

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Charles Perkins

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ron Austin

Assisting: Kyle Pool
John Patchell

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Canned applesauce & fruit

Sermon Notes *As Newborn Babies*

I. Great _____

II. Great _____.

III. Great _____.

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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

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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

Be Selfless!

Many years ago some criminals assaulted a passerby. They stole all his possessions, beat him up so severely he almost died, and then left him by the side of the road. Only a short while passed by after these unfortunate events, and a man happened to be traveling this road. He saw the unfortunate soul but instead of helping him, he went to the other side of the road and passed him by. A second traveller going down the same road also saw this unfortunate one, but in his state of mind believed himself either too important or too busy to help this man in desperate need. So he passed by as well. Fortunately the story has a happy ending. You see, there was a third man, a relative outcast even, who saw this man in need and stopped to help. He had such compassion that he immediately took care of what wounds he was able to cover and then he spent his own money to others to care for his wounds and allow him sufficient time to recover.

We all know this story as the story of the good Samaritan. A wonderful parable by the Lord to illustrate the point that everyone is our neighbor. We are all human beings and we all inhabit this planet we call earth, therefore everyone is our neighbor - whether they act like it or not. Here are some observations about the characters in this parable. The robbers acted out of selfishness. They wanted what the man had but did not care to work for those things as he had done. The two “religious” men did not want to be bothered by caring for another human being, so they too were selfish. Yet the Samaritan was filled with compassion and that compassion led him to be selfless. No doubt the Samaritan had pressing

business in Jericho or other cities down in the plains by the banks of the Jordan river. His status as a member of humanity was the same as the religious leaders aforementioned. But his heart was the difference. Selfishness created and continued a problem, selflessness resolved it.

Jesus makes it very plain He expects all people to treat others well. Jesus said that we are to love our neighbors as ourselves (Matthew 22:39). He gave the Golden Rule that we are to treat others as we would want others to treat us (Matthew 7:12). Pure and undefiled religion is to take care of those that cannot help themselves (James 1:27). Christians are to do good to everyone, but specially those who are also Christians. Being selfless is a command (Philippians 2:4). It should be the motivation behind our attitude towards others, as it was Pauls (2 Corinthians 12:15). Jesus said that He did not come to be ministered to, but to minister, advocating that He was the most selfless of all (Matthew 20:28). The disciples remembered a teaching of the Lord’s that is not recorded in the gospel accounts, but is remembered later as Jesus said it was more blessed to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). There is no room for selfishness if one wants to be a disciple of the Lord. He embodied selflessness and to look like Him, we must as well.

Those that refuse to give of themselves are as stagnant as the Dead Sea. Her waters only receive from the Jordan River, they do not flow elsewhere to give life (freshwater is life on the earth) and so nothing lives in or around the Dead Sea. Seneca, the philosopher, said, “No man can live happily who regards himself alone, who turns everything to his own advantage. You must live for another, if you wish to live for yourself.” The terrible truth is that the unduly selfish person is incapable of true friendship. Friendship is a two way street. The selfish will exploit the relationship. The selfish friend will use the other for financial gain, climb in social circles, enhance his image, help his own family, or satisfy his ego. When the other needs help though, that selfish “friend” will not be found anywhere. Then, it will not be long before the one being taken advantage of leaves.

Do not be selfish in relationships with others. Do not be selfish in following Jesus. Instead treat others as you want to be treated and care for others, even at your own expense.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 10/9/22
Bible Class: 30
A.M. Worship: 65
Wed. B. C.: 38

Family News and Notes

We are so glad that **Matthew Wade Turnage** was able to be at Bible Class for the first time Wednesday evening. **Nazreen Sahib**, coworker of **Jennifer Hatcher**, has stage 4 cancer. **John Williams** will be have two procedures on his knee in the near future. **Kim Perkins’** mother is in rehab and receiving special care. **Expectant mothers:** keep all our expectant mothers in your prayers: Destiney Foster, 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

Oct 16	Oct 17	Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22
Son 5-8	Isa 1-4	Isa 5-8	Isa 9-12	Isa 13-16	Isa 17-20	Isa 21-24
Ps 107	Ps 108	Ps 109	Ps 110	Ps 111	Ps 112	Ps 113

Events

Baby Shower: Congregational baby shower and potluck lunch for Elaine Turnage Sunday October 16 after morning worship see Gloria Emerick or Melany Hatcher for more details.
Silver Linings: Friday October 21 @ 11am
Pumpkin Carving: For all young people October 23 after morning worship at the Hatchers. Sign-up in the foyer on red clipboard

