

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Charles Perkins

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
Kyle pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Sibio Farrington

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Canned soup, chili, pasta

Sermon Notes

Rise Up!

I. Its _____

II. Its _____

III. Its _____

September 4, 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

Optimism

Ole Bornemann Bull (1810-1880) was a Norwegian virtuoso violinist and highly regarded by those in Europe and in the United States. One evening he was giving a concert and his A string broke. Instead of taking break to replace the string he simply played all the music without it - on three strings! That is the very essence of making the most of what life hands you, creating beautiful violin music on only three strings.

One thing that separated Ole Bull from others of his generation was his eternal optimism. No challenge was too large for him to conquer. No task too great for him to admit defeat. Optimism may be defined as the disposition to look on the bright side of life. It is to expect the best outcome in any given circumstance, regardless of what they might be. It is to work toward the best outcome and to believe that the desired outcome can ultimately be achieved. Optimism views setbacks as only temporary lessons that need to be learned and overcome for the best outcome, and that through those challenges the results will be greater than the initial goal. Optimism is the spirit of youth and adventure. It is the spirit of “I can.” Paul, the optimist, said, “*I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me*” (Philippians 4:13). Faith in the unbeatable combination of self-help plus the Lord's help makes optimism sound reasoning instead of lunacy. Turning from the doubts of life, you can find an awakening, a confidence in life that is unknown in the world.

The right mental attitude is the key factor. It is worth more than gold to have the correct disposition that is able to

look on the bright side of life. That attitude that the joy of life overshadows the pain found in it. Actions and happenings should be interpreted in the light of most favorable expectations, gives one an immeasurable asset. If one looks at our economy, it is true that Wall Street is influenced by outlook of the future. Enthusiastic optimism reaches such proportions that pessimistic reactions, with cooling effects, begin and continue until there is a change in attitude. It is human nature for people to reach great heights in accomplishments and then become deathly afraid of what might be around the corner. That fear generates pessimism, reason is nowhere to be found, panic develops, and successes become a distant memory. But with the right attitude, one can continue being successful because the drive to be the best is still there.

Faith in God is the best generator of optimism. Jesus said, “*Lo, I am with you alway, even to the end of the world*” (Matthew 28:20). Do we believe this promise of Jesus. Those that do have accomplished much. Those that doubt this promise of our Lord have done pitifully little, just like the one talent man. We go down life’s path not by sight, but by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7). When we can do that to the fullest extent possible, we are promised that everything will work out in our favor (Romans 8:28).

As long as there is life there is hope. Today gives us an opportunity to begin again, or to continue to greatness. It allows for yesterday to be forgotten and something new to be made and accomplished. Today gives everyone another chance to succeed.

When we wake up ready to give it our all, there is cause to be optimistic. There is no optimism in mediocrity. There is no optimism in compromise or complacency. There is only optimism in giving the task at hand everything we have.

Setbacks are going to occur. Road blocks are going to be put before you. Others will doubt. YOU might even doubt. But never, never give up as long as life is yet in you.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 8/28/22

Bible Class: 35

A.M. Worship: 68

Wed. B. C.: 29

Family News and Notes

Melanie Callihan’s brother, **Mark Mason**, passed away, and her mother, **Billie Ruth Mason** within a week of each other. **Tory Lawrence’** dad is improving. **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

Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9	Sep 10
1 Chr 11-13	1 Chr 14-16	1 Chr 17-19	1 Chr 20-22	1 Chr 23-25	1 Chr 26-29	2 Chr 1-3
Ps 65	Ps 66	Ps 67	Ps 68	Ps 69	Ps 70	Ps 71

Events

Mens’ Lunch: Friday at 11am @ Golden Corral

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

Silver Linings: Friday the 16th @ 11am. Bring your lunch!

