

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Dave Carver
Sibio Farrington

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ron Austin

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

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Pantry Item

Canned/microwave pasta

Sermon Notes

God's Design For Man

I. The _____.

II. The _____ and _____

III. The _____ and _____

January 1, 2023

Welcome!

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Church of Christ

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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

A Strange Thing By Frank Chesser

"I have written to him the great things of my law, but they were counted as a strange thing" (Hosea 8:12).

Israel was the "apple of God's eye" (Deut. 32:10). He reared, taught and trained them in the ways of righteousness. Through his law, he sought to mold and shape their minds to walk in the paths of things divine.

God's law was an expression of God's love and concern for the nation. Every demand and prohibition was penned in their best interest. Through his divine precepts, God sought to insulate Israel from the idolatrous ways of the heathen nations and all the sins that flowed therefrom. However, Israel had no appetite for God's decrees, thus viewing them as something foreign and undesirable.

God loves the church. Hallowed blood is evidence of the depth of that love. The great heart of God beats with fervent concern for the welfare of spiritual Israel. The law of Christ is designed to shield the church from error and sin and thus, promote truth and righteousness. Every mandate therein was inscribed with man's earthly happiness and eternal security in mind.

Sadly, there are many within the church who view the law of God as a “strange thing.” They have developed a palate for human philosophies that appease, soothe and satisfy as opposed to divine truths that disturb, reprove and expose. They cry with ancient Judah, “*speaking unto us smooth things*” (Isa. 30:10).

The church is replete with people who want religion without sacrifice, grace without law and Christ without a cross. Thus, they view the restricting, demanding, prohibiting will of God with disdain. Like the apostate heirs of Sinai, “*they despise the law of the Lord*” (Amos 2:4).

There is a “*famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord*” (Amos 8:11). Human interest stories, philosophy and personal experiences are serving as empty substitutes for a “*thus saith God*.” Bible-centered preaching has become a lost art in many pulpits. Tragically, the church has its own who count the law of God as a “strange thing.”

By the Numbers

Attendance 12/25/22
Bible Class: 30 A.M. Worship: 60 Wed. B. C.: 44

Family News and Notes

Congratulations to the **Johnsons** on the birth of their daughter, **Aubrey Elaine! Tiffany Rippee, John Patchell's** niece, is struggling with her lupus. **John and Ann** have been ill as well. **Sarah Collier, Julie Carver's** niece, is seriously ill. **Solomon Harrington, Geraldine Harrington's** son, struggling with some health problems. **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. 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 a significant heart problem. 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

Jan 1	Jan 2	Jan 3	Jan 4	Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7
Gen 1-2	Gen 3-4	Gen 5-6	Gen 7-8	Gen 9-10	Gen 11-12	Gen 13-14
Ps 1	Ps 2	Ps 3	Ps 4	Ps 5	Ps 6	Ps 7

Events

Ladies' Bible Class: Class will resume Tuesday morning at 10am.
Prayer Service: Thanks to all who attended the prayer service and enjoyed some food and fellowship afterward.
Mens' Lunch: Friday at 11am @ Golden Corral.
Christian Evidences Seminar: March 3-5. Jeff Miller Speaking

