

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Ron Austin

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: John Patchell

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

Keeping Up With The Jones'

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November 6, 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

Detours In Life

After miles of smooth sailing in the pursuit of great things for one's life goals, there rudely and abruptly appears a sign - DETOUR! Now the goals of life are less attainable, serious choices must be made. This series of detours and setbacks was not part of the plan. One cannot go over, under, around, or through the barricaded road; a change of direction is the only choice. But which direction is a choice. Choose wisely and after a number of other turns and twists, the bumpy road will likely lead back to the main road. Choose unwisely, and the traveller will be lost forever.

Truth is that prosperity and adversity counterbalance one another. For man's benefit, the wise Creator has balanced prosperity and adversity against each other. God has arranged the curriculum in the school of life so that man will lack nothing when school is out. But man must be studious! As life will have it, some will pass while others fail, but it is up to the individual which they will choose to be, a passer or failure.

Since everyone experiences difficulties and challenges in life, what is the difference between those that pass and those that fail? How one reacts. Many choose to give up and go backward. Instead of finding a better way they blame others, or perhaps remain a victim, and in so doing they hurt themselves and a host of others in the process. These people will never pass the tests of life. Ruin and heartache will always be their companion and they will desperately try to bring as many as they can along for the ride as possible. Then there are those that choose to use their detour to explore themselves and the world around them. They use their misfortune for their benefit and

wind up gaining more after the unfortunate experience than if they had never had that experience at all. That is what God wants to know. What will you do when life hands you lemons? Will you blame Him and become bitter? Or will you add sugar and make lemonade?

A few years ago, Don Blackwell, noted gospel preacher, author, and television personality (on GBN), had a four-wheeler accident and was left permanently paralyzed. He could have thrown in the towel and become mad at God for his misfortune. Instead, he readjusted his life and continues to do all the things he used to, but now with a different perspective. He is one that can say that his burden has allowed him to see the stars. Much like Franklin Delano Roosevelt came down with polio, but that did not stop him from becoming the President of the United States, and lead this nation during the Great Depression and World War Two. There can be no doubt that these men and others have faced serious ridicule and other personal setbacks. These temporary uncontrollable things must be overcome. Reliance on God must be first and foremost in one’s mind when dealing with the tragedies of life.

Instead of giving up on life, do these eight things to get back and stay on track to a successful life:

1. Self-inspection. When the apostles were told that one of them would betray the Lord, each asked, “Lord, is it I?”
2. Courage. Peter and the other apostles gave this answer to their persecutors, “We ought to obey God rather than men.”
3. A disposition to pray. In meeting their opposition, Nehemiah commented, “Nevertheless we made our prayer unto God.”
4. Work. The widowed Ruth gleaned in the fields daily to support her mother-in-law and herself.
5. Have a forgiving spirit. Jesus prayed for His enemies on the cross, “Father forgive them for they know not what they do.”
6. A spirit that returns good for evil. Saul admitted this greatness in David, “Thou hast rewarded me good, whereas I have rewarded thee evil.”
7. Faith and perseverance. Job said, “Though He slay me, yet will I trust in Him.”
8. Adjustment and determination. David lost his son but wanted to go to Heaven to see him again.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 10/30/22

Bible Class: 34

A.M. Worship: 64

Wed. B. C.: 25

Family News and Notes

Jeanette Freshley is going to have a procedure done to repair a torn rotator cuff. **Elaine Turnage** is going to have gallbladder surgery on the 10th. **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: 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

Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11	Nov 12
Jer 16-18	Jer 19-21	Jer 22-24	Jer 25-27	Jer 28-30	Jer 31-33	Jer 34-36
Ps 126	Ps 127	Ps 128	Ps 129	Ps 130	Ps 131	Ps 132

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: Today after morning worship.

Mens’ Lunch: Friday Nov 11 @ 11am (It is also Veterans’ Day)

Silver Linings: Friday Nov 18 @ 11am

Trip Meeting: Sunday Nov 20 after morning worship in Langston Hall. Informational meeting for trip to Creation Museum and Ark Experience.

