

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Scot Parchman

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
Dale Wiles

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

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 *Worried To Death*

I. Worry Can Be _____

II. Forget The _____

III. One _____ at a _____

IV. _____ Who You Are

V. Give _____ To God

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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

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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

The First Day of the Week

“This is the day which Jehovah hath made; We will rejoice and be glad in it” (Psalm 118:24). To the diligent student of God's word, this verse is recognized as a prophecy pertaining to worship on the first day of the week, Sunday. The context bears this out, as Christ is portrayed within this Psalm (v.22). Note also that as surely as Christ is the “head of the corner” by God's doing, so also is this “day” God's doing -- both of which are “marvelous in our eyes.” Just what does the Bible teach regarding the Sabbath Day? Is it to be “kept holy” (observed) today? Where does Sunday enter into the observance by God's people for worship? Is Sunday the “Christian Sabbath?”

Those who would contend that we are still bound to the Sabbath Day law fail to observe a number of factors regarding this question.

First, the Sabbath was never given to all people, nor was it ever given to Christians. Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob never observed the Sabbath because they were under the Patriarchal Law. Observation of the Sabbath Day was first introduced to Israel at the foot of Mt. Sinai, under Moses. It was given three months after the Exodus (Exodus 20:8ff). Further, the Sabbath was for Israel and for them alone (see Exodus 31:13-17; Deut. 5:2-3,15). Three times “the children of Israel” are the ones to whom the Lord applied this law. No Gentile has ever been under this law.

Unfortunately, some are still determined to bind the Sabbath on themselves and others today. They allege that there were two laws given at Sinai: one was ceremonial (the Law of Moses) and the other was perpetual (the Law of God). Although there are certain aspects, or principles, of the Law which are eternal, the law regarding the Sabbath is certainly not one of them. The Bible makes no distinction between the Law of Moses and the Law of God. This is a distinction only Sabbatarians make. To illustrate, Ezra, the ready scribe of God, was skilled in the Law of Moses (Ezra 7:6). This same one was appointed by the people to read from this book of the Law of Moses (Neh. 8:1). This he did (Neh. 8:8) day by day from the book of the Law of God (Neh. 8:18) for seven days. The Bible makes no distinction

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When Jesus was born of a virgin, he was circumcised and brought before the Lord according to the Law of Moses (Luke 2:22). Sacrifices were made for him and Mary's purification according to the Law of the Lord (Luke 2:23-24). Nowhere in Scripture, New or Old, is there is a distinction.

When Paul wrote to the Gentile Christians of Ephesus, he told them, *“But now in Christ Jesus ye that once were far off are made nigh in the blood of Christ. For he is our peace, who made both one, and brake down the middle wall of partition, having abolished in the flesh the enmity, even the law of commandments contained in ordinances; that he might create in himself of the two one new man, so making peace; and might reconcile them both in one body unto God through the cross, having slain the enmity thereby”* (Eph. 2:13-16). Paul included everything in the Old Testament when he spoke of “law of commandments” and “ordinances.” That includes the Sabbath Law (which was for only the Jews).

Why is the Old Testament “Old?” Hear the word of the Lord: *“But now hath he obtained a ministry the more excellent, by so much as he is also the mediator of a better covenant, which hath been enacted upon better promises. For if that first covenant had been faultless, then would no place have been sought for a second. For finding fault with them, he saith, Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, That I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and with the house of Judah”* (Heb. 8:6-8). Again, *“In that he saith, A new covenant he hath made the first old. But that which is becoming old and waxeth aged is nigh unto vanishing away”* (Heb. 8:13). The first covenant (testament) is gone and all now live and walk by “a new and living way” (Heb. 10:20).

God's people worship on the first day of the week. Is this called “Sunday” in the Bible? No, but it is identified as “the Lord's day” in Revelation 1:10. This is in answer to the prophecy found in the Psalms. Jeremiah said something new was coming (Jer. 31:31-34). The writer of Hebrews quoted from this text twice. Jesus was resurrected upon the first day of the week. The church began on the first day of the week. Paul refers to the Lord's table, supper, death and body (1 Cor. 11,12). All these things are attended, remembered, observed, eaten and proclaimed upon the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; 1 Cor. 16:1-2). It should not be difficult to accept the fact that John spoke of the first day (Sunday) when he wrote the words “the Lord's day” (Rev. 1:10).

Since “the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ” (John 1:17), none have the authority in attempting to justify one's religious practices by the Law of Moses. Paul wrote all that attempt such, *“are fallen from grace”* (Gal. 5:4). So is everyone who would seek to go back to the rudimentary things, rather than cling to Christ and His law regarding the first day of the week.

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By the Numbers

Attendance 11/7/21
Bible Class: 35 A.M. Worship: 47 Wed. B. C.: 24

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 aunt just passed away and 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

Nov 14	Nov 15	Nov 16	Nov 17	Nov 18	Nov 19	Nov 20
Jer 40-42	Jer 43-45	Jer 46-48	Jer 49-52	Lam 1-3	Lam 4-5	Eze 1-3
Ps 134	Ps 135	Ps 136	Ps 137	Ps 138	Ps 139	Ps 140

Events

Regular Bible Classes: Children 6th grade and under are in the Fellowship Hall, and High School students are in room 11.

Holiday Baskets: Friday December 10th at 7pm. Delivery on the 11th.

