

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Brynn Hatcher
Ron Austin

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: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Canned soup, chili, pasta

Sermon Notes

Designed to Grow

I. A _____ for Growth

II. The _____ of Growth

III. A _____ for Growth

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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

Prayer

It has been said and we continue to aver that there is power in prayer. There is a series of books entitled, “The power of the praying _____” Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, etc. these books convey the real life application of just how powerful prayer is. Why is prayer so powerful? It is a real avenue to the throne of grace and mercy. It places the humble heart directly in front of the Almighty. It is not a place for deceivers and the vain. This is the place to bring one's real self before the God of Heaven to have frank and sincere discussions with the only one that can always help. It is the time to tell Him of triumphs and fears, of blessings and needs.

Prayer is as important to the spiritual body as drink is to the physical body. It is an expression of the inner being, a pouring out of the deepest feelings and a communication from one's spirit with the Spirit of God. When prayers are thought or uttered aloud, all three of the Godhead are present and attentive to that earnest utterance. It is mediated by the Son and corrected by the Spirit as it is brought before the great I AM.

Jesus used the parental relationship to teach us God's eagerness for His children to pray to Him and grant their requests. Matthew records, “If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?” (7:11). God wants to give His children good things when they ask for them.

But he wants His children to ask! “...ye have not, because ye ask not” (James 4:2). God's desire for His children is that

they communicate with Him regularly and rely on Him to receive good things in life. Is it alright to ask for a good job opportunity? Yes! Is it alright to ask to be blessed sometimes physically? Yes! IF those things are asked in two ways. First prayer must be given in faith. Know that God is listening and that God is able and willing to answer your prayers. Second, you will get those things you ask for if they are to better serve Him. Can we benefit from the things God gives to us in abundance? That’s why He gives things to us, so that we might benefit. But that should not be our motivation for asking, for our selfish needs and desires, but to give to others so that all will glorify the Father.

We do not know all of the will of the Father. We simply do not have the perspective he has, nor will we ever be able to obtain that perspective this side of eternity. So, when we ask God for something it might be that He needs to amend our prayer and give us that which is better for us and those around us. This can be frustrating in the moment, but by faith we should know that He has our best interest at heart and wants us to succeed in life. Since this is the case, when we receive something different for what we wanted, it was for our benefit in the long run, even if we could not see it at the time. Sometimes the best answered prayer is a solid “no” from God. Paul asked for his thorn in the flesh to be removed, but God told him “no.” Moses desired to go into the promised land, but God told him “no.” David wanted to build God a grand temple, but God told him “no.” Does this make God less powerful? Less merciful and gracious? Not at all! God is still good even when He must say “no.”

For our prayers to be heard, remember that we must be the right kind of person. There are conditions on prayers ascending all the way to the throne. One must address God reverently, one must pray in faith. One must forgive all others of if they have done you wrong. One must be obedient. One must pray with the view that God’s will be done. And one must pray in Jesus’ name or authority.

Prayer is so powerful! It causes the eyes and ears of the Creator of all things to be focused on one individual. If the right person utters the right prayer, there is nothing on earth that can stop that prayer from being fully answered.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 9/4/22

Bible Class: 32

A.M. Worship: 60

Wed. B. C.: 24

Family News and Notes

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 11	Sep 12	Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17
2 Chr 4-6	2 Chr 7-9	2 Chr 10-12	2 Chr 13-15	2 Chr 16-18	2 Chr 19-21	2 Chr 22-24
Ps 72	Ps 73	Ps 74	Ps 75	Ps 76	Ps 77	Ps 78

Events

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!

Fellowship Meal: to honor Rick and Robin Caldwell. Sunday Sept. 25th

