

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Wink Oxendine

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Cameron Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: John Patchell

Pantry Item

Canned Potatoes

Sermon Notes

Societal Threats to the Home

I. Feminist Movement

II. Homosexual Agenda

III. Transgender Agenda

IV. Pornography

V. _____

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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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The
Cape Fear Crier

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

The Good in Evangelism

What child of God would not agree that it is “good” to teach the Gospel to those that are lost outside of Jesus? Surely no member of the Lord’s church would be opposed to the idea of teaching the lost. The “glad tidings of good things” (Rom. 10:15) is God’s message of salvation through Jesus. All men everywhere need that message! We are convinced that good things really do happen when we teach the Gospel to lost people. What are some of those good things?

1. *When we teach the lost, we are doing what the Lord instructed us to do.* Jesus gave the charge to go and teach or make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). He commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to every person in the whole world (Mark 16:15). When you and I take part in this effort, we are doing what all Christians are supposed to do. And, there is no doubt about it, it gives us a sense of satisfaction, a great feeling, to know that we are doing what our Lord wants us to do.

2. *When we teach the lost, we are giving them the opportunity to hear the only message that can save their soul.* The Gospel is God’s power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). That message alone is called “the gospel of your salvation” (Eph. 1:13). When we teach the Gospel to lost people, we provide them with an opportunity to obey from the heart the only doctrine that can set them free from sin (Rom. 6:17-18). Could there be a more kind, loving gesture on our part? What could be more beneficial to a human being than hearing God’s truth? Good things happen when we teach the lost!

3. *When we teach the lost we are increasing the odds of more people being saved and going to heaven.* A farmer knows

that no sowing means no reaping or harvest (Gal. 6:7). An insurance agent knows that no effort to sell insurance means no purchasing of insurance. In the same way, no sowing of the word of God means no spiritual harvest of souls. But there is another mathematical factor involved in teaching the lost. It is this basic rule: in general, the more we approach, the better the odds of finding people that will receive the word. And, the more saints that are involved in teaching the lost, the better the chances of contacting people that will obey the Gospel. Suppose that in a congregation of 50 members, only one person works to try and teach the lost. Let's say that on the average he tries to teach one person per month. That means that in a one-year period, this church has tried to reach a whopping total of 12 people (1 x 12). It is wonderful that an effort is made to reach those 12 people, but what if every member of the congregation would get involved? If all 50 members would try to teach one person per month, well, the church has gone from trying to reach just 12 people in one year to reaching out to 600 (50 x 12).

In our above illustration, by no means are we suggesting that we should restrict ourselves to trying to teach just one person per month. God forbid. But the point is clear, is it not? It is good to try and reach 12 people. It is better to try and reach 600. It is better yet to try and reach as many people as we possibly can, anytime and anywhere! Therefore, the more members of the church we have teaching on a frequent basis, the better the chances of running across honest souls that will obey the truth and be saved! Heaven will be more populated because of diligent efforts to teach the lost.

4. *When we teach the lost, we become better teachers as a result.* The more we teach, the more comfortable and confident we become as teachers. We will become more effective communicators. We will be better prepared to handle objections and questions, and even anticipate those questions. The more we teach, the more we are forced to study the word of God, and in the long run, that is going to benefit us, those we try to teach, and anyone around us that we may want to influence and approach. Teaching the Gospel to lost people is like a lot of other activities in life: the more experience we gain in doing it, the more skilled we become at it.

Let us pray earnestly, prepare diligently, and pursue tirelessly.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 7/23/23

Bible Class: 34

A.M. Worship: 74

Wed. B. C.: 32

Family News and Notes

Cameron Christian and **Solomon Harrington Jr.** were both baptized into Christ this past week. Welcome to the family! **Carlton Norris**, **Jeanette Freshley's** dad, is undergoing cancer therapy. **Geraldine Cook** is having some health challenges. **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 22nd. **Margaret Langston** fell again, she is very sore. **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

July 30	July 31	Aug 1	Aug 2	Aug 3	Aug 4	Aug 5
Jer 43-45	Jer 46-48	Jer 49-52	Lam 1-3	Lam 4-5	Eze 1-3	Eze 4-6
Ps 29	Ps 30	Ps 31	Ps 32	Ps 33	Ps 34	Ps 35

Events

Teachers' Meeting: Today after morning worship. For **all** teachers and their families.
One Day Lectureship - August 26th. Loris, SC. Flyer on bulletin board.
Education Program Fellowship - Aug 27th, for all students, teachers & parents
Wax Museum Night - Aug 30th. Bring ice cream, cookies & drinks

