

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Patrick Floyd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Barry Hatcher

Assisting: Dale Wiles
Trey Callihan

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Tissue packs

Sermon Notes *The Law of Moses*

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April 3, 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

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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

The Lord's One Church

"And Jesus answered and said unto him, Blessed art thou, Simon Barjona: for flesh and blood hath not revealed it unto thee, but my Father which is in heaven. And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Matt. 16:17-18).

These words of Jesus Christ are given in answer to Peter's confession of Christ as "the Son of the living God (v.16). We notice from this text that: 1) The church at that time was yet in the future and 2) Jesus promised to build ONE church which would bear his name, and 3) Hades [death - BTH] would not overcome the divine institution known as the church of Christ. The second chapter of Acts reveals that Peter preached the Gospel and the church was established that very day. This church is distinct in that it is the only body where true salvation is found. Pioneer preacher, T. B. Larimore, penned the following about Christ and the church:

"Now it was in the coasts or suburbs or immediate presence of this rockbounded, rock-founded, rock-built, rock-surrounded, rock-protected, rockshadowed city that Jesus, the Rock of Ages, the Rock for sinners cleft, said to Peter, the "rock" — to Cephas, the "stone" — in reference to that spiritual institution that had been represented by Daniel, in the then long, long ago, by the little rock cut out of the mountain without hands and subsequently filling the earth; that divine, spiritual institution, every member of which is called in the Bible a "lively stone" or a "living stone:" "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it" (Letters and Sermons of T. B. Larimore, p.359, 1900).

The Lord's church is called out of the world. *"Who hath delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us*

into the kingdom of his dear Son” (Col. 1:13). People who have been added to the body of Christ by the Lord (Acts 2:47) are a cleansed people who have been washed by the blood of Christ. The apostle Paul revealed, *“That at that time ye were without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers from the covenants of promise, having no hope, and without God in the world: But now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ”* (Eph. 2:12-13). Once we were without the salvation that is found in Jesus Christ, but now we are cleansed and purified by the blood of Christ.

The church of Christ is in opposition to denominationalism. The Lord’s church is distinct because its founder and builder is Jesus the Christ (Matt. 16:17-18). How many churches did Jesus promise to establish? The Bible clearly shows that ONE CHURCH is all that He promised to build. This promise came true in Acts chapter two. Someone asks, “Well what about the denominations?” Did Jesus build the denominations? No! *“Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain that build it…”* (Psalm 127:1). The Bible and history clearly show that the churches of men (denominations) were not founded or established by our Lord. Christians must show honest hearts that denominationalism is sinful and to be avoided. Many people in the world and many in the church do not understand that there is one distinct body of Christians, practicing only what the Bible authorizes in every aspect of their lives.

It is disturbing to hear members of the Lord's church refer to people in the denominations as “brothers” and “sisters” in Christ, or simply as “Christians.". The only way to be a true New Testament Christian is to abide in the doctrine of Christ (2 John 9-11). If the denominations are right, then why do we preach the one church; the Gospel plan of salvation; and the way to heaven as revealed in the Bible if the people in the denominations are saved? Why do we want them to come over to us if they are going to be saved in the spiritual condition they find themselves in?

The truth is, those in the denominations will be lost eternally for not doing the will of God (Matt. 7:21). Brethren, no matter how many denominations there are; no matter how many millions of people are members of them; no matter what someone's opinion is concerning religion; the truth is there is ONE body of distinct people who are called Christians (Acts 11:26)!

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 3/27/22

Bible Class: 36

A.M. Worship: 65

Wed. B. C.: 26

Family News and Notes

Vicky Carver is at home and doing some better, but continues to be under doctors care. **Alex Elliot** broke her leg and is still trying to recuperate, while also dealing with the loss of income. 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. **Linda Hernandez** has been dealing with a heart issue and has not been able to be at worship. Let’s remember one another in prayer.

Pray for our world leaders at this time. Much of the 82nd Airborne is already in Europe to support our allies and 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

April 3	April 4	April 5	April 6	April 7	April 8	April 9
1 Jo 1-3	1 Jo 4-5	2 & 3 John	Jude	Rev 1-3	Rev 4-5	Rev 6-7
Ps 93	Ps 94	Ps 95	Ps 96	Ps 97	Ps 98	Ps 99

Events

Gospel Meeting: Sheffield Drive, April 3-6 7:30 weeknights

B & G Workday: Saturday, April 9th, 9am till

Ladies’ Tea: Saturday May, 7th at 10am. Home of Jennifer Hatcher. Bring a teacup!

