

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Brynn Hatcher

Assisting: Ricardo Alvillar
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

Canned Chicken

Sermon Notes

Choose Life

1. _____

11. _____

111. _____

May 22, 2022

Welcome!

Cape Fear
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

The Church of Christ

1. The Church Of Christ Has The Right Founder. In Matthew 16:18, Jesus said, “...*I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*” Jesus promised to build his church. At that time, it had not yet been built, but he said, “***I WILL BUILD my church.***” Christ said this would take place while some of those in the first century were still living. In Mark 9:1, he said, “*Verily I say unto you, That there be some of them that stand here, which shall not taste of death, till they have seen the kingdom of God come with power.*” Christ is the only one who has heavenly authority to found a church. He has that right because He purchased the church with His own blood. In Acts 20:28, speaking to the elders of the church at Ephesus, Paul said, “*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock over the which the holy Ghost bath made you overseers, to feed **the church** of God, **which he hath purchased with his own blood.***”

2. The Church Of Christ Was Established At The Right Time. The great prophets of the Old Testament prophesied the establishment of the kingdom. In Isaiah 2:2, Isaiah writes, “*And it shall come to pass in the last days, that the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established in the top of the mountains, and shall be exalted above the hills; and all nations shall flow unto it.*” Isaiah said that the “*mountain of the Lord's house*” shall be established in the last days. This is a reference to the “government” of the Lord or the church. The last days has reference to the Christian age. Joel also records about the coming of the kingdom in Joel 2:28-32. This was fulfilled on the day of Pentecost after the ascension of Christ (Acts 2). In Acts 2:16, Peter said, “*But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel.*” He wanted the people to know that the events taking place on the day of Pentecost were the very events about which Joel prophesied. The church (kingdom) was established in the first century on the first Day of Pentecost after the resurrection of Jesus from the dead.

3. The Church Of Christ Was Founded At The Scriptural

Place. Isaiah wrote in Isaiah 2:3, “*And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; and he will teach us of his ways, and we will walk in his paths: for out of Zion shall go forth the law, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem.*” He said the “*word of the Lord*” would go forth from “*Jerusalem.*” In giving the “great commission,” Jesus said in Luke 24:47, “*And that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem.*” In verse 49 Jesus said, “*...but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high.*” In Acts 1:8, Jesus said, “*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Spirit is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth.*” The apostles were told that the church would have its beginning in Jerusalem (Acts 2:1-4). That took place on the day of Pentecost following the ascension of Christ back into heaven.

4. The Church Of Christ Wears The Right Name. We must always do that which exalts Christ. To wear a name that does not exalt the name of Christ is to disgrace the name of Christ. When we wear a human name, it undermines the authority of Christ. We wear the name “church of Christ” because it is found in the Bible. In Romans 16:16 we read, “*...the churches of Christ salute you.*” Paul mentions a multiplicity of congregations that were saluting the brethren at Rome. The phrase in Romans 16 has reference to the churches belonging to Christ. Religious groups wearing a human name, you are dishonoring Christ.

As members of the body of Christ, we are given a name to wear. The name we wear is the name “Christian.” There are three places in the Bible where the word “Christian” is used (Acts 11:26; 26:28; 1 Peter 4:16). If we are not called by a Bible name, then we are not obeying God.

5. The Church Of Christ Is Right In Organization. The church of Christ does not have an earthly headquarters where a group of men govern what we do or what we believe. The organization as set forth in the New Testament is: elders, deacons, preachers and members.

1 Timothy 3:1-8 and Titus 1:5-11 lists the qualifications for those who are “elders” or “bishops.” In 1 Timothy 3:8-13, Paul records the qualifications of the deacons. A deacon by definition means to “serve” or be a servant. Next in organization there are preachers or evangelists. In 2 Timothy 4:5, Paul told Timothy to “*do the work of an evangelist.*” In Ephesians 4:11 Paul wrote, “*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers.*” Notice the separation between “evangelists” and “pastors.” “Members” are next in this list of the organization.¹ Corinthians 12:27 and Romans 12:4,5.

By the Numbers

Attendance 5/15/22

Bible Class: 40

A.M. Worship: 70

Wed. B. C.: 32

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 22	May 23	May 24	May 25	May 26	May 27	May 28
Ex 31-33	Ex 34-36	Ex 37-40	Lev 1-2	Lev 3-4	Lev 5-6	Lev 7-8
Ps 141	Ps 142	Ps 143	Ps 144	Ps 145	Ps 146	Ps 147

Events

Memorial Day: Next Monday. Be Safe! Many are traveling this week

New Quarter: June 5th!

Mens’ Training: Sunday June 26 at 1pm

