## **Privileged to Serve**

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Patchell

Lord's Table:

Presiding:

Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Tyler Christian

Ron Austin

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 Corn

# Sermon Notes

Societal Threats to the Home

I. \_\_\_\_\_ Movement

II. \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda

III. \_\_\_\_\_ Agenda

IV. \_\_\_\_\_

V. \_\_\_\_\_

July 16, 2023

### Welcome!

Cape Fear 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: Tuesdays10:00am

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

#### **Do Not Conform!**

"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God" (Rom. 12:1-2).

There is no mistaking in these verses that the perfect will of God is that one is not to be conformed to this world but, in contrast, be transformed by the renewing of his mind. The psalmist said, "Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee" (Psalm 119:11).

Even a casual observance of today's culture suggests that as people are converted to Christ, many former habits and practices are wrong and must stop. However, there are some things that are not as obvious. The Bible is clear about stealing, lying, and cursing, etc. but what about those things that are specifically condemned? To help all of us come to a more firm conclusion, I suggest five questions that ought to be asked to help in determining some of these things.

- 1. **Is It Helpful?** "All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient..." (I Cor. 6:12).
  - Does it help me or hurt me physically?
  - Does it help increase my spirituality (get closer to God)?
  - Does it help me by getting my mind off things that may draw me into sin?
- 2. **Does It Enslave Me?** "...All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any" (I Cor. 6:12).

- Do I sleep too much?
- Do I consistently overeat?
- Do I watch too much television, or play too many games?
- Do I do anything to excess?

"Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness" (Rom. 6:16).

- 3. **Will It Cause Others To Fall?** "Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend" (I Cor. 8:13).
- 4. **Is It Good Stewardship?** "Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful" (I Cor. 4:2). God requires that I be a good steward of:
  - My body
  - My money
  - My time
  - My influence
  - My spirit
  - The gospel
- 5. **Does It Glorify God?** "Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God" (I Cor. 10:31). Look deeply and be truthful! Do these things you are not sure about bring glory to God? Instead of asking, "What will others think about me?" ask yourself, "What will others think about my God?"

After asking yourself these questions, there are three more things you need to do.

First of all, pray! "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him" (James 1:5). "Not as I will, but as thou wilt" (Matt. 26:39).

Second, ask God's people. "The way of the fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise" (Prov. 12:15).

Third, use common sense. Many times we know what is right but we lie to ourselves. "Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth. that shall he also reap" (Gal. 6:7). "Be not conformed to this world."

## **By the Numbers**

Attendance 7/9/23

Bible Class: 40 A.M. Worship: 80 Wed. B. C.: 38

## **Family News and Notes**

Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley's dad, is undergoing chemo treatments. Jeanette is with her parents in West Virginia. Geraldine Cook is having some health challenges. Laurence Shaver's brother is going to have surgery in Arkansas. Carlee Pool, Kyle Pool's grandmother, is doing some better but please keep her in prayers. John Patchell's niece is struggling with her health. John Williams is doing much better. His last knee surgery has been rescheduled for August. Margaret Langston fell and was injured but is doing a little better. 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

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

at Cape Fear.

## **Bible Reading Plan**

July 16	July 17	July 18	July 19	July 20	July 21	July 22
Jer 1-3	Jer 4-6	Jer 7-9	Jer 10-12	Jer 13-15	Jer 16-18	Jer 19-21
Ps 15	Ps 16	Ps 17	Ps 18	Ps 19	Ps 20	Ps 21

## **Events**

Men's Training: Sunday, July 23, after morning worship. For all men of the congregation.

**Teachers' Meeting:** Sunday July 30th. After morning worship. For **all** teachers.

One Day Lectureship - August 26th. Loris, SC. Flyer on bulletin board.