

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
Ron Austin

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

Where Are The Nine?

I. The _____

II. The _____

III. The _____

IV. The _____

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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

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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

Fast in the Faith

To say that the world in which we live is divided religiously is certainly an understatement. Any seeker of religion will have no problem finding a church or doctrine which suits his own tastes. Just like the local buffet restaurant, many selections are available, but all honest persons yearning for the truth must question this present arrangement. Is it God's will that people be divided over the most crucial of subjects? The Philippian jailer asked the question, “What must I do to be saved?” That question is still being asked today, but unfortunately Bible answers are not forthrightly given. False doctrines relative to the plan of salvation abound and the Lord's church must equip itself to fight these errors.

The apostle Paul wrote in I Corinthians 16:13, “*Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong.*” Every word in this powerful verse rings out with the concept of war and spiritual conflict. Paul, in essence, was calling the church at Corinth to arms. The New Testament church today must also heed this militant call to war. The line of demarcation has been drawn and the enemy has been identified, but the fact of the matter is that many pulpits throughout the land have imposed a self-restricting ban on doctrinal preaching for fear of offending the masses (2 Tim. 4:1-4). Weak elderships are retreating instead of preparing the flock for a protracted confrontation with the wicked adversary of God's people -- none other than Satan himself. Peter describes him “*as a roaring lion*” (1 Peter 5:8) of whom Paul said “*we are not ignorant of his devices*” (2 Cor. 2:11). The church has an obligation before God and man to stand for the truth by which we shall gain the ultimate victory.

Concerning the doctrine of Christ, that is, the inspired teaching of the New Testament (Acts 2:42; Titus 1:9), we should uncompromisingly promote and defend it. The beloved John wrote forcefully in 2 John 9, *“Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son.”* Keep in mind that John was known as the apostle of love and wrote much on the subject in his epistles. It is, therefore, not unloving or unkind to expose false teaching and those who propagate it! In fact, it is the most loving thing any faithful Christian can do for his fellow man. There is a current trend in the religious world and also in the church to tone down this blessed doctrine. The preaching which characterized the first century church was plain, bold and loving. The Gospel which filled the streets of Jerusalem and caused men to be *“pricked in their heart”* (Acts 2:37) is the same Gospel that will save men today (Rom. 1:16).

Considering the fact that we have the responsibility to stand for and defend the Gospel, there is an inevitable conclusion that will be drawn. When the doctrine of Christ is presented as it should be, then conflict is to be expected. Darkness hates light (John 3:20). In the same sense, the darkness of error does not like to be exposed by the light of truth. If the church never faces any attack from the world, particularly the denominational world, then that is a good sign that we are not standing as firmly as we should. Whatever happened to the kind of preaching and Christian living that caused the church to grow in the first century? This was a time when God's people loved God and man more than their own lives (Acts 20:24). They unhesitatingly drew the “sword of the Spirit” and met in battle the foes of the Gospel of Christ.

The church of the 21st century must return to the divine pattern of evangelism in order to be pleasing to God. We must be convinced the only answers that are sufficient in matters of religious doctrine are Bible answers! It is past time for every faithful Christian to listen to the commands of the captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10) and faithfully execute our mission so souls may be won back from the devil's grip and that God may be glorified. May each member of the body of Christ heed the personal admonition to *“earnestly contend for the faith”* (Jude 3).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 11/21/21

Bible Class: 33

A.M. Worship: 40

Wed. B. C.: 20

Family News and Notes

Ann Patchell's mother, **Mary Barnhart**, passed away. **Matthew Vann**, friend of Elaine Turnage, is in critical condition. **Debbie Smith's** parents' are not doing well at this time, especially her dad. 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 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2	Dec 3	Dec 4
Eze 25-27	Eze 28-30	Eze 31-33	Eze 34-36	Eze 37-39	Eze 40-42	Eze 43-45
Ps 148	Ps 149	Ps 150	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3	Pr 4

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. Please bring items for the baskets and put on the counter in the kitchen.

