

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Patrick Floyd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Brynn Hatcher

Assisting: John Patchell
Kyle Pool

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: Brynn Hatcher

Pantry Item

Combs, brushes, shampoo

Sermon Notes

Stop Robbing God!

I. In _____

II. In _____

III. In _____

IV. In _____

July 10, 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

Keep Growing!

The human experience consists of a series of phases in which physical and mental changes occur. Within these phases, life should be a progression toward the next phase.

Unfortunately not all continue to grow, instead a regression or disintegration takes place. When the physical body regresses to the point it is no longer able to regenerate, it dies. The mind is the same. The law of life is: Grow or Die.

Plants, animals, and people grow until they become mature and then death commences. This is the physical law. The spiritual law is very different. There never needs to be a regression or death of the spiritual man. Paul wrote, “*For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day*” (2 Corinthians 4:16). Early life involves replacing outgrown clothes, and adult life consists of replacing worn out erasers, getting rid of illusions and discarding errors. These epitomize the phases of life. Every good thing is obtained at the expense of giving up something else. Not everything can be done or held on to.

One can not go to school and at the conclusion declare, “I am finished!” This is the reason a graduation is called a “commencement.” Graduations of any sort are the beginning point of a new phase of life.

So also, God demands growth. He caused it to happen in the natural setting and commands it in the spiritual realm. Peter wrote, “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the Word that ye may grow thereby*” (1 Peter 2:2). Jesus was the example of personal and spiritual growth. Even our young people can quote Luke 2:52! “*And Jesus increased in wisdom*

and in stature, and in favor with God and man.” Jesus increased intellectually, physically, spiritually, and socially. These are the areas all must seek to grow each day.

The church at Thessalonica epitomized spiritual growth as Paul wrote to them, “Your faith growth exceedingly, and the charity of every one of you all toward each other aboundeth” (2 Thessalonians 1L3). Notice the correlation between growing in faith and growing in love toward one another! To grow in faith (closer to God) is to grow in love toward the brethren, the church of God!

Those that refuse to grow, in any area of life, begin to die immediately. It might be in intellectual pursuits, or business acumen, or socially. There have been many to leave society because of various personal issues and as a result isolated themselves to their own detriment. It takes great courage to remain socially active after personal disappointments or loss of health, etc. Yet God created us to be social beings and we are to remain so as long as is physically possible. A tumble down the stairs should not knock us out of others lives!

When one refuses to grow spiritually, he can no longer “resist the Devil” and therefore, he will be caught in those destructive clutches. How sad! How tragic! Stunted spiritual growth results in the Christian graces being abandoned, namely, “*knowledge, temperance, patience, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love*” (2 Peter 1:5-7). As a result of withered Christian values, God will prune such a one from the vine (John 15:6). The writer of Hebrews was upset at Christians for not growing as they ought. “*For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God: and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat*” (Hebrews 5:12). Staying the same spiritually is not possible. There is either growth or regression.

The Christian ought to grow closer to God throughout all of life’s stages. If one is able to persevere, then they will be truly blessed. John wrote, “*Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord*” (Revelation 14:13). Keep growing!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 7/3/22

Bible Class: 42

A.M. Worship: 58

Wed. B. C.: 30

Family News and Notes

Amanda Floyd had a procedure done on Friday. She will be recovering for the next couple of weeks. **Perkins’** mother is in rehab and receiving special care. **Expectant mothers:** keep all our expectant mothers in you prayers: Destiney Foster, Elaine Turnage, Brianna Johnson, 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

July 10	July 11	July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16
Deu 31-32	Deu 33-34	Jos 1-3	Jos 4-6	Jos 7-9	Jos 10-12	Jos 13-15
Ps 9	Ps 10	Ps 11	Ps 12	Ps 13	Ps 14	Ps 15

Events

Summer Quarter: All young people in the Fellowship Hall for Bible class
Teachers’ Meeting: Annual meeting for all teachers will be Sunday, August 7th. Lunch provided.
Mens’ Training: Makeup training is Sunday July 24th in Langston Hall. We will have lunch together then begin the training session. Let Byran know if you will be attending.

