

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Frank Thompson

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Phil Byrd

Assisting: Ben Grant
John Patchell

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
Green Beans

Sermon Notes
God Strengthens

I. *Sin is* _____

II. *Sin is* _____

III. *Sin* _____ *God*

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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

Seeing With New Eyes

Jesus performed some amazing miracles while He was in the flesh, walking among men. In the last week of His life on earth, He left Jericho and headed toward Jerusalem. On His way, two blind men cried out to the Savior for mercy that He would heal them. Jesus restored their sight and they followed Him. Imagine how excited and grateful they were to have their sight! Now, imagine if one day they decided to gouge out their eyes and return to their blind state. One is hard pressed to even believe a rational person would do such! Yet spiritually, this happens all the time. Jesus said, “*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*” (John 8:32). Freedom from sin should make us spiritually aware. Yet, many choose to return to a life in darkness, bondage, and blindness. Christians need to see with new eyes.

See yourself in light of being in the Lord. The expression “Do you not know” is found six times in 1 Corinthians 6. Paul wrote, “*Do you not know that the saints will judge the world?*” (Vs 2); “*Do you not know that we shall judge the angels?*” (Vs 3); “*Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God?*” (Vs 9); “*Do you not know that your bodies are members of Christ?*” (Vs 15); “*Or do you not know that he who is joined to a harlot is one body with her?*” (Vs 16); “*Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit?*” (Vs 19). Seeing ourselves in this light will cause us to think differently.

See yourself in light of unbelievers. In 1 Corinthians 6 the Corinthian brethren were taking each other to secular court for petty reasons. It might have been the one bringing the suit was

in the right, but Paul wanted these brethren (and now us) to think about what this looks like to the outside world. “*Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren*” (vs 7,8). In a similar situation today, Abraham’s attitude with Lot should prevail. Abraham told Lot “we be brethren.” We should not take advantage of this situation - any more than we would take our blood relatives to court. Instead we must make it a priority to live in peace with our brethren.

We must be able to see ourselves as holy. A Christian is a baptized believer whom Jesus Himself has “... *delivered us from the power of darkness, and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son: In whom we have redemption through his blood, even the forgiveness of sins*” (Col 1:13,14). Brethren, we belong to God. Just as the Corinthian brethren *were* sinners, the same should be said of us. Put that old man to death and bury him for good (Rom 6:3-5). Do not cozy up to sin. Do not be close to those who continually practice sin. It will desensitize you to their wicked ways. Come out from the world.

We must be able to see that we are precious to our Savior. The church is a blood-bought institution. Not the blood shed by any man, but by the sinless Son of God. He bought and paid for IN FULL His church (Acts 20:28). When you buy something, you become the owner. Since Jesus bought the church, it belongs to Him. The implication here is as a member of His body, I self regulate to what He wants. I cannot treat the church however I wish to treat it. Some want to “bounce around” from one congregation to another, without fully committing to one local body. Members are to work under the oversight of an eldership of the local congregation. It is not authorized to attend multiple congregations. Who would be responsible for your soul? Do elders, deacons, preachers, or Bible Class teachers bounce around? Then neither should any other member. Choose a faithful congregation and stick with it! Doing anything else is in direct violation of Jesus’ authority for His church. Remember, you are not here to do your will, but the Lord’s will. Do not do what is “right for you,” do what is “right for the church” and the Lord will bless you immensely.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 10/29/23
B. C.: 34 A.M. Worship: 52 Wed.: 32

Family News and Notes

Paula Perrin is recuperating at home. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, has been in and out of the hospital. **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. **Chuck Perkins** is having some health challenges right now. **John Williams** is having trouble with inflammation in his neck. Wade Hedgepeth’s two brothers, **Mark & Dwight**, have some health challenges. **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

Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9	Nov 10	Nov 11
Ro 4-6	Ro 7-9	Ro 10-12	Ro 13-14	Ro 15-16	1 Cor 1-3	1 Cor 4-6
Ps 125	Ps 126	Ps 127	Ps 128	Ps 129	Ps 130	Ps 131

Events

Mens’ Lunch: Friday at Golden Corral, 11am
Holiday Baskets: December 8th to assemble, 9th to deliver. Please start bringing candy, gum, and individual personal items.
Holiday Party: Saturday the 16th. Noon-3pm @ the Hatcher residence. See Jennifer for details. Address and directions are in the church app.

