

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ricardo Alvillar

Assisting: Sibio Farrington
Ron Austin

Sermon: Chad Futrell

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 peaches

Sermon Notes
The Invisible Mother

I.

II.

III.

IV.

May 14, 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
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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

Mother's Day

“Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ‘Honor your father and mother,’ which is the first commandment with promise: ‘that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth’” (Ephesians 6:1-3). The command “honor your father and mother” was one of the Ten Commandments given by God (Exodus 20:12). It includes both the concepts of obedience of children and caring for wizened parents. Jesus made this latter point in Mark 7:9-13. The Pharisees thought that by giving their money to the temple, they would be excused from taking care of their parents. They were wrong. Jesus taught that the commandment applied just as much to our elderly parents.

On mothers' day, we show respect for our mothers by praising their role as child bearers. For those who have reared children, we acknowledge their dedication and sacrifices, but mothers are not perfect. Even the most saintly sins. The first mother brought sin into the world, yet she was honored with the title: the mother of all living (Genesis 3:20). Jesus died for his own mother's sins, but He honored her by appointing the apostle John as her guardian (John 19:26-27). We should honor our mothers despite their faults; Jesus certainly did.

Some are fortunate to have their mothers nearby where they are available to have an everyday relationship. Other mothers are not so near and are celebrated when

opportunity arises. Yet other mothers have passed on and are no longer with us, but their life and memories may yet be honored. God’s command to honor our father and mother, however, isn’t about superficialities, but a manner of living that extends to every day of the week.

Mothers of faith instill faith in their children and are praised by God for their godly service (2 Timothy 1:5). As we honor our mothers today, please notice some of the things with which a mother’s day ought to be filled.

A mother’s day is:

A day of joy. The day of giving birth to new life is a great day of joy and gladness (John 16:21). Yet, even while motherhood brings joy it is also attended with sorrow. Mary, the mother of Jesus, had great sorrow as she witnessed her son Jesus being horribly mistreated (Luke 2:34-35).

A day of love. Godly mothers seek the welfare of her children before herself. She “watches over the ways of her household” with love (Proverbs 31:27). Blessed is the family whose mother wraps her children in the security of warm affection and constant care (Titus 2:4).

A day of instruction. Mothers are daily teachers of the next generation. Her words, values and character are instilled in the hearts and lives of her children. Mothers, be careful to teach your children “with wisdom” and the “law of kindness” (Proverbs 31:26).

A day of devotion. Hannah devoted herself to giving her son Samuel to the Lord (1 Samuel 1:11, 22, 27-28). Your children will not be Christians by accident. Mothers, you have a tremendous part in the faith of your children. If you are not devoted to God it is unlikely your children will be. Set them a godly example every day. They will “rise up and call (you) blessed” (Proverbs 31:28).

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 5/7/23
Bible Class: 42

A.M. Worship: 65

Wed. B. C.: 22

Family News and Notes

Carlee Pool, **Steve Pool’s** mother, had a heart attack and stints put in. She is in the hospital in Lufkin, Texas. **Jan Keene’s** ex husband passed away suddenly. She and her daughter are in Oklahoma with the family. **John Patchell’s** niece is struggling with her health. **Solomon Harrington**, was hospitalized this week. **John Williams** is slowly recovering from knee surgeries and a broken leg. **Connie Budd**, **Debbie Smith’s** mother, is in hospice care in Washington state. **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. 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

May 14	May 15	May 16	May 17	May 18	May 19	May 20
2 Ki 23-25	1 Ch 1-3	1 Ch 4-5	1 Ch 6-7	1 Ch 8-10	1 Ch 11-13	1 Ch 14-16
Ps 133	Ps 134	Ps 135	Ps 136	Ps 137	Ps 138	Ps 139

Events

Silver Linings: This Friday at 11am. Bring a lunch!
Cards and gifts for **Dustin Pool**: place in graduation box in the foyer until May 17.
Wedding shower for Trent & Aslyn: a couples tea, June 3rd at the Hatchers’ from 10am-noon (get recipe cards from Melany Hatcher).
Wedding shower for Jacob and Katie: congregational potluck on June 25th after worship

