

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ron Austin

Assisting: Dave Carver
Sibio Farrington

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 sweet potatoes

Sermon Notes *Acceptable Prayer*

I. _____ of Prayer

II. The _____ of Prayer?

III. The _____ of Prayer?

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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

What is the Church of Christ?

The church of Christ is not a man-made denomination as are the scores of “churches” listed in the telephone book. It is undenominational — more forcefully it is anti-denominational. Unlike denominations of men, the church of Christ (the Lord's church) dates back to Pentecost 33 A.D. when Peter and the other apostles preached the first Gospel sermon. About 3,000 repented and were baptized that day “*for the remission of sins*” and were added by the Lord to his body the church (Acts 2:38,41,47). Men and women have become members of the church in the exact same way since that day.

The church of Christ is the called out. Its members have been delivered from the power of darkness (the sin and lust of the world), and translated into the kingdom (church) of God's dear Son (Col. 1:13). It is a holy calling (2 Tim. 1:9). We, therefore, are to walk worthy of it (Eph. 4:1) so that we might stand approved of God (2 Peter 1:10). The calling is not as denominations teach, a miraculous, spiritual calling or urging. God calls every person today through the preaching of the Gospel (2 Thess. 2:14). When men hear, believe, repent, confess Christ, and are baptized, they become members of God's divine, blood bought institution, the church (Acts 2:38,41,47).

The church of Christ is the body of Christ. God “...*hath put all things under his (Jesus) feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, which is his body...*” (Eph. 1:22-23; Col. 1:18). The Lord only has “*one body*” (Eph. 4:4) and it is not made up of all the denominations. There are many members “*yet but one body*” (1 Cor. 12:20). The many members are individual people, not denominations. Only those in the one

body will be saved for Jesus is “*the savior of the body*” (Eph. 5:23). It is by water baptism that one enters the body. “*For by one Spirit are we all baptized into one body*” (1 Cor. 12:13).

The church of Christ is the “*house of God which is the church of the living God, the pillar and ground of the truth*” (1 Tim. 3:15). “*Now therefore ye are no more strangers and foreigners, but fellow-citizens with the saints, and of the household of God*” (Eph. 2:19). We are family of God (Phil. 2:15).

The church of Christ was not built on John the Baptist, Peter, Paul or any other man. “*Now this I say, that every one of you saith, I am of Paul; and I of Apollos; and I of Cephas; and I of Christ. Is Christ divided? was Paul crucified for you? or were ye baptized in the name of Paul*” (1 Cor. 1:12-13)? The church of Christ was built by Jesus Christ. Jesus said to his apostles, “*...upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*” (Matt. 16:18).

The church of Christ was built on Jesus Christ as the only foundation. “*For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ*” (1 Cor. 3:11). “*This is the stone which was set at nought of you builders, which is become the head of the corner. Neither is there salvation in any other: for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved*” (Acts 4:1-12).

The church of Christ was purchased by the blood of Christ and as a result, Jesus owns His church. Paul told the elders of the church at Ephesus, “*Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God, which he hath purchased with his own blood*” (Acts 20:28). What a shame and tragedy that men today belittle the church for which the Lord Jesus died. Claims are made, “give me Jesus but not the church!” This is an impossibility. No one can separate the two (John 17:22). Jesus comes with the church. At the same time, the church comes with Jesus. Jesus died in order to purchase the church and bring it into existence. The book of Acts is filled with the disciples of the Lord establishing churches in every city (Acts 15:36; 16:5). The church of Christ is composed of the saved who are added to it by the Lord who saves them. In the end the Lord will save only his church (Eph. 5:23). Are you a member of the CHURCH OF CHRIST?

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By the Numbers

Attendance 12/11/22

Bible Class: 38

A.M. Worship: 68

Wed. B. C.: 34

Family News and Notes

Tiffany Rippee, John Patchell’s niece, is struggling with her lupus. Jeanette Freshley’s recovery is going slowly. Nazreen Sahib, coworker of Jennifer Hatcher, has stage 4 cancer. John Williams had another break in his leg, this will lengthen his recovery time significantly. Kim Perkins’ mother is in rehab and receiving special care. Expectant mothers: keep Brianna Johnson in your prayers. 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

Dec 18	Dec 19	Dec 20	Dec 21	Dec 22	Dec 23	Dec 24
Amos 7-9	Obadiah	Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Habakkuk	Zephaniah
Pr 18	Pr 19	Pr 20	Pr 21	Pr 22	Pr 23	Pr 24

Events

Ladies’ Bible Class: Class will resume January 3rd.

Prayer Service: Wednesday evening, December 28th in lieu of Bible Classes. Please bring a dessert or drink for after the service.

