

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Sibio Farrington
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 *Forgive Completely*

I. _____ *Forgives*

II. *The* _____ *Forgives*

III. *The* _____ *Forgive*

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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 Active Christian

Jesus said, "*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you*" (Matthew 7:7). Jesus told His disciples to be active in their lives as they went about doing good and preaching the truth in love. They were to seek and knock. Those are action verbs. The Christian life is filled with spiritual activity. Just because the train is on the right track doesn't mean that it will deliver its payload. It has to get moving! The Christian must get moving as well.

A passive life is nothing but a piece of driftwood floating down stream. That life is aimless and carried wherever the stream takes it and changes course at the slightest obstacle. Such a life accomplishes nothing. It just goes along for the ride. Man was given a mind to think and feet to carry him on his journey to do the right thing.

God set man's life between his dreams and its tasks when he said, "*In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread, till thou return unto the ground; for out of it wast thou taken: for dust thou art, and unto dust shalt thou return*" (Genesis 3:19). Man must work or die. Paul wrote as much, "...*if any would not work, neither should he eat*" (2 Thessalonians 3:10).

Even in our digital age, this world is not built for the lazy and passive. Nature itself demands aspirations and motivation to get things done. The preacher wrote, "*Go to the ant thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise*" (Proverbs 6:6). The Lord also said in a parable "*the laborer is worthy of his hire*" (Luke 10:7).

The road to accomplishment is just like any physical road, good for traveling down, but a poor place to take a nap. Some,

however, have gone to sleep at the wheel and need to be woken up before it is too late.

There are essentially four kinds of people in the world: wishbone, funny bone, jawbone and backbone people.

Wishbone people wish for all kinds of things, they sigh and long for things but they just sit there doing nothing about their wishes.

Funnybone people think life is a big joke and is all a game. When it comes to getting things done, they simply shrug and ask “Why?”

Jawbone people complain and cry. They might even talk a good game but they are never going to try.

Backbone people are the ones who are up and at it. They get the jobs done and achieve great things in spite of everyone else.

Abraham wanted peace with Lot, so he sought a way to obtain that peace. Jacob sent his sons in the middle of a famine to a foreign land instead of sitting in the desert waiting to starve to death. Bacchus wanted to see Jesus so he climbed into a sycamore tree so he could get a better view. Jesus surprised him by announcing He would be going to his house. In a parable, the merchantman diligently sought for a pearl and when he found it, he paid to obtain it.

God has given man the nature to work. He has given him the command to work. Man is at his best when he is working with the Lord. Never be satisfied with being passive and mediocre. Every day is a new opportunity to wake up and be better than yesterday. To get one’s obligations taken care of in the best way possible. It isn’t about just being busy, it is about accomplishment, competency, putting to use ones God-given talents to make one’s world a better place.

living life at the highest level takes commitment and character. These equip man to become a soul architect who builds his thoughts and deeds into a plan; they lift up life’s plodding traveler and compel him forward, not aimlessly, but toward a destination, and for the sailor in life’s sea, these two qualities increase the winds and set the sails that he may be driven toward his chosen port-of-call. He will not get there by following the whips clouds, but the bright, shining stars.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 9/11/22

Bible Class: 30

A.M. Worship: 74

Wed. B. C.: 31

Family News and Notes

Arnold Speight, **Katie Speight**’s grandfather, passed away Friday. She is in Memphis for the week. **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 18	Sep 19	Sep 20	Sep 21	Sep 22	Sep 23	Sep 24
2 Chr 25-27	2 Chr 28-30	2 Chr 31-33	2 Chr 34-36	Ezr 1-3	Ezr 4-6	Ezr 7-10
Ps 79	Ps 80	Ps 81	Ps 82	Ps 83	Ps 84	Ps 85

Events

Gospel Meeting: September 25-28 @ Sheffield Dr C of C. 7:30pm weeknights. Eddie Craft speaking. Flier in foyer on bulletin board

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

Baby Shower: Congregational baby shower for Elaine Turnage Sunday October 16 after morning worship see Gloria Emerick or Melany Hatcher for more details.

