

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Patchell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Cameron Christian
Sibio Farrington

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Jacob Clark

Those serving Wednesday

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: John Patchell

Pantry Item
Rice

Sermon Notes
Underdogs!

I. Against All _____

II. _____ Made

III. The _____

September 3, 2023

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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The
Cape Fear Crier

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

Bible School Teachers Are Invaluable

Today is the beginning of the fall quarter. Our Bible Class teachers have put in a lot of preparation for their classes. First, they volunteered to teach. Then they studied what would be the best way to teach the children of the age group given to them. Then they prepared appropriate material to teach the lessons for their classes. This quarter is Old Testament Geography. While geography is not everyone's “cup of tea” it is important because it helps prove the inherency of the Scriptures. We might not ever go to that part of the world ourselves, but we can be sure that if God says that a place exists or that a people were a nation, then it was so!

I came across this short fictional story that I thought made the point very well of how we should look at our Bible class teachers, and stretch ourselves to become teachers.

Once upon a time, a congregation was looking for teachers for children, preschoolers and youth.

And some adults said, “I don't want to leave the sweet fellowship and study in my adult class.” (But the drug pusher on the street said, “Not even the threat of jail will keep me from working with your children.”)

And some adults said, “I could never give the time required to plan and go to teachers' meetings.” (But the pusher, the porno dealer, and the movie producer said, “We'll stay open whatever hours are necessary to win the minds of the kids.”)

And some adults said, “I'm unsuited, untrained,

and unable to work with children, preschoolers, or youth.” (But the movie producer said, “We’ll study, survey, and spend millions to produce whatever the kids like today.”)

So the adults stayed in their classes and enjoyed the sweet fellowship and absorbed the good Bible study, and could go out of town often on the weekend and were available to do whatever was good to do on Wednesday or Sunday nights instead of attending those boring teachers’ meetings.

And when Sunday came, the children came to their classes and no one was there except those going from one room to another trying to assure them that someone would surely come to teach them some Sunday soon. But no one ever came so the young children soon quit coming too because they had gone to listen to others who wanted to control the children and what went into their minds.

Fifteen years went by and the kids that used to be in the assembly were now on the streets. They became drug abusers and dealers. They became abusive adults and consumed by their lusts. They went on welfare and were in and out of jail. Instead of being good citizens of the Kingdom, they became degenerates of society, all because there were not enough Bible class teachers.

We might think this could never happen where we are, but do not be deceived! Your time spent teaching a child the truth is time well spent, now and for eternity. We can always use more teachers in our Bible classes. Don’t know where to begin? Ask Byran! I would love to help you get started or get you back into the rotation.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance 8/27/23
Bible Class: 35 A.M. Worship: 68 Wed. B. C.: 41

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** safely arrived in Singapore. They fly to Indonesia tomorrow. **Dustin Pool** begins his work with the Dover church of Christ in Dover, TN today. 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

Sep 3	Sep 4	Sep 5	Sep 6	Sep 7	Sep 8	Sep 9
Jonah	Micah	Nahum	Habakkuk	Zephaniah	Haggai	Zec 1-3
Ps 64	Ps 65	Ps 66	Ps 67	Ps 68	Ps 69	Ps 70

Events

Mens Lunch: Friday at 11 @ Golden Corral
Silver Linings - Friday, 15th at 11am.
Fall Gospel Meeting - Oct 22-25. Terrance Brownlow-Dindy speaking.
Creation Debate - October 25 at 11:30. On GBN. Will stream in Langston Hall.

