

## Privileged to Serve

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Lord's Table:  
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Ron Austin  
Dale Wiles

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

### *Those serving Wednesday*

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

## Pantry Item

Chili

## Sermon Notes *Hindrances To Baptism*

I. \_\_\_\_\_

II. \_\_\_\_\_ *Hindrances*

III. \_\_\_\_\_ *Hindrances*

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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  
Wade Hedgepeth  
Byran Hatcher

Deacon  
John Williams

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# The Cape Fear Crier

“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)**

Inspiration forbids us speaking where God has not spoken. Paul wrote, “*And these things, brethren, I have in a figure transferred to myself and to Apollos for your sakes; that ye might learn in us **not to think** [of men] **above that which is written**, that no one of you be puffed up for one against another*” (1 Cor. 4:6). We must not think of men (or any other matter) beyond what God has revealed in his Word. We must not presume to know what God has not declared. We must not act, proceed, undertake or perform in realms or areas where God has not authorized (legislated) our actions. This verse clearly sanctions the silence of the Scriptures.

The apostle John wrote the same thing, “*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son*” (2 John 1:9). To either violate what God has said (transgress) or to not be restrained by what God has said (abideth not, goeth onward), is a violation of God's will. To do a religious act without Bible authority is not abiding in the doctrine of Christ. This verse clearly sanctions the silence of the Scriptures.

John again wrote, “*For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add unto these things**, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall **take away from the words of the book** of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and [from] the things which are written in this book*” (Rev. 22:18-19). If we ignore what God has specified (take

away) or teach and practice (add to) what God has not authorized, we stand condemned. If we speak, allow, permit, grant, license or authorize on the basis of the silence of the Scriptures, then there is no end to the things we can teach and practice in the name of religion. These verses clearly sanction the silence of the Scriptures.

Many simple observations have been used to illustrate the principle of acting on silence. For example:

If a mother sends her son to the grocery store and tells him to buy a loaf of bread and a gallon of milk and he returns with bread and milk along with bananas, candy and a magazine, he's got some explaining to do. He may argue that he was not told he couldn't buy those things, but his mother's silence about them forbid his purchase of them. A mother does not have to go through the list of the hundreds of items in the store and tell her son not to buy those things. Her silence does not give him liberty to buy what he wants. Silence is not only important, it is essential!

What would you think if you gave the pharmacist a prescription to fill and he included another medicine or two? He's in big trouble! He may say the doctor didn't tell him not to include other drugs. But, everyone knows the doctor's prescription (by its silence) forbid any other drugs. The pharmacist has authority to act according to the prescription -- adding nothing and deleting nothing. Silence is not only important, it is essential!

What about water baptism? Some religious groups sprinkle and some include infants. They can argue that the Bible does not say “thou shalt not sprinkle,” “thou shalt not pour,” “thou shalt not baptize babies.” However, the Bible authorizes immersion (Rom. 6:3-4; Col. 2:12) for penitent believers (Acts 2:38). Its silence on sprinkling and pouring and infants does not authorize sprinkling, pouring or baptizing babies -- its silence forbids it. However, the Greek word *baptidzo* demands immersion. Silence is not only important, it is essential!

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 2/27/22  
Bible Class: 33                      A.M. Worship: 65                      Wed. B. C.: 29

Family News and Notes

**Ruth Hooker** passed away Thursday morning. Her services are Tuesday at 2pm at Rogers and Breece Funeral Home. **Alex Elliot** broke her leg and is still trying to recuperate. 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

|         |         |         |         |         |         |         |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Mar 6   | Mar 7   | Mar 8   | Mar 9   | Mar 10  | Mar 11  | Mar 12  |
| Gal 4-6 | Eph 1-2 | Eph 3-4 | Eph 5-6 | Phi 1-2 | Phi 3-4 | Col 1-2 |
| Ps 65   | Ps 66   | Ps 67   | Ps 68   | Ps 69   | Ps 70   | Ps 71   |

Events

**Ladies’ Bible Class:** This Tuesday will be held at Melany Hatchers’ residence. Lunch following.

**Men’s lunch:** Friday at 11am at Golden Corral.

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

