

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Brooks Hatcher

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
Dale Wiles

Sermon: Jamie Long

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvarillar

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Hand Sanitizer

Sermon Notes *A Soul Winner For Jesus*

June 19, 2022

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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

Endurance

God instructed Abram, when he was yet in Ur of the Chaldees, to leave his comfortable home and go to a land where he and his family, even for several generations, would dwell in tents. At seventy-five years of age, Abram obeyed the voice of the Lord. It is then said, “...*and they went forth to go into the land of Canaan; and into the land of Canaan they came*” (Genesis 12:5). To lead a successful life, and godly, one must have endurance. It is essential to have aims and goals whereby great lives begin, and it is equally important to keep on the path toward those goals to cross the finish line triumphant.

A great lesson in endurance is a sequoia tree cut down in California a number of years ago. After the lumbermen cut down the tree, they and other arborists, examined the rings. What they found was astonishing. It was determined that the tree began its life 271 years before Jesus was born. When it was 516 years old it was partly burned, with charred portions of bark being visible far inside the trunk of the tree. Other fires left marks as well. It was exposed to fire in 1441, 1580, and 1797. The last fire made an 18 foot wide scar on one side. Yet through it all, the tree kept growing and covering all its scars and imperfections.

That wonderful sequoia is a testament in patient endurance and the fortitude to overcome obstacles in life. That tree was burned, disfigured, and partly destroyed, but each time it covered up its wounds, broadened outward and reached skyward. The good persevering man is “*like a tree planted by the rivers of water...*” (Psalm 1:3).

The Lord demands endurance of His disciples. “*No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God*” (Luke 9:62). He warns that enemies are going to be made, even of ones own house (Matthew 10:36). But, the one that does endure will reap the benefits. “*And ye shall be hated of all men for my name's sake: but he that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved*” (Mark 13:13). One of the most comforting, and at the same time challenging Scripture is 1 Corinthians 15:58. The Apostle Paul writes, “*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.*”

Those that fail to endure to the end are described in vivid and graphic terms. Peter writes, “*But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire*” (2 Peter 2:22). Going through pain and loss is not enjoyable. Worse, it is often discouraging to the point of quitting. Remember it is worse to give up and quit than to leave this world still trying. Moses, Job, the Apostle Paul, all faced adversity and discouragement, but the one quality they all possessed that made them successful - and why they are still known to this day - is endurance.

Anything worthwhile in life is going to have its ups and downs. A great marriage, education, career, even the need for better communication around the world. Cyrus Field was the man who laid down the transAtlantic telegraph cable. It was not an easy task. In his own words, Mr. Field said, “It has been a long and hard struggle. Nearly thirteen years of anxious watching and ceaseless toil. Often has my heart been ready to sink. Many times... I have almost accused myself of madness and folly to sacrifice the peace of my family, and all the hopes of life, for what might prove, after all, but a dream. I have seen my companions one after another fall by my side, and I feared I, too, might not live to see the end. And yet one hope has led me on.”

One physical hope of better communication led Mr. Field on to see his great project to the end. It was successful. The disciple of Christ must see clearly the hope of a better life for oneself and others if one will be successful in this life for Him.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/12/22

Bible Class: 42

A.M. Worship: 53

Wed. B. C.: 25

Family News and Notes

Congratulations! **Mia Lee** was able to come home Wednesday. Mom and baby are doing well. **Kim Perkins’** mother is at rehab and receiving special care, Kim is coming home this 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 19	June 20	June 21	June 22	June 23	June 24	June 25
Num 25-26	Num 27-28	Num 29-30	Num 31-32	Num 33-34	Num 35-36	Deu 1-2
Pr 19	Pr 20	Pr 21	Pr 22	Pr 23	Pr 24	Pr 25

Events

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

Mens’ Training: Sunday June 26 at 1pm. Please sign up on the sheet in the foyer

