

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Ron Austin
Jacob Clark

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Frank Thompson

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

Essential Elements For A Strong Home

I. A _____ Marriage

II. Roles & _____

III. The _____ is First

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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
Wade Hedgepeth
Byran Hatcher

The
Cape Fear Crier

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

God Approved Worship

God-approved worship is a time when the saints gather together and stand in awe of the majesty and presence of God. We recognize that when we participate in those things prescribed by God Himself, we are please Him. When we incorporate our own actions and add to what He has commanded, we know He is not pleased — we’ve turned from worshiping Him to doing what appeals to us. Human preference and an appeal to high emotions is not God’s standard of approval. We must act totally under His authority if we desire His approval.

There are five acts of worship outlined in the New Testament. These are performed every first day of the week. They include:

SINGING

What a joy to lift up our voices with the whole congregation in praise and adoration to our heavenly Father. Two verses especially give us direction in our worship in song: Ephesians 5:19, “*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*” and Colossians 3:16, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.*” From these verses we learn that acceptable worship in singing is done by the whole congregation singing together, not special groups of singers such as choirs, choruses, solos, duets, etc. Songs used are limited to psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Singing is to be a-cappella; that is, without the accompaniment of mechanical instruments of music such as a piano, guitar, drum, etc. A-cappella is simply the human voice speaking WORDS wherein we, as well as others, may learn (be taught) the will of God.

PREACHING

On the first day of the week, there is a period of Biblical instruction. The congregation is to be fed a diet of spiritual words so they may learn and grow. “*As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby*” (I Peter 2:2). “*But grow in*

grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever” (I Peter 3:18). This is what Paul did when he met with the brethren at Troas. “...Paul preached unto them, ready to depart on the morrow; and continued his speech until midnight” (Acts 20:7). Preaching must be “thus saith the Lord,” not “thus saith me.” It must be “sound words,” with an attitude of love for the hearers.

PRAYING

Jesus taught his disciples to pray (Matt. 6:5-15) and gives us an example that we should follow His steps (I Peter 2:21;). It is no wonder then that we see the early church continuing steadfast in prayer (Acts 2:42). Prayer is directed to God the Father in the name of Jesus the Son. Jesus taught the disciples saying, “After this manner therefore pray ye: **Our Father** which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name” (Matt. 6:9). “And whatsoever ye shall ask **in my name**, that will I do, that the Father may be glorified in the Son” (John 14:13; 15:16). Prayer is not to be offered to anyone but our heavenly Father. We do not pray to any man, whether Mary or dead saints!

GIVING

Every Christian is to contribute a portion of that which he/she has prospered. By inspiration, Paul instructed the church at Corinth, “Now concerning the collection for the saints, as I have given order to the churches of Galatia, even so do ye. Upon the first day of the week let every one of you lay by him in store, as God hath prospered him, that there be no gatherings when I come” (I Cor. 16:1-2). The time specified for this to be done is the “first day of the week.” It is to be a free-will offering given with a cheerful heart. “But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver” (II Cor. 9:6-7).

The church is not authorized to raise funds by any means other than free-will contributions. The church has no authority to have rummage sales, car washes, or operate a business to gain funds. Notice also that we are to give bountifully (generously) and not sparingly.

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Communion (the Lord’s supper) is an act of worship that is enjoyed by every Christian. It is where one communes with brethren and the Lord. We’re mindful of the Lord’s suffering and death on the cross. The Lord’s supper is made up to two elements: *unleavened bread* and *fruit of the vine* (grape juice) (1 Cor. 11:23-29). The bread reminds us of the Lord’s body and the fruit of the vine reminds us of the blood he shed in his death. The example of the early church will not allow substitutions of hot dog buns, potato chips, apple juice or soft drinks.

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By the Numbers

Attendance 9/17/23
Bible Class: 30
A.M. Worship: 52
Wed. B. C.: 36

Family News and Notes

Paula Perrin will be at Duke for chemotherapy until mid-October. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, is undergoing cancer therapy. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **John Patchell’s** niece is struggling with her health. **Kim Perkins’** father is doing a little better. **John Williams** is recovering well from his knee surgery, but is having trouble with inflammation in his neck. **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 in Indonesia working with the Bible School in Manado, Sulawesi.

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 6 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 24	Sep 25	Sep 26	Sep 27	Sep 28	Sep 29	Sep 30
Mat 25-26	Mat 27-28	Mar 1-3	Mar 4-5	Mar 6-7	Mar 8-10	Mar 11-12
Ps 85	Ps 86	Ps 87	Ps 88	Ps 89	Ps 90	Ps 91

Events

Gospel Meetings: Several in the area. Info on bulletin board in foyer.
Fall Gospel Meeting - Oct 22-25. Terrance Brownlow-Dindy speaking.
Creation Debate - October 25 at 11:30. On GBN. Will stream in Langston Hall.
Teachers’ Meeting - October 29 after morning worship.

