

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Patchell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Sibio Farrington
Ricardo Alvillar

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/microwave pasta

Sermon Notes *Christ & His Church*

I. The _____ & Kingdom

II. The _____ & the Body

III. The _____ & the Priesthood

IV. The _____ & the Wife

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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
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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

Modern-Day Miracles?

There was a time when miracles happened. When Jesus was upon earth he performed *many* signs and miracles (Matt. 8:16; 9:34; 14:14-36; John 11). Jesus even gave others the power to perform miracles. But not one of those kind of miracles are being performed today.

What was the purpose of miracles? Miracles were performed by Jesus, the apostles and those on whom the Apostles laid hands, to confirm the word (Mark 16:17-20, Acts 6:6.) Miracles confirmed that the message preached was divine. “*And many other signs truly did Jesus in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book: But these are written, that ye might believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God; and that believing ye might have life through his name*” (John 20:30-31). Jesus performed miracles to prove His claim of being the Son of God and to confirm that what He taught was truly God’s message.

Are miracles needed today? Everything originated by miracle, but it continues by divine law. Adam (and Eve the first woman) is the only man God created by miracle (Gen. 1:27-28). We were not created by miracle like Adam. God created both man and animals by miracle but continues them through natural law according to His will.

Both the Old and New Testaments were ushered in by miracles (Exodus 18-20; 2 Tim. 3:16-17; 2 Peter 1:20-21). After the last prophet wrote down the revelation of God (Malachi), there were no more miracles - the inter testament period. When the New Testament was completed, the need for all miracles ended. Paul described the purpose and duration of miracles in

these words, “*And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers; For the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ: Till we all come in the unity of the faith, and of the knowledge of the Son of God, unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ: That we [henceforth] be no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, [and] cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive*” (Eph. 4:11-14).

Are miracles being performed today? No person living on earth today has been baptized with the Holy Ghost (Eph. 4:5). There are no people living today who have had the hands of the apostles laid on them to impart miraculous gifts of the Holy Spirit (Acts 8:14-18). These were the only two ways miraculous powers were received. Therefore, the Lord does not perform miracles through any human today! Miracles ceased when that which is perfect came. Miracles were both “in part” and temporary. They were for an immature church. Miracles ceased when the perfect, or complete will of God, -- the New Testament -- was completely revealed (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

Do Christians speak in unknown tongues today? There is no doubt that the gift of speaking in tongues was a reality in the early church (Acts 2:4; 10:46; 19:6; 1 Cor. 12-14). These unknown tongues were languages (Acts 2:4-6). Tongue speaking was the ability to speak intelligently a language you had not studied. The purpose of this miraculous gift was as a sign to unbelievers (1 Cor. 14:22), and ceased near the close of the first century (1 Cor. 13:8-10).

No one living today can walk on water, raise the dead or perform any other supernatural act. This cannot be done because the Bible teaches miracles have ceased. Have you ever wondered why the so-called modern day miracle worker: 1) Only selects healing and tongues from I Corinthians 12, 2) Cannot raise the dead or stop a tornado, 3) Refuses to drink deadly poison, 4) Believes the Bible is incomplete and still needs confirmation, 5) Does not possess the signs of an apostle? Let us be content with being New Testament Christians today. To become a Christian a believer must repent and be baptized for remission of sins (Acts 2:38). True miracles caused faith (John 20:30-31). The so-called miracles of today cause doubt and confusion.

— BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 1/22/23

Bible Class: 31

A.M. Worship: 60

Wed. B. C.: 21

Family News and Notes

John Patchell's niece, is struggling with her lupus. **Sarah Collier, Julie Carver's** niece, is seriously ill. **Solomon Harrington, Geraldine Harrington's** son, is struggling with some health problems. **Nazreen Sahib**, coworker of **Jennifer Hatcher**, has stage 4 cancer. **John Williams** is slowly recovering from knee surgeries and a broken leg. **Chuck Perkins'** coworker, **Mark Thibeault** is not doing well at this time. The **Perkins** family has been dealing with COVID. **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 29	Jan 30	Jan 31	Feb 1	Feb 2	Feb 3	Feb 4
Ex 10-12	Ex 13-15	Ex 16-18	Ex 19-21	Ex 22-24	Ex 25-27	Ex 28-30
Ps 29	Ps 30	Ps 31	Ps 32	Ps 33	Ps 34	Ps 35

Events

Teachers' Meeting: Today after morning worship.

Trip Meeting: Next week after morning worship. See Byran for details.

Christian Evidences Seminar: March 3-5. Jeff Miller speaking. Flyer on the bulletin board

Mens' Fellowship: March 11. Gold Hill Road church of Christ

