). His plan of grace and love, by which He sent His Son to die for our sins (John 3:16), is revealed in the Gospel of grace (Acts 20:24). The Gospel of Christ is God's power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16), and like Paul, we dare not be ashamed of it.

God devised a plan for the salvation of the lost, He provided a Savior for the lost, and He has a message for saving them. Notice, too, that God selected a chosen people to preach that saving message. That is you and me, the church. The Lord's church has the unique opportunity and singular obligation to preach the Gospel to the lost. We need to be about this business of our Father! Civil government has its place, but it is not the role of the civil government to preach the Gospel. Public and private schools have their place, but again, it is not their assignment to preach the Gospel. **Brethren, it is the work of the church of Christ to preach the Gospel to every person in the world!** It does not matter what their skin color is. It does not matter what their sinful background might be. The simple fact of the matter is, every person outside of Christ is lost, and they stand without hope (Eph. 2:12). Each one of them needs the Gospel!

This task of preaching the Gospel to every person deserves our greatest preparation, time, prayers, and effort. If we are giving

anything less than our best in getting the Gospel to the lost, then we simply are not giving enough! There are now over seven billion people living on the earth. When the masses of the world stand lost outside of Christ, when the people in our area, whether in the county, the city, across the tracks, or living next door to us, are lost in sin, just what should be the major focus of a local church? How could it be anything other than preaching the Gospel to those who are lost?! How often is the major focus of attention in men's business meetings or bishops' meetings on how we can preach the Gospel to those of our community and elsewhere in a more effective way? Not often enough. A lot of time is spent in most meetings discussing the color of paint to be used on the walls of the church building, and the type of carpet that will go in the classrooms, or other such matters that pertain to the physical structure where we assemble. However, **not nearly enough time is spent talking about how we are going to get the Gospel out to the people in our area so they don't die and go to hell.**

Look at the diligence of the first century church in preaching the Gospel. Notice some things of which they were accused because of their being so evangelistic-minded and zealous in preaching the good news. They were accused of filling the whole city of Jerusalem with their doctrine, even though they had been charged by the Sanhedrin council not to do so (Acts 5:28). How many of us today are guilty of filling our city with the Gospel? How many churches are guilty of putting forth the effort to fill their areas with the doctrine of God's Son, so that if they were called before a judge and jury there would be sufficient evidence to prove that they are, in fact, striving to teach the Gospel to every person in their community? The apostle Paul and those that were with him came to the city of Thessalonica where they were accused of turning the world upside down (Acts 17:6). Are we turning our world upside down today, not by being belligerent, noisy, and unkind, but by aggressively preaching the Gospel and calling on men and women to repent and live godly lives?

There is a section in most daily newspapers that is called "Help Wanted." Jesus' message that He gives to His church through the Word is not only "Help Wanted," but also "Help Needed, and Help Expected." God wants every congregation, every individual in every congregation, to be involved in preaching the Gospel of Christ. That is the charge we are given in "The Great Commission." *"Go ye into all the world, and preach the Gospel to every creature"* (Mark 16:15; cf. Matt. 28:19,20; Luke 24:46,47).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 9/5/21

Bible Class: 28

A.M. Worship: 50

Wed. B. C.: 23

Family News and Notes

Debbie Smith's parents' are not doing well at this time, especially her dad. **Brent Pollard** has been moved to a nursing home in Athens, GA, and is improving. Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. **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, Deborah Ross Alex Freshley, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen & Sarah 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! Please keep **CCSOP** in your prayers.

Bible Reading Plan

Sept 12	Sept 13	Sept 14	Sept 15	Sept 16	Sept 17	Sept 18
2 Chr 7-9	2 Chr 10-12	2 Chr 13-15	2 Chr 16-18	2 Chr 19-21	2 Chr 22-24	2 Chr 25-27
Ps 73	Ps 74	Ps 75	Ps 76	Ps 77	Ps 78	Ps 79

Events

Ladies Event: Watching Cold Harbor Road Ladies' Day at the building. Sept. 25th. More info is in the foyer.

Regular Bible Classes: Children 6th grade and under are in the Fellowship Hall, and High School students are in room 11 on Sunday morning. All classes meeting Sunday

