

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Brynn Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ron Austin

Assisting: John Patchell
Phil Byrd

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 applesauce & fruit

Sermon Notes
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October 30, 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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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Work

And the LORD God took the man, and put him into the garden of Eden to dress it and to keep it. Genesis 2:15

In the sweat of thy face shalt thou eat bread... Genesis 3:17

In the beginning of man's existence he was designed and expected by God to work. Work, it has been suggested, is the first law of existence. Man's labors result in the economy of the world, man's very health and happiness are the result of honest work. If man will not work then all these things collapse with society along with it.

A young man applied for a job in a small town factory. The owner, not having an opening at the time, said, “I am sorry, but we don't have enough work to keep another employee busy.” To which the young man replied, “oh, you don't know how little work it takes to keep me busy for a long time!” This young man was on the road to failure with such an attitude. Unfortunately this attitude is permeating our society today at an alarming rate.

This society must realize the value of work. From hard work there is success. Success comes from an equal portion of work and ambition. One must couple common sense to one work to grow the right way. While working one must have perseverance, honesty, thoroughness, foresight, enthusiasm and cooperation. When all of these things are developed the one's character is finely tuned and a good reputation is acquired. With a good

character and reputation on can enjoy cheerfulness, loyalty, courtesy, care, sincerity, harmony and security. When all of these things are in place, opportunity will come knocking and all that hard work will pay off.

God’s people have always been encouraged to work. The Children of Israel spent seven years conquering the land of Canaan. After the remnant of Judah came back to Jerusalem they rebuilt the temple and then in fifty-two days rebuilt the walls of the city. Why? “For the people had a mind to work.” (Nehemiah 4:6).

Work is included in the Biblical list of three things essential to successful living. “And that ye study to be quiet, and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands, as we commanded you” (1 Thessalonians 4:11). Be quiet in your work. Do not complain and be “the squeaky wheel.” Mind your own business. If others are getting into trouble, do not follow them. If others are doing less than their best, do not pick up their bad habits, even if they make fun of you for doing your best. Work with your own hands. Do not expect a handout. Provide an honest days work for an honest days pay.

The christian is to work not beg. Besides, panhandling is illegal (technically even though people still do it). The Christian is to work or starve. “If any would not work, neither should he eat” (2 Thessalonians 3:10). And the Christian is to work instead of stealing. “Let him that stole steal no more, but rather let him labor” (Ephesians 4:28).

There is no comfort in God’s word for the lazy. Jesus was a carpenter, Peter, Andrew, James and John were fishermen, Paul, Aquila and Priscilla were tentmakers. They all labored with their hands and still they labored in the kingdom of God. The ant is to be considered in her work. The slothful and lazy are wasters and killers.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 10/23/22
Bible Class: 30

A.M. Worship: 61

Wed. B. C.: 31

Family News and Notes

Nazreen Sahib, coworker of **Jennifer Hatcher**, has stage 4 cancer. **John Williams** is expected to have two more knee surgeries after his recovery. **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 30	Oct 31	Nov 1	Nov 2	Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5
Isa 59-62	Isa 63-66	Jer 1-3	Jer 4-6	Jer 7-9	Jer 10-12	Jer 13-15
119:121-176	Ps 120	Ps 121	Ps 122	Ps 123	Ps 124	Ps 125

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: Sunday November 6 after morning worship. Sign-up sheet on the table in the foyer.

