

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Byran Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ricardo Alvillar

Assisting: Sibio Farrington
Tyler Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Garrett

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Canned fruit cocktail

Sermon Notes
By Way Of Remembrance

I. The _____

II. The _____

III. The _____

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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

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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

Remembering the Lord

On this Memorial Day weekend, while remembering those who fought and died while in service to this great country to ensure our freedoms, remember the greatest sacrifice ever made to ensure our eternal freedom. Jesus gave the greatest sacrifice for the ultimate freedom, freedom from the bondage of sin. Unlike our national Memorial Day, the Christian remembers Jesus' sacrifice on the first day of every week. We should have the greatest respect for this memorial because Christ Himself instituted this very element of worship. While in the upper room, having His last supper before His death, Jesus took the time to introduce an event that is perpetuated until His return, “*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 observe it. 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 on this day. 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 personal sins.

The Lord’s supper must always be observed in a worthy manner. To do otherwise is to disgrace our Lord and His death. Further, it would bring guilt upon ourselves. The Corinthian brethren had made a mockery of the Lord’s supper by turning it into a feast. 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, and His return, to the world.

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

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 5/21/23

Bible Class: 37

A.M. Worship: 60

Wed. B. C.: 29

Family News and Notes

Stephen Carr, Debra Ross’ younger brother, passed away. **Carlee Pool, Steve Pool’s** mother, is recovering from a heart attack and stints put in. She is back home. **John Patchell’s** niece is struggling with her health. **Solomon Harrington,** was hospitalized last week but is improving. **John Williams** is slowly recovering from knee surgeries and a broken leg. **Connie Budd, Debbie Smith’s** mother, passed away last week. **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 28	May 29	May 30	May 31	June 1	June 2	June 3
2 Ch 10-12	2 Ch 13-15	2 Ch 16-18	2 Ch 19-21	2 Ch 22-24	2 Ch 25-27	2 Ch 28-30
Ps 147	Ps 148	Ps 149	Ps 150	Pr 1	Pr 2	Pr 3

Events

Wedding shower for Trent & Aslyn: a couples tea, Saturday, June 3rd at the Hatchers’ from 10am-noon (get recipe cards from Melany Hatcher - due by Wednesday BC).
Wedding shower for Jacob and Katie: congregational potluck on June 25th after worship
Summer Quarter begins Next Sunday.

