

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Ron Austin

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: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Canned Pasta

Sermon Notes

The Home and Church Growth

I. A _____ of the Church

II. Teach Children to _____ God

III. Teach Children to _____ God

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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

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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 New Testament As A Pattern

A pattern is a sketch, mold, blueprint, or example whereby a craftsman can reproduce a desired outcome. The New Testament Christian is not left to his own devices when it comes to understanding what he is supposed to look like. He indeed has a pattern, an example to follow. There are those who would suggest there is no pattern in God's word. These men claim the word of God is more like a collection of “Love Letters” with some sort of “centrifugal force” emanating from one central point. They say the books of the Bible are given no more weight than a letter written by a mother to a child at camp. There is some good advice that the child would do well to follow, but very little if any of it is meant for correction or absolute adherence. It was only written to make the child feel good and help him on his way. Those that hold this view are foolish if ignorant, or wicked if they know better.

Paul says in I Corinthians 2:2 that he came claiming to know nothing but Jesus Christ and him crucified. Paul, the man who gave the majority of teaching that some claim is the farthest from the “inner-shell” or “core doctrine” of Christianity, says that he proclaimed to the Corinthians nothing else but Jesus Christ crucified. His teaching was, in essence, the Gospel of Christ, the power of God unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). In fact, we learn also from Paul that “*ALL scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works*” (II Tim. 3:16-17). Some say that this is reference only to the Old Testament, but Peter claims that what Paul wrote was

Scripture (II Peter 3:15-16). Paul plainly states that ALL scripture is inspired by God and necessary to the equipping of the saints for every good work. If all Scripture is inspired and Peter calls Paul’s writing Scripture, then it follows that Paul’s work is inspired. If his work is inspired Scripture, then it is essential for the equipping of the saints for every good work. To say that only some of it is essential is to violate the statements made by Paul and Peter concerning the role and identity of Scripture, thereby denying their inspiration and nullifying the Bible. Paul’s writings are necessary to the Christian, all of them. They are the Gospel, God’s power to save the world.

One issue that might be swept under the rug, because it is not central to the cross, is *marriage, divorce, and remarriage*. Jesus teaches on the issue, but not in connection with the cross (Matt. 5 & 19). This would be considered an “outer shell” doctrine (with some) with little substantial force as we leave the gravity of the cross. But the man who is laboring over his decision, contemplating his future with his wife, finds no comfort in knowing that he is in the “outer shell” of Christianity. He wants to know what to do. Does he have more than “good advice” to guide him?

Jesus teaches that the only reason for divorce is fornication (Matt. 5:32; 19:9). Paul goes on in I Corinthians 7 to give more instructions concerning the lives that husbands and wives must have together. In Ephesians 5 he gives the appropriate roles for each person in the family in order for the family to please God. The man has direct guidance from God in how to conduct himself within his family and when considering attempts to dissolve that family. He is not free without the breaking of the sanctity of the union by one party. Then only one is free, the one who did not commit fornication. To act outside of this teaching is sin. Not because man says it, but because God said it in his holy word.

The fact is, *there is a pattern in the New Testament*. The overall theme of the Bible is the salvation of man through Jesus Christ. There were many things that happened in the Old Testament that were essential for the completion of God’s plan. Man needed to fall away, which we did in the Garden of Eden. Man needed to realize the need for salvation which is the overall teaching of the prophets. Man needed to realize that he could not come to that salvation on his own which is the specific teaching of Isaiah. So God, in the Old Testament, shows that man cannot make it without help, so Jesus provided a pattern for us to follow.-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 8/6/23
Bible Class: 39

A.M. Worship: 64

Wed. B. C.: 45

Family News and Notes

Congratulations! **Jacob and Katie Clark** were wed Friday night in Memphis, TN. They will be traveling to various places in the U.S. for their honeymoon. Welcome! The Thompson’s are placing membership with us this morning, Frank, Katie, Ellie, & James. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, is undergoing cancer therapy. **Geraldine Cook** is having some health challenges. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **John Patchell’s** niece is struggling with her health. **Kim Perkins’** father was hospitalized last week. They are trying to stabilize his medications. **John Williams** last knee surgery has been rescheduled for August 22nd. **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

Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17	Aug 18	Aug 19
Eze 28-30	Eze 31-33	Eze 34-36	Eze 37-39	Eze 40-42	Eze 43-45	Eze 46-48
Ps 43	Ps 44	Ps 45	Ps 46	Ps 47	Ps 48	Ps 49

Events

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

