

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Dave Carver
Chalres Perkins

Sermon: Barry Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Canned milk, boxed juice

Sermon Notes *Decisions We Make*

August 14, 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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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Love

A lonely beggar was drowning in his misery one evening and asked a random passerby for some coins. The man, wanting to give him something, turned out his pockets only to find he had nothing himself. Feeling pity for the beggar, the man shook his hand and said, “I’m sorry brother, I don’t have anything to give you tonight.” The beggars’ leathery, dejected face lit up and he responded, “You called me ‘brother’ and that is a wonderful gift!” More than anything else, this world needs life. The kind of love that extends one heart to another and acknowledges him as a brother, regardless of the circumstances. There is no substitute for this kind of love. Paul wrote about this in his first letter to the Corinthians:

Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, and have not charity, I am become as sounding brass, or a tinkling cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and understand all mysteries, and all knowledge; and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, and have not charity, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, and have not charity, it profiteth me nothing. (1 Corinthians 13:1-3).

Four of God’s most basic commandments are rooted in love. Love God, Love your neighbor, love the brotherhood, and love your enemies. To declare a love for God and yet think less of others than what God commands is a delusion of the heart (1 John 4:20).

To love is to be like God. If one desires to me more godly, to have a better relationship with the Father, then love more, “for God is love” (1 John 4:8).

Love is often reciprocated. A little girl was once asked why everyone loved her so much. She replied she wasn't sure except it might be because she loved everyone. "We love Him, because He first loved us" (1 John 4:19).

Love is patient and understanding. Love often jumps in head first, but it never jumps to conclusions! "*Love covereth a multitude of sins*" (1 John 4:8). What greater love is there than a parent for a child? David, the king, had a rebellious son. Absalom tried to depose his father by undermining his authority. David's soldiers caught Absalom and Joab killed him. When David found out of his rebellious sons' death, he cried, "*O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom, would God I had died for thee, O Absalom my son, my son!*" (2 Samuel 18:33). It was easy to forgive his son of his transgressions because of love. Unless we love and understand people we cannot be patient with them. Paul wrote, "*Forbearing one another in love*" (Ephesians 4:2).

Love is not idle, but rather is active. The Bible speaks of a "*labor of love*" (Hebrews 6:10). And a "*faith which worketh by love*" (Galatians 5:6). Love does not sit by and watch things transpire,, nor does it ask how little it can do, but rather it asks how much can be done and goes to work.

- Love is necessary to be successful and happy in life. Let's note that love:
- Smooths the path of duty
 - Energizes the feet to walk
 - Launches the heart to obedience
 - Secures the heart in loyalty
 - Strengthens the body in perseverance
 - Tunes the strings of the heart
 - Offers all at the altar of service
 - Places a rainbow in the clouds of life

Love removes bitterness and animosity from the heart that will cause one to waste away. Life is too short not to love and forgive, even if falsely accused. Love will make all thoughts lovely, all words sweet, and motives pure.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 8/7/22
Bible Class: 40 A.M. Worship: 69 Wed. B. C.: 31

Family News and Notes

Mark Mason, Melanie Callihan's brother, passed away on Friday. **Tory Lawrence'** dad is still in the hospital but improving. **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

Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19	Aug 20
2 Sa 22-24	1 Ki 1-2	1 Ki 3-4	1 Ki 5-7	1 Ki 8-9	1 Ki 10-11	1 Ki 12-13
Ps 44	Ps 45	Ps 46	Ps 47	Ps 48	Ps 49	Ps 50

Events

Kids' Day: Sunday Aug 28 after morning worship. Please bring extra set of clothes! Sign up in foyer.

Silver Linings: Friday at 11am. Bring your lunch!

