

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Dale Wiles
Dustin Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Jonny Lee

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 *Binding & Loosing*

I.

II.

III.

IV.

October 17, 2021

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

Deacon
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

God's Nature

Many people have a mistaken view of God's nature. Most seem to relate to the goodness of God, but many forget that there is another side to God (several in fact, but unlike human beings they are not in competition, but work harmoniously). Paul wrote, “Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God: on them which fell, severity; but toward thee, goodness, if thou continue in *his* goodness: otherwise thou also shalt be cut off” (Rom. 11:22).

There is a real danger in taking the view that God is all goodness. Some are lead to think that they are given liberty of conduct. After all, if God is only good to us, what difference does it make if we do the wrong thing?

It also would be discouraging to think that God is only severe with mankind. We would have the impression that regardless of how hard we try, we are doomed to failure. We can quickly see that the balance of God's nature is most important.

Bible examples clearly illustrate this balance. In the beginning, in the Garden of Eden we get our first picture of the two sides of God. God was extremely good to Adam and Eve in what He provided for them in the garden. They were given dominion over all that was there with but one exception. They were prohibited from eating of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. A warning was given with the limitation. God told them why they were not to eat the fruit of that tree. They were told

that if they ate it they would die. When the pair heeded to temptation and selfishness, they disobeyed the express command of the Almighty. God had been good but now His severity was seen. They were removed from the Garden. At this point, God’s severity could have left Adam and Eve languishing in eternal separation, but His goodness was able to find a way to allow the sinful pair to find a way back: Jesus, the perfect sacrifice, died on the cross for their sins.

The Children of Israel are another example of the goodness and severity of God. He promised Abraham that a nation would come from him and that they would inhabit the land where he sojourned. When the time was right Moses led the people out of Egyptian bondage and pointed them toward the land of Canaan. This land was one that was “flowing with milk and honey.” God was very good to these people. However, from the outset at the foot of Mt. Sinai the people began worshipping idols. He had to punish the people. They murmured about not having water, about Moses as a leader, about the land being too difficult to inhabit by driving out the people of the land. Every time, God was forced to deal with them severely. He caused a fire to go around the camp, serpents biting people, the people to drink bitter water, and to wander in the wilderness for forty years. Yet, even though he was forced to deal with the people severely, he still made a way to bless the people and keep His promise to Abraham. Joshua led the people into the land and subdued it. They inhabited walled cities and harvested fruit and grain they had not planted or tended. God made sure they had plenty because of His goodness.

Jesus taught a parable that illustrates the goodness and severity of God. Matthew 25:14-30 is the parable of the talents. A land owner is leaving on a journey and gives three servants money: five, two, and one talent. When the owner returned the five and two talent servants were wise but the one talent man was foolish. The wise were given more, the foolish was left with nothing and cast out.

What we do determines which side of God’s nature we see. If we obey, He is good to us. If we sin, we must deal with the severity of God. The choice is ours.
- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 10/10/21
Bible Class: 30 A.M. Worship: 47 Wed. B. C.: 30

Family News and Notes

Jeff Meiser, Kyle Pool’s boss, was just diagnosed with stage 4 cancer. **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 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23
Is 1-4	Is 5-8	Is 9-12	Is 13-16	Is 17-20	Is 21-24	Is 25-28
Ps 108	Ps 109	Ps 110	Ps 111	Ps 112	Ps 113	Ps 114

Events

Regular Bible Classes: Children 6th grade and under are in the Fellowship Hall, and High School students are in room 11 on Sunday morning.
Teachers’ Meeting & Lunch: October 31 after the morning service.
Gospel Meeting: Nov 7-10 @ Oak Forest in Goldsboro. 7pm weeknights.

