

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Brynn Hatcher

Assisting: Ron Austin
Dale Wiles

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Vegetable Soup

Sermon Notes *Blessings Beyond Measure*

I. _____ and _____

II. *Causes of* _____

III. *Be* _____

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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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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

Silence of the Scriptures (cont'd)

Noah and the ark — Gen. 6:14-16. God gave Noah specific instructions on building the ark. It was to be made of gopher wood, 300 cubits long, 50 cubits wide and 30 cubits high. It was to have one window, one door and three decks. Did Noah have to build the ark exactly as God said, or could he alter or change God's instructions? What if oak or pine or poplar was more plentiful or easier to work with? God did not say Noah could not use other kinds of wood. Did Noah have the liberty to change its size? God did not say he couldn't. What if the women decided they wanted more windows. Where did God say they couldn't have more than one window? God's silence on these matters did not authorize changes. Gen. 6:22 says, "*Thus did Noah; according to **all** that God commanded him, so did he.*" Noah altered nothing. He did not have the liberty to! He was bound to do only that which God had specified him to do. God's silence on other points did not give Noah the right to act as he chose in changing God's specific instructions.

Nadab and Abihu offering strange fire — Lev. 10:1-2; Num. 3:4; 26:61; 1 Chron. 24:2. "*And Nadab and Abihu, the sons of Aaron, took either of them his censer, and put fire therein, and put incense thereon, and offered **strange fire** before the LORD, **which he commanded them not.** And there went out fire from the LORD, and devoured them, and they died before the LORD.*" "Strange fire" was fire that did not come from the altar — the place where God said to get the fire (Lev. 16:12; Num. 16:46). The text plainly says that God had not commanded them to use the fire they used — v.2 "which he commanded them not." They used fire from another source than what God had commanded. God did not say they could not use fire from another source. But, His silence on the subject did not give them the authority or liberty to use fire from any source other than from the altar. Their presumption to do as they pleased was not a little matter. It cost them their lives! They acted without authority from God.

The ark of the covenant — 2 Sam. 6:1-7; 1 Chron. 13:10.

“And they set the ark of God upon a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab that was in Gibeah: and Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, drave the new cart. ... And when they came to Nachon's threshingfloor, **Uzzah put forth his hand to the ark of God, and took hold of it** ; for the oxen shook it. And the anger of the LORD was kindled against Uzzah; and **God smote him there for his error**; and there he died by the ark of God.” What appears to be an innocent act, one performed in good faith, with the best of intentions, ended in tragedy for Uzzah. Simply as a reflex, Uzzah grabbed hold of the ark to keep it from falling off the cart and God killed him. Uzzah was not authorized to touch the ark. God (in the Scriptures) had authorized the tribe of Levi to carry the ark on their shoulders (Deut. 10:8; 31:9,25; Josh. 3:3,6; 1 Chron. 15:2,15). It was to be carried on poles passed through rings on the sides of the ark (Exodus 25:10-15). No where did the Lord say it could not be carried on a cart. God's silence concerning others transporting the ark eliminated all but the tribe of Levi. When Uzzah violated God's instructions, he paid for it with his life. King David would later say, “...we sought him not after the due order” (1 Chron. 15:13). They had not followed God's instructions. Centuries earlier, God had told them how to transport the ark and they did not do it God's prescribed way.

King Saul's sacrifice — 1 Sam. 13:5-14. “And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering. And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; ... And...said, What hast thou done? ... thou hast done foolishly....” Saul, of the tribe of Benjamin, was not authorized to offer a sacrifice. That was done by priests of the tribe of Levi (Exodus 28:1; 28:43b29:1; Num. 18:21,26; Heb. 5:1). Where did the Lord ever say no others could offer sacrifices? No where! cf. Heb. 7:14. The Lord's silence on the matter eliminated all other possibilities. No doubt Saul meant well. He was worshipping God. What could possibly be wrong with that? It was wrong because he had no authority to officiate or preside over burnt offerings.

When men and women today go beyond what is written (1 Cor. 4:6; 2 John 9), they act without authority from the Scriptures. Simply because God has not specifically forbidden certain things, does not give anyone the right to do those things. God's silence on matters makes a great deal of difference!

Whatever we DO or whatever we SAY must be backed up with book, chapter and verse. When called upon to answer for our deeds, we must be able to point to the Scriptures and say, “this is why we teach and practice what we do.”

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 2/20/22

Bible Class: 22

A.M. Worship: 43

Wed. B. C.: 27

Family News and Notes

Linda Williams' mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry** all are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. Let's remember one another in prayer.

Pray for our world leaders at this time. Much of the 82nd is already in Europe in case war breaks out.

Active military: Pray for all 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. We have 4 active duty members here at Cape Fear.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Deborah Ross, the Davis family.** Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Feb 27	Feb 28	Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5
1 Cor 9-12	1 Cor 13-16	2 Cor 1-3	2 Cor 4-6	2 Cor 7-9	2 Cor 10-13	Gal 1-3
Ps 58	Ps 59	Ps 60	Ps 61	Ps 62	Ps 63	Ps 64

Events

Ladies' Bible Class: March 8th will be held at Melany Hatchers' residence. Lunch following.

Ladies' Day: Cary Church of Christ, March 5th. Celine Sparks speaking.

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

