

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Patrick Floyd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Brynn Hatcher

Assisting: Ron Austin
Jon Patchell

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
Canned Chicken

Sermon Notes *A Blessed Life*

I. BE _____

II. BE _____

III. BE A _____

IV. BE A _____

V. BE _____

VI. BE _____

VII. BE _____

VIII. BE A _____

May 15, 2022

Welcome!

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Church of Christ

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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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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Respect For Almighty God

The God we serve is an holy, august, and spiritual being both deserving and desirous of our deepest respect. Although He is described in Scripture as a friend to man (Isa. 41:8; James 2:23), He is not some sort of “good buddy” with which man is able to joke or “hang out.” Our God is still on the throne (Psalm 45:6), and His ways remain higher than our ways (Isa. 55:9), and His authoritative Word still promises to judge us in the Last Day (Rev. 20:12).

No measure of self-appointed, flipppant familiarity with the God of heaven detracts one bit or whit from His inherent majesty and greatness. Our God is eminently worthy of our reverence, as such, we must serve Him “*acceptably with reverence and godly fear*” (Heb. 12:28). Truly, reverence is the “**very first element of religion**” [Charles Simmons].

Since God is holy and above man in every way, our sincere, yet obedient, services of public worship should express this spirit of reverence. “*God is greatly to be feared in the assembly of the saints, and to be had in reverence of all them that are about him*” (Psa. 89:7). Worship performed “*in spirit and in truth*” (John 4:24) suggests a demeanor of awe and reverence.

Christian worship services should be permeated with expressions of joy and thanksgiving — they should not come to resemble a congregational visit to the dentist; but neither should the reverent worship of our heavenly Father be confused for a carnival, a rock concert, or some other secular gathering. Whether our worship is that offered during a Sunday morning

service, that which involves a lectureship assembly, or that which is engaged in by a zealous throng of young people attending a youth rally — regardless where, when or by whom the worship is performed — it **must** be characterized by reverence and decorum. “*Let all things be done decently and in order*” (1 Cor. 14:40).

The worship assembly is not the proper setting for screaming, whistling, clapping, and stomping the feet in response to a speaker's message or keeping time with the music. We do not gather to pay homage to men, but to worship God. We do not come together as to a football game or a stage-band concert; we come to worship God. We do not assemble with the intent of being entertained or sensually excited; we come to worship God. Any assembly of saints with the intent of worshipping and praising the God of heaven should reject that which emphasizes the carnal emotions and minimizes the spiritual man. An outsider should be able to attend one of our Sunday assemblies, or one of our many youth gatherings, and see a marked difference between the worship of God and any secular spectacle. Though the secular is not sinful in and of itself, when Christians attempt to move the secular into the sacred and holy, that is when sin lies at the door.

In the realm of worship, “*zeal without knowledge*” paves a dangerous road toward pagan, flesh-oriented, and riotous assemblies. Most of our denominational neighbors have long gone this route, with services geared more toward entertaining man than worshipping God. May we learn to temper our joy in Christ with a Christlike reverence for things holy. And may we teach our children to do the same.

Remember, ***OUR GOD IS ON THE THRONE — NOT ON STAGE.***
-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 5/8/22
Bible Class: 37
A.M. Worship: 68
Wed. B. C.: 28

Family News and Notes

Kim Perkins' mother is in rehab at a nursing home facility. **Expectant mothers:** keep all our expectant mothers in you prayers: Rebecca Lee, Destiney Foster, Elaine Turnage, and Monica Ullom. 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,** and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies, teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20	May 21
Ex 10-12	Ex 13-15	Ex 16-18	Ex 19-21	Ex 22-24	Ex 25-27	Ex 28-30
Ps 134	Ps 135	Ps 136	Ps 137	Ps 138	Ps 139	Ps 140

Events

Teachers' Meeting: This afternoon at 1:00
Silver Linings: Friday May 20th at 11am. Bring Your Lunch!
New Quarter: June 5th!

