

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Brynn Hatcher

Assisting: Kyle Pool
Tyler Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: John Patchell

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Canned Chicken

Sermon Notes *The Wise Man*

I. He _____

II. He _____

III. He _____

May 1, 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

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

The Source of Morality

Parents have the God-given responsibility to instill morals in their children (Eph. 6:4). Therefore, they must know what is right and wrong. Most people will grow up and teach their own children what their parents taught them. This is fine and good as long as each generation faithfully transmits the Scriptures to the succeeding generation (Deut. 4:9). But, how often does this occur? Some of us might have played the game “telephone” where the first player whispers a short phrase in the ear of the next and the message is then repeated until it reaches the last player. Rarely, if ever, does the message reach the end without corruption. Parents must teach their children from the Bible, not from worldly values.

Strictly speaking, there is only one source of morality for every person, and that is God. Going to any other source means one cannot be guaranteed of getting the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The purest water is found at its source. The farther one is removed from the source, the greater the possibility of contamination. Water can pick up impurities like lead from the pipes that carry it. The same principle applies to morality. Just as lead poisons the body, impurities in morals will corrupt the soul. The Lord has warned man not to add to or take away from His word (Deut. 12:32). Nevertheless, man often fails to teach the whole counsel of God.

Many do not make a diligent study of God's word regarding all aspects of human conduct. They may teach the

principles of the Ten Commandments but little else. Also, too many parents rely on what they have decided is right. Long ago God’s spokesman declared, “*O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps*” (Jer. 10:23). We must seek God’s direction from His word. Failing to study and live by the Scriptures means one is relying on his own wisdom to decide moral issues. The Bible declares this to be foolish (Prov. 16:25). Such a person is far removed from the source of morality and has become spiritually contaminated.

Some may argue that man has the right to decide moral issues. If this is so, who decides whom the final judge will be? Allowing man to be the judge reduces society to depending upon a system of varying and conflicting moral standards. No sane person would argue that everyone should be allowed to do whatever he wants. If one was foolish enough to do so, he would soon change his mind! Such thinking would allow for and be perfectly acceptable for another to mistreat you. At the first instance of this behavior, there would be an outcry to change the rules.

When man lives by a moral code of his own making, society suffers. A number of years ago HBO aired the movie “Cheaters.” It was based on what happened about twenty years ago in the Chicago area. An English teacher at Steinmetz High School helped his students cheat on a regional academic competition between schools in the area. Eventually, the cheating was discovered and the man lost his job. For years he denied any wrongdoing. Even the students felt justified in their actions. The only thing they regretted was getting caught! The ex-teacher is now a businessman in the Chicago area. Would you want to do business with a man who feels cheating is OK? Most of us would rather deal with someone who follows the “Golden Rule” (Matt. 7:12).

God is the source of man’s morality because He created us (Psalm 100:3). He sets the rules and we must abide by them or suffer the consequences (2 Thess. 1:7-9). Are you seeking to know and obey God’s laws? His commandments are for our benefit always (Deut. 6:24).

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 4/24/22
Bible Class: 35 A.M. Worship: 51 Wed. B. C.: 37

Family News and Notes

Kim Perkins’ mother is in critical condition in ICU in Youngstown, Ohio. Kim has gone to Ohio to be with the family. 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

May 1	May 2	May 3	May 4	May 5	May 6	May 7
Gen 29-30	Gen 31-32	Gen 33-34	Gen 35-36	Gen 37-38	Gen 39-40	Gen 41-42
Ps 120	Ps 121	Ps 122	Ps 123	Ps 124	Ps 125	Ps 126

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: This morning after the morning worship. Lunch then meeting
Mens’ Lunch: Friday at 11am @ Golden Corral
Ladies’ Tea: Saturday May, 7th at 10am. Home of Jennifer Hatcher. Bring a teacup!
Lectureship: Sheffield Dr. In Rocky Mount, Saturday, May 14th, 9-3
Silver Linings: Friday May 20th at 11am. Bring Your Lunch!

