

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Patrick Floyd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Brynn Hatcher

Assisting: Ron Austin
John Patchell

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 *Understanding Wealth*

I. _____ of Wealth

II. _____ of Wealth

III. _____ of Wealth

July 24, 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

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Byran Hatcher

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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

Christian Influence

The Christian life has a number of challenges inherent in living it successfully. Jesus prayed of His disciples, “*I pray not that thou shouldest take them out of the world, but that thou shouldest keep them from the evil*” (John 17:15). Jesus understood a great truth, that everyone has an influence. It was Jesus’ prayer to the Father that while His disciples were in the world accomplishing His work, that they would not be unduly influenced by the evil of the world. Paul similarly warned “*Beware lest any man spoil you through philosophy and vain deceit, after the tradition of men, after the rudiments of the world, and not after Christ*” (Colossians 2::8). It is not just an influence of immorality that is the danger, but also how one thinks that is dangerous. Christians recognize that it matters what one believes. While discussing the validity of the resurrection of Jesus and the dead, Paul draws attention to the dangers of being drawn into false doctrines. He expressed it this way, “Be not deceived: evil communications corrupt good manners” (1 Corinthians 15:33). It is important to believe the right things as well as practice the right things.

Noting the challenges and difficulties of navigating living in the world but not being drawn into worldly thinking and practices, the Christian must be very selective in choosing close associates. The Christian is to be friendly to everyone, but not everyone is to develop close bonds. “*Wherein they think it strange that ye run not with them to the same excess of riot, speaking evil of you*” (1 Peter 4:4). “Running with the world” entails doing what they do, and doing it how they do it. To deviate at all will incite scorn and ridicule. Becoming a Christian

can be a challenge for this very reason. Close worldly associations might have to be broken, but going to heaven is the goal in life, not having a certain kind of friends and associations.

If the Christian is unduly influenced by an angry individual, they too might become angry. *“Make no friendship with an angry man; and with a furious man thou shalt not go: Lest thou learn his ways, and get a snare to thy soul”* (Proverbs 22:24,25). Anger, and any emotion or reaction to life events, is learned! Be careful of the wrong kind of influences. Fear is another emotion that can be learned, or at least is contagious. Moses had all the faint of heart in the army to go back to their tents when conquering the land east of the Jordan *“...lest his brethren’s heart faint as well as his heart”* (Deuteronomy 20:8). The last thing needed in battle, whether physical or spiritual, is fear. The Christian should surround himself with those who are balanced in faith and constitution.

Instead of the Christian being influenced by others, the Christian should be the influencing factor in other people’s lives. Good influence is not only something to receive, but should also be given. All are influenced by others, but one must also be an influencer as well. Such as a faithful spouse to an unfaithful spouse. Peter wrote, *“...if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives”* (1Peter 3:1). How sad it is that rarely is this the case, but it can be achieved! The faithful spouse, wife or husband, can live in such a way that living for the Lord is admired and emulated. They can become the primary reason an unbeliever obeys the Gospel.

Whether for good or ill, death does not stop ones influence. Men *“rest from their labors, and their works do follow them”* (Revelation 14:13). The Hebrews writer penned of Abel *“He being dead, yet speaketh”* (Hebrews 11:4). One’s influence is like most things in life, it is a choice. One can choose to be influenced by good or evil, and one can choose to be a good or evil influence.

When you have breathed your last breath, what will others say of your influence? Was it for good or evil? Will it lead others to heaven or to hell?

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 7/17/22
Bible Class: 42 A.M. Worship: 55 Wed. B. C.: 28

Family News and Notes

Kim Perkins’ mother is in rehab and receiving special care. **Expectant mothers:** keep all our expectant mothers in your 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 24	July 25	July 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30
Jud 13-15	Jud 16-18	Jud 19-21	Ruth	1 Sa 1-3	1 Sa 4-6	1 Sa 7-9
Ps 23	Ps 24	Ps 25	Ps 26	Ps 27	Ps 28	Ps 29

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: Annual meeting for all teachers will be Sunday, August 7th. Lunch provided.

Mens’ Training: Makeup training is today in Langston Hall. We will have lunch together then begin the training session.

