

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: 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
Rice

Sermon Notes
Church Leadership & The Home

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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

Red Letter Bibles

By Douglas Hoff

Have you ever wondered why the words of Jesus are printed in red in many, but not all, Bibles? According to information found in my King James Version, the idea originated with Louis Klopsch in 1899. Klopsch was the owner-editor of the Christian Herald magazine and was writing an editorial when his eyes fell upon Luke 22:20 which reads, [B] “This cup is the new testament in my blood, which is shed for you.” Klopsch reasoned that red words would suitably represent the words spoken by our Lord Jesus Christ. His preacher encouraged him to prepare such a Bible, and in November, 1901, the Christian Herald advertised red letter Bibles for sale.

The preacher, T. DeWitt Talmadge, said of this new edition that “it could do no harm, and it most certainly could do much good.” In preparation for this new Bible, scholars from America and Europe were asked to submit passages which they regarded as spoken by Christ while on earth. Later editions have all words spoken by Christ in red (e.g., Rev 22:16).

The short article in my Bible entitled History Of The Red Letter begins by stating: “The words in red in many Bibles are neither more or less important than the words in black. Jesus said to the seventy: ‘He that heareth you heareth me’ (Luke 10:16).”

This point is exactly right. The words spoken by Peter or Paul are just as much the word of God as those spoken by Jesus (II Tim. 3:16,17). The apostles were guided into all truth by the Holy Spirit (John 16:13,14). Through inspiration, the apostles spoke the words of Jesus when he was no longer on the earth.

It would be great if more people would acknowledge this simple fact today. However, there are some who consider only the words in red to be the words of Jesus. To them, the words of Paul are uninspired commentary on the words of Christ or perhaps the testimony of the early church. Having had red letter Bibles for over 100 years now, the statement that “It could do no harm...” has been proven false.

What is even worse today is the rejection of the words of Christ by so-called scholars. In 1985, a panel of liberal theologians started having a series of meetings (called The Jesus Seminar) to determine the historicity of the New Testament. What is their conclusion? They charge that 82 percent of the teaching attributed to Christ in the four gospel accounts is not genuine.

The participants in these meetings vote on the words of Christ and then assign it a color representing the degree of confidence one may put in it. For example, if the saying is undoubtedly genuine it is given the color red (wonder where they came up with that idea?). If it is probably genuine the color pink is used. Gray represents those words which Jesus probably did not utter, but the ideas are close to his. Black is reserved for the words which are definitely not Jesus’.

To these so-called scholars, anything miraculous (including predictive prophecy) is automatically given the black ink. Thus, according to them, Jesus certainly could not have predicted the fall of Jerusalem (Matt. 24:1-34).

Brethren, it is time to get back to a proper view and respect for the Bible. We need to prove to people why the word of God is true and that all of it is the word of Christ, not just the words in red!

(Editor’s Note: I found this little article to be very interesting. I like Bibles where the words of Jesus are in red type. I want to know when my Lord is doing the speaking. But, brother Hoff is so right, we need to pay just as much attention to the words of Peter, Paul, James, and John as to the Lord because they were all inspired by the Holy Spirit to write what they did. Their writings hold equal weight as the words of Jesus, because they are all from Him anyway.)

By the Numbers

Attendance 8/20/23
Bible Class: 37
A.M. Worship: 56
Wed. B. C.: 27

Family News and Notes

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 is still struggling as the doctors are trying to stabilize his medications. **John Williams** is recovering well from his knee surgery. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo and she had a procedure done last week. **Linda Hernandez** has a significant heart problem. **Barry and Melany Hatcher** are preparing to go to Indonesia for 3 months. 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 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30	Aug 31	Sep 1	Sep 2
Hos 10-12	Hos 13-14	Joel	Amos 1-3	Amos 4-6	Amos 7-9	Obadiah
Ps 57	Ps 58	Ps 59	Ps 60	Ps 61	Ps 62	Ps 63

Events

Education Program Fellowship - after worship this morning
Wax Museum Night - Aug 30th. Bring ice cream, cookies & drinks
Fall Gospel Meeting - Oct 22-25. Terrance Brownlow-Dindy speaking.
Creation Debate - October 25 at 11:30. On GBN.

