

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Brynn Hatcher

Assisting: Ron Austin
Sibio Farrington

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

God's Appointments With Man

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VIII.

July 31, 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

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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

Justice

A baker in a small, country town bought the butter he used from a nearby dairy farmer. One day he suspected that the bricks of butter were not full pounds, but he was selling the butter by weight. For several days he bought the butter and weighed them. Sure enough, he was right, the butter was never a full pound. So the baker had the dairy farmer arrested.

When the case went to trial, the judge asked the dairy farmer, "Do you have scales to weigh your butter?" "No, your honor, I do not" was the reply. "How then do you manage to weigh the butter you sell?" "Well, your honor, I do have scales, and so I place a pound of bread I buy from the baker on one side and even it out with butter on the other side."

What an illustration of injustice on the part of so many. Man usually has two standards. They have a set of standards for themselves, and then another set of standards for everyone else.

Justice is one of the lofty qualities God has placed on humanity. He has listed them in a set of three requirements for mankind. Man is "...*but to do justly, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with thy God*" (Micah 6:8). Justice, mercy, humility and godliness all go together, and are essential if one is to live the best life possible.

this idea of fair play, or justice, is to God more precious than sacrifice. "*To do justice and judgment is more acceptable to the Lord than sacrifice*" (Proverbs 21:3). Justice, as one views it from the Biblical perspective, is one of the things worth more than money. It is so necessary to man's well being and society's goodness that the Bible includes it in the lies of things men are commanded to think upon (Philippians 4:8).

Justice peers below the superficial appearance of things knowing that things are not always what they seem. The Bible says, “*Judge not according to the appearance*” (John 7:24). Appearances are almost always very different from deep reality and hidden facts. Because the facts are difficult to extract, justice should be slow to pass judgment.

Justice must be blindly impartial and never swayed in bribery. Moses commanded the ancients, “*And thou shalt take no gift: for the gift blindeth the wise, and perverteth the words of the righteous*” (Exodus 23:8). The historic Egyptians had a figure to symbolize justice, a human form without hands or eyes. The absence of hands represented the judge should not take bribes, and the vacated eye sockets symbolized not being influenced by someones appearance. Lady Justice of the United States has hands but they are full, with a sword in one hand and scales in the other. But she too is blind with a blindfold.

True justice is brave. Many years ago a man falsely accused was sentenced to die by crucifixion. Public opinion was against him. The masses cried out for his execution to the level that they received their desire. This man was painfully abused and unmercifully ridiculed as a prisoner and held in such contempt that he was crucified among common thieves. As he was unjustly situated on a cross and his last gasping breaths sucked in he endured the soldiers mocking him and gambling for his belongings. All his loved ones forsook him. There was one brave man, though he could not stop the unjust execution, went before Pilate to ask for his body so he could have a proper burial. Joseph of Arimathaea was a good and just man (Luke 23:50). There is much evidence that justice is courageous, not to be determined by public opinion or fear, but by that which is right without regard to fear or favor. Cowards are too afraid to be right.

Justice is, above all, fair. Justice does not have a double standard. If one thing is right for one man, then it is right for every man. If something is wrong for one, then it is wrong for all. It does not look to see the multitude of wrong in another’s life in order to justify the tiny amount of wrong in my life. Justice follows the Golden Rule: “*Therefore all thing whatsoever y would that men should do to you, do ye even to them: for this is the law and the prophets*” (Matthew 7:12).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 7/24/22

Bible Class: 34

A.M. Worship: 56

Wed. B. C.: 24

Family News and Notes

We welcome **Geraldine Harrington** to Cape Fear as she places membership with us today! **Tory Lawrence**’ dad is in critical condition. Kim Christian is going through some physical ailments at this time. **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 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6
1 Sa 10-12	1 Sa 13-15	1 Sa 16-18	1 Sa 19-21	1 Sa 22-24	1 Sa 25-27	1 Sa 28-31
Ps 30	Ps 31	Ps 32	Ps 33	Ps 34	Ps 35	Ps 36

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: Annual meeting for all teachers will be Sunday, August 7th. Lunch provided. Please sign up on the table in the foyer

Mens’ Lunch: Friday, August 12 at Golden Corral @ 11am

