

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Ron Austin
Dustin 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

Where Is The Church To Eat?

I. An Examination of _____

II. Prohibitions out of _____

III. Problems of _____

IV. Purpose of a _____ in the Building

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Welcome!

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Church of Christ

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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

Praying in Jesus' Name

There is an incredible truth about the position of Jesus that was stated in Hebrews 4:14-16 and the resulting effect that his position has for those redeemed by his sacrifice: *“Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weakness, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.”* Jesus has passed through the heavens and is reigning at the right hand of God! Because of Jesus' sinless submission through suffering, God exalted Him, and He now reigns in the Heavenly realm.

- Acts 2:33 - *“Being therefore exalted at the right hand of God....”*
- Acts 5:31 - *“God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins.”*
- Acts 7:55-56 - *“[Stephen]...gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God...”*
- Philippians 2:9-11 - *“Therefore God has highly exalted him...”*

Even though the Savior has been exalted to the presence of God, He retains His ability to sympathize with our weaknesses! This is possible because Jesus is not an arrogant potentate reigning from on high with a sneer of contempt for His lowly subjects. Quite the opposite! Because of His humanity, Jesus understands the reality of temptation and the very real pull that it has (Matthew 4:1-11)!

Through Jesus' atoning sacrifice, believers have the ability to confidently approach God. Hebrews 4:16 teaches the practical implication of having a compassionate Savior within God's presence. Now, every believer who has been sanctified and justified in Christ are also in His presence and can confidently approach His throne to speak with Him.

Paul wrote the same thing to the Christians at Ephesus. *“This was according to the eternal purpose that he has realized in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have boldness and access with confidence through our faith in him”* (Ephesians 3:11-12). This confidence does not come from within us, but because we are within Christ! In Christ we have been granted a reunion with God, and we stand justified before Him, confident in Jesus’ sufficient sacrifice.

The night Jesus was betrayed he taught his disciples that they were about to have special access to God through him, and that included their prayers! Additionally, prior to being arrested on the night of his betrayal, Jesus repeatedly taught his disciples that they would soon petition the Father through him. *"Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it"* (John 14:13-14). *"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you"* (John 15:16). *"In that day you will ask nothing of me. Truly, truly, I say to you, whatever you ask of the Father in my name, he will give it to you. Until now you have asked nothing in my name. Ask, and you will receive, that your joy may be full"* (John 16:23-24).

Jesus had previously taught the disciples how to pray (Matthew 6:5-15). However, on the eve of His crucifixion, and three days prior to His resurrection, He explained that things were changing and they would soon offer prayers through Him, indicating the renewed access to God that only He would be able to provide.

Closing a prayer by saying, “In Jesus’ name”, is an admission by believers that we are communicating with the Father because of special access that is only possible because of His son. Without the Son and His sacrificial work, we have do not have any confidence in approaching God’s throne. Without Him, our relationship with God is still fractured by our sin (Isaiah 59:1-2). Jesus taught His disciples to go to the Throne of the Father by His authority. He did not create an empty ritualistic phrase, but a potent verbal reminder of how we are able to have an incredible relationship with God that is only possible through the compassionate, exalted Christ!

Comprehending Jesus' position ought to encourage us to pray more! Hebrews 4 is not just an informational passage, it is instructional: *"Since then...let us then draw near..."* When we realize that we need additional mercy or that we are searching for additional grace in a time of need, then we should confidently make use of the special access to the Father that the obedient Son has made possible and offer up prayers through Him more often.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 10/3/21
Bible Class: 20 A.M. Worship: 35 Wed. B. C.: 20

Family News and Notes

Debbie Smith's parents' are not doing well at this time, especially her dad. **Brent Pollard** is now at home in 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

Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12	Oct 13	Oct 14	Oct 15	Oct 16
Job 35-37	Job 38-42	Ecc 1-4	Ecc 5-8	Ecc 9-12	SofS 1-4	SofS 5-8
Ps 101	Ps 102	Ps 103	Ps 104	Ps 105	Ps 106	Ps 107

Events

Gospel Meeting: Sheffield Drive, Oct 17-20. Weeknights @ 7:30. Ronnie Hayes speaking

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 and Wednesday evening.

