

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
 Ron Austin

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Pantry Item
N/A

Sermon Notes
Jesus the Christ

I.

II.

III.

January 16, 2022

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
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

Steadfastness: The Lost Characteristic

Those who were early members of the church were characterized by steadfastness. *“And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers”* (Acts 2:42). Steadfast means firm or immovable. To be steadfast means “to continue all the time; to persevere; to be devoted to.” Paul challenged the brethren at Corinth by saying, *“my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord”* (1 Cor. 15:58).

There may be many great needs in the church but none is greater than the need for steadfastness. Paul wrote to the Colossians and said, “though I am absent in the flesh, yet I am with you in spirit, rejoicing to see your good order and the steadfastness of your faith in Christ” (Col. 2:5). Peter gave the following warning to brethren concerning the danger of falling from their steadfastness. “You therefore, beloved, since you know this beforehand, beware lest you also fall from your own steadfastness, being led away with the error of the wicked” (2 Peter 3:17). Let us observe the importance of steadfastness:

Strong churches have steadfast members. Jesus said, “You are the salt of the earth; but if the salt loses its flavor, how shall it be seasoned? It is then good for nothing but to be thrown out and trampled underfoot by men. You are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do they light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a lampstand, and it gives light to all who are in the house. Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven” (Matt. 5:13-16). The influence of the church can only be as strong as the members are steadfast. From Acts 2:42 we observe that the early Christians were steadfast. “They continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and

fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in prayers.” This caused others to look favorably upon God's people. “Praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47). The challenge for every Christian is — **Be Steadfast.**

Strong Christians are steadfast members. Christians who fail to be steadfast fail to be what God intended them to be. The member who is faithful a while and then unfaithful; can be counted on for a while and then cannot be counted on; is dependable for a while and then undependable, is a poor example of Christianity. Instead of being steadfast, the Bible calls this man unstable. “He is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways” (James 1:8). Strong Christians are steadfast in their service to God. “Moreover it is required in stewards that one be found faithful” (1 Cor. 4:2). The challenge for every Christian is — **Be Steadfast.**

Strong Christians understand the principle of being steadfast members. They realize they are made partakers of Christ only by being “steadfast unto the end.” “For we have become partakers of Christ if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast to the end” (Heb. 3:14). Christians must be firm in their faith; set and settled in their convictions about Jesus the Christ. They must be planted, fixed, strong, anchored and faithful in their relationship with the Master. Those who are steadfast have “hope” as an anchor for the soul (Heb. 6:19). The challenge for every Christian is — **Be Steadfast.**

Strong faith produces steadfast Christians. Christians must be steadfast, firm, and fixed in the faith of the Gospel of Jesus Christ. “For I delivered to you first of all that which I also received: that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, and that He was buried, and that He rose again the third day according to the Scriptures” (1 Cor. 15:3-4). Circumstances and situations of life must never shake our faith in the glorious Gospel of Christ. Our steadfastness stands on Jesus' resurrection. Because He lives, we can live also. Let us be unshaken in our hope of being raised incorruptible and immortal. Our steadfastness must lead us to abound in the work of the Lord. The challenge for every Christian is — **Be Steadfast.**

Being a Christian is a serious responsibility. Christianity involves your salvation. Your Christianity may effect hundreds of others.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 1/9/22

Bible Class: 25

A.M. Worship: 49

Wed. B. C.: 29

Family News and Notes

Sibio Farrington, in the passing of **Claudia Farrington**. **Rick Caldwell** received some discouraging news. **Robin Caldwell** will have surgery next month. **Sandra Hedgepeth** is ill. 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, Frances Salaz, Tylia Landrum, Gwen & Sarah Jennen, John and Linda Williams**, the **Pollard** family, the **Davis** family, **Claudia Farrington, Rick and Robin Caldwell, Barry and Melany Hatcher**, and **Thelma Adams**. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18	Jan 19	Jan 20	Jan 21	Jan 22
Mar 11-12	Mar 13-14	Mar 15-16	Luk 1-2	Luk 3-4	Luk 5-6	Luk 7-8
Ps 16	Ps 17	Ps 18	Ps 19	Ps 20	Ps 21	Ps 22

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: Sunday January 30th, after morning worship.

Ladies’ Bible Class: Resume meeting on Tuesday Jan 4th at 10am.

Mens’ Fellowship: March 12th at Gold Hill Road congregation 9-3

