

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
Ron Austin

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Scot Parchman

Teacher: Chad Futrell

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Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

N/A

Sermon Notes *The Nature of Man*

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II.

III.

October 24, 2021

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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

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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

A Hiding Place

By Mike McDaniel

Not long ago, I read a book entitled, *Anne Frank Remembered*. This is the story of the woman who helped hide Anne Frank and her family. Miep Gies tells of how she helped hide eight Jews from the Germans in the city of Amsterdam from July 1942 until August 4, 1944. They hid in secret rooms above the pectin and spice business which Mr. Frank helped to run. They called it “The Annex.” The entrance to these rooms on the third and fourth floors was concealed by a moving bookcase which could be locked. This was their hiding place, their place of refuge from the Germans. Only a select few were trusted with this secret.

Miep Gies, who worked in the business, supplied them with food and other essentials as she was able. In 1944 someone betrayed them. The Germans came and took the Jews prisoner and sent most of them to concentration camps in Germany to die.

The youngest of the family, Anne Frank, wrote a diary of her two years in the hiding place which Miep Gies hid immediately after the hiding place had been discovered. After the war, only the father, Otto Frank, still lived. He granted permission to have Anne's Diary published in 1947. Since then, it has been read by tens of millions all over the world. It is among the most enduring documents of the twentieth century.

Man has often needed a hiding place. Proverbs 14:26 states, “*In the fear of the Lord is strong confidence: and his children shall have a place of refuge.*” The Bible reveals several examples of God providing refuge for man. 1) Noah and his family found refuge from the flood in the ark (Heb. 11:7). 2) The Hebrews found security for their firstborn in the land of Egypt by putting the blood of the passover lamb on the two side posts and on the upper door post of their houses (Ex. 12:13). 3) The cities of refuge, three on either side of the Jordan, provided protection from the avenger for anyone in Israel

who had unintentionally caused death. These were places of refuge provided by God.

Likewise, God has provided a hiding place for us today where we may find refuge. *“That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation, who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us”* (Heb. 6:18). It appears to this writer that the Hebrew writer saw in the cities of refuge a type of the refuge which we have in Christ. We need refuge from doubt, from guilt, and from sin. The Christian has fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope that is set before us.

Only in Christ and in His church is refuge found. Christ's body is the church. *“And he is the head of the body, the church: who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead; that in all things he might have the preeminence”* (Col. 1:18). It is Christ who saves, and the church which is His body is where He puts the saved. Ephesians 5:23 says, *“He is the savior of the body.”* Acts 2:47 says, *“The Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.”*

Christ has not promised to save anyone today out of His body the church. One is saved, added to the church of Christ, and made a Christian all at the same time when one enters Christ. When one has trusted Christ (John 8:24), repented of their sins (Luke 13:3), and confessed Christ (Rom. 10:10), one is then baptized into Christ (Gal. 3:27). At baptism he enters Christ and His body the church. First Corinthians 12:13 says, *“For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body.”* Christ has but one body. No other body has Divine approval.

This is God's plan and place of refuge today. Just as we find salvation and refuge in the ark, in the house covered by the blood, and in the cities of refuge of the Old Testament, even so God extends salvation today in Christ. Paul wrote in Second Timothy 2:10, *“Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sakes, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory.”* The salvation Paul was interested in was located in Christ Jesus. It was not to be found out of Him.

If you are not in Christ and in that church of Christ about which we read in the pages of the New Testament, you are not in the place of refuge. Our plea is not that of one denomination over another. **The church of Christ is not a denomination.** If we do what they did in the first century, we can be what they were in the year 2021. We want to be Christians just like they were in New Testament times, nothing more, nothing less. If we will do that, we will have the refuge, the salvation, and the blessings (Eph. 1:3) which we so earnestly desire.

By the Numbers

Attendance 10/17/21

Bible Class: 29

A.M. Worship: 47

Wed. B. C.: 34

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!

Bible Reading Plan

Oct 24	Oct 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30
Is 29-32	Is 33-36	Is 37-41	Is 42-46	Is 47-53	Is 54-58	Is 59-62
Ps 115	Ps 116	Ps 117	Ps 118	Ps 119	Ps 120	Ps 121

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. Lunch provided.

Gospel Meeting: Nov 7-10 @ Oak Forest in Goldsboro. 7pm weeknights.

