

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Ron Austin

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ricardo Alvillar

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ron Austin

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Canned pasta

Sermon Notes

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

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April 9, 2023

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

The Lord's Supper

While in the upper room, having His last supper before His death, Jesus took the time to introduce a ceremony that is perpetuated until He returns in the sky, *“And as they were eating, Jesus took bread, and blessed it, and brake it, and gave it to the disciples, and said, Take, eat; this is my body. And he took the cup, and gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of it; For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins”* (Matt. 26:26-28).

The Lord's supper is often called the Communion because we are in communion with the suffering and death of Christ when we partake. Paul tells us, *“The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not the communion of the blood of Christ? The bread which we break, is it not the communion of the body of Christ”* (I Cor. 10:16)? We are also in communion with Christ Himself because He is partaking with us, *“But I say unto you, I will not drink henceforth of this fruit of the vine, until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom”* (Matt. 26:29).

The Lord's supper must draw our memory to His death, *“And when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me”* (I Cor. 11:24; cf. Luke 22:19).

Therefore, by God's design, we are to be transported in our mind back to the cross in that moment. It is as if we are standing at the base of the cross as personal witnesses of His death for us. It is to be a constant reminder of the tremendous

price paid for our own sins.

The Lord’s supper must always be observed in a worthy *manner*. To do otherwise is to disgrace our Lord and His death. To do otherwise is to bring guilt upon ourselves. The Corinthian brethren had made a mockery of the Lord’s supper by turning it into a common meal. Paul reminded them, *“Wherefore whosoever shall eat this bread, and drink this cup of the Lord, unworthily, shall be guilty of the body and blood of the Lord”* (I Cor. 11:27). It is a time to examine whether we are partaking the supper in the proper manner, *“But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of that bread, and drink of that cup”* (I Cor. 11:28).

The Lord’s supper has a divinely appointed day. We find the first century church meeting on a particular day to “break bread” of this communion, *“And upon the first day of the week, when the disciples came together to break bread, Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight”* (Acts 20:7). This element of worship began with the Christians at Pentecost, *“And they continued stedfastly in the apostles’ doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers”* (Acts 2:42). The first century church continued this practice every first day of the week, as is evidenced from Acts 20:7. We are warned NOT to miss this assembling together, *“Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching”* (Heb. 10:25).

The Lord’s supper also serves the purpose of preaching according to Paul, *“For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink this cup, ye **proclaim** the Lord’s death till he come”* (I Cor. 11:26, ASV). Each first day of the week as Christians assemble to partake of the Lord’s supper, they proclaim the Lord’s death to the world.

The Lord’s supper deserves the Christian’s greatest respect. It was designed specifically by our Lord for our benefit. Its purpose is twofold: to draw our minds back to the cross, and to proclaim His death to the world on a regular basis.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 4/2/23

Bible Class: 45

A.M. Worship: 70

Wed. B. C.: 27

Family News and Notes

John Patchell’s niece is struggling with her lupus. **Barry Hatcher** is doing very well since his procedure. **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. **Linda Williams’** mother, **Mary Pipkens** and her brothers, **Wayne** and **Harry**, are in need of prayer because of serious health concerns. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo. **Linda Hernandez** has a significant heart problem. She will be having surgery this week. 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 5 active duty members here at Cape Fear.

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Deborah Ross, Sandra Hedgepeth**, and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Apr 9	Apr 10	Apr 11	Apr 12	Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15
Jud 13-15	Jud 16-18	Jud 19-21	Ruth	1 Sam 1-4	1 Sam 5-8	1 Sam 9-12
Ps 99	Ps 100	Ps 101	Ps 102	Ps 103	Ps 104	Ps 105

Events

See Bulletin board for the latest events! There are a number of gospel meetings in April we want to support.

