

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
Ron Austin

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Mustard, Mayo, Ketchup

Sermon Notes *God's Unsearchable Judgments*

I.

II.

III.

IV.

June 26, 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 Lost Art of Forgiveness

Some time ago in a small town church of the Lord's people, a woman responded to the Lord's invitation. She came down to the front meekly and softly asked for the prayers of the church. She had been derelict in her duty to Christ and His church. But this woman also had another problem. A problem with the Christian lady sitting on the second pew, now directly behind her. This respondent's son had been executed because he had murdered the woman in the second pew's husband and son. Now the two women sat close to each other one asking for forgiveness.

All those in attendance that morning knew full well what was transpiring before their eyes. What would the outcome be? After the preacher prayed and dismissed the congregation, the widow lovingly embraced her sister in Christ and said, “I am so glad you have come back to be with us in the church.” Later, she commented upon reflection of her emotions at that time, “I feel better than I have felt in years. Now I feel free!”

A man of God had been used and abused by his supposedly God-fearing family. Yet, when his firstborn son was born, his name reflected his attitude toward that abuse. “*For God hath made me forget all my toil, and all my father's house*” (Genesis 41:51). Manasseh was his name, and it was Joseph who forgot about the cruelty of his brethren. Then when they were at his mercy, he forgave them.

Forgiveness liberates one from a great burden. Holding on to a grudge is keeping oneself locked in a lonely prison. The other person is free to do whatever they feel, but not so for the

begrudging. They are locked away in solitary confinement. The only way out is to forgive.

Each of us needs forgiveness. We need forgiveness from God for the sin we commit against Him. Praise Him for His unending forgiveness! We need forgiveness from our fellow man. Sometimes we allow our needs to come before others, and we wind up hurting them. And then we need to forgive ourselves. No one is perfect. No one is going to be perfect, though all should strive to perfection. We cannot hold ourselves hostage for not attaining the ultimate goal, but we should hold ourselves accountable for not trying.

Forgiveness is about understanding. Understanding who we are and where we fit in the grand scheme of things. Forgiveness is being merciful so that God is able to show us mercy. When we forgive, then we ought to forget the sin others have done to us. Do not “bury the hatchet but let the handle stick out.” Peter quickly found out that our forgiveness needs to be like God’s and without keeping score. There should be no limit to how many times we forgive others.

The size of character of a person is demonstrated by how quickly they are able to forgive. The bigger the person, the more freely they forgive. The big person also forgives because they realize how much they need the same forgiveness. There is an awareness of how much I need forgiveness makes me more tolerant of others. Some, unfortunately hide their own sin by condemning those that practice the same thing.

The truth is that life is too short not to forgive. Do not give anyone free rent in your head by holding a grudge. Not forgiving someone is hating them. Hating someone is sinful and harmful. Be free of sin and harm by forgiving, in an unconditional and complete fashion, all those that need your forgiveness. Then God and fellow man will be more able to forgive you of all the things you have done against them.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 6/19/22

Bible Class: 37

A.M. Worship: 55

Wed. B. C.: 31

Family News and Notes

Kim Perkins’ mother is at rehab and receiving special care, Kim. **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 26	June 27	June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2
Deu 3-4	Deu 5-6	Deu 7-8	Deu 9-10	Deu 11-12	Deu 13-14	Deu 15-16
Pr 26	Pr 27	Pr 28	Pr 29	Pr 30	Pr 31	Ps 1

Events

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

Mens’ Training: Today at 1pm in Langston Hall.

