

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Patrick Floyd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Ron Austin
Ricardo Alvallar

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Wade Hedgepeth

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
Light Up Your World

I. *The* _____

II. *The* _____

III. *The* _____

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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

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 Most Useful Word

On one occasion an editor of a popular magazine asked several of his distinguished columnists two important questions: 1. What is the most misused word in the English language, and 2. What is the most useful word to you? Without fail, the most misused word was "yes." And the most useful word was "no."

Observation has taught us that no one ever amounts to anything or maintains ones stature without saying "no." Families have been wrecked, churches torn up, countries ruined, because some person or some group refused to utter the word "no." Saying "yes" to pressure groups in any organization causes immediate problems and headaches and will bring it, ultimately, to certain ruin. Men have passed on fortunes even in the pursuit of fortune because they could not say "no" to the greener pasture on the other side of the financial fence. Young people have quit on their education and more secure future because they could not say "no" to money and independence now instead of later.

"No" is one of the smallest, yet at the same time one of the biggest words in the dictionary. Only the biggest are able to say "no" and mean it. No ones character is bigger than their ability to say "no." The biggest man the world has ever known was simultaneously loved and hated because He could clearly and unequivocally utter the word "no." Jesus wielded great authority in the use of such a big word.

This most useful word is the fortress of personal strength. Samson exemplified this point in his utterance of such a word. He refused to be a slave of the Philistines and as long as he held

on to that word he remained strong. But, after constant pressure, Delilah wore him down and he said “yes,” and in an instant all his strength evaporated from his body and he was enslaved. “No” has given women more protection than all the knights of chivalry, and given men more resolve than all the armor in the world. Use it often.

This most useful word is the shield to guard the home. “No” keeps the dad from folly, mom from wrong, boys from mischief, and girls from depression. Joseph daily refused to be a slave to sin by rejecting the advances of his masters wife. God used Joseph’s inner strength to propel him above all Egyptians in the land save Pharaoh himself. All thanks to one tiny useful word.

John used this word to deal with apostasy. Diotrephes’ relish of power came at the cost of sound doctrine. John told him and those that were with him to stop. They were also to be shunned because of the unfaithful attitude they possessed. John expressed his directions in the matter this way, “Beloved, follow not that which is evil, but that which is good” (3 John 11). John is telling us to say “no” to evil and “yes” to righteousness.

“No” is the counter weight to “yes.” Just as a boat with one oar will only go in circles, life with only “yes” spins in circles and soon out of control. Others will decide for you. Pilate had Jesus of Nazareth at his feet. He had examined him and determined that there was no fault to be found in him. Yet, because he could not say “no” he allowed the multitude to make his decision for him and caused the Lord to go to the cross. Washing his hands of the matter made him no less guilty than if he had hammered in all the nails himself!

“No” must be uttered first, before strength is given to say “yes.” One must be against something to be for something else, something greater. The strong follower of Christ must say “no” to the world and all its gimmicks and illusions in order to say “yes” to the master of all things. John’s exhortation to quit following after evil means there is a “no.” Sometimes, oftentimes, that “no” must be repeated daily. Then, one is ready to give full commitment to say “yes” to following the Savior wholeheartedly.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 8/21/22

Bible Class: 38

A.M. Worship: 70

Wed. B. C.: 35

Family News and Notes

Mark Mason, Melanie Callihan’s brother, passed away, as well as her mother, **Billie Ruth Mason. Tory Lawrence’** dad is still in the hospital but improving. **Kim Christian** is going through some physical ailments at this time. **Nazreen Sahib**, coworker of **Jennifer Hatcher** has stage 4 cancer, **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 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2	Sep 3
2 Ki 17-19	2 Ki 20-22	2 Ki 23-25	1 Chr 1-3	1 Chr 4-5	1 Chr 6-7	1 Chr 8-10
Ps 58	Ps 59	Ps 60	Ps 61	Ps 62	Ps 63	Ps 64

Events

Kids’ Day: This morning after morning worship. Please bring extra set of clothes!

New Quarter: Begins September 4th.

Gospel Meeting: September 11-14 @ Rockingham C of C. 7pm weeknights. Greg Weston speaking. Flier in foyer

