Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Chad Futrell Song Leader:

Opening Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Lord's Table:

Presidina: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Ron Austin

Dale Wiles

Byran Hatcher Sermon:

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 Condiments

Sermon Notes Out of Debt

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June 12, 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: Tuesdays10:00am

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

True Faith

No one wishes to be inferior in any way. But there is a difference between wishing and believing. Many wish for success, but believe they will fail. Most simply do not have the faith to climb the ladder of success. They will begin the climb on the first rung or two, the ladder shakes a little and doubt is allowed to consume the person and they simply will not ascend any higher.

Doubt is a negative power. It cripples initiative, it leeches energy from self and others. It makes failures before a great venture is even underway. When the mind begins to doubt, then it begins to assemble reasoning to defend its unbelief. Cant's and excuses are born out of doubt; so faith, the positive attitude will cure us of the cant's and shouldnt's.

Biblical faith is based upon evidence. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for the evidence of things not seen" (Hebrews 11:1). It gives reality or foundation in the mind for the things hoped for, even though the evidence is unseen. It causes a person to feel as if the things were real and to act as if he actually saw them. He walks not with the eye of physical sight, be rather with the eye of faith. Seeing the unseen. "For we walk by faith and not by sight" (2 Corinthians 5:7).

This definition of faith works in the secular realm as well. If we have occasion to visit Berlin, Germany, it is the belief that there is such a place that causes one to act as if it is really there, even if we have never been there or do not personally know anyone who has been there. Belief in the integrity of another moves us to act as if it is the truth, even if it is not. As long as

faith continues, whether it is well-founded or not, it gives reality to that which is believed. Such is the nature of faith in the secular realm. It might be actual reality or it could be merely fantasy.

Belief, though, is a positive attitude. Paul told Timothy, "I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day" (2 Timothy 1:12). With God's help new hopes can replace past disappointments. With faith, past failures become just a memory and will remain in the past. Just ask Abraham Lincoln how many times he failed, yet through persistent faith, he was able to be elected the Sixteenth President of the United States.

A number of years ago there was a farmer that had experienced a difficult time with his crops and running a farm. One day he sat down and took a hard introspective look at his life and ambitions. He was intelligent, honest, filled with integrity, dependable, and well put together. He knew he had everything he needed to succeed except for faith in himself. After several days of contemplation he decided to quit the farming business and go into a more lucrative venture to test his faith in himself. He went into the oil business and years later, died a millionaire.

Faith is the victory over the whole world. "And this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith" (1 John 5:4). Faith is the heroic attitude that sets men apart from the ordinary. The thing that distinguished the great men and women of the Bible from their contemporaries and handed down their names and deeds down to posterity was faith. By faith they all outdid themselves (Hebrews 11).

Doubt is the enemy of faith. Do not let it get you! Do not be distracted by faith in the temporary things of this world, they could all turn out to be nothing but fantasy. Trust in the never changing God of the Bible. Faith in Him will result in ultimate victory!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/5/22

Bible Class: 33 A.M. Worship: 60 Wed. B. C.: 32

Family News and Notes

Congratulations! **Mia Lee** was born Wednesday morning. Mom and baby are doing well. Also, Wink's daughter, Keely, graduated from Pernell Sweat High School Friday with honors. **Kim Perkins'** mother is at home while receiving special care, Kim is expected to be back next week. **Expectant mothers:** keep all our expectant mothers in you prayers: 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. 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

June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15	June 16	June 17	June 18
Num 11-12	Num 13-14	Num 15-16	Num 17-18	Num 19-20	Num 21-22	Num 23-24
Pr 12	Pr 13	Pr 14	Pr 15	Pr 16	Pr 17	Pr 18

Events

New Quarter: All young people in the Fellowship Hall for Bible class

Silver Linings: Friday @ 11am, Bring your lunch!

Mens' Training: Sunday June 26 at 1pm