

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Patchell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Phil Byrd

Assisting: Kyle Pool
Tyler Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Rob Sparks

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 Is Our Strength

I. Life Through His _____

II. _____ Are Mended

III. A New _____

IV. A New _____

V. A New _____

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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

Jesus is the Door

There are a number of beautiful images for Jesus our Savior. These images depict an aspect of His Being or His purpose. Jesus is the Good Shepherd is a beloved image. His pastoral care of His sheep fills us with comfort and hope. We know that He will leave the ninety-nine safe sheep to go out and search for the one lost sheep (Matt. 18:12). He looked out over the multitude who had come to listen to Him teach and was moved with compassion “*because they were weary and scattered, like sheep having no shepherd*” (Matt. 9:36). So he fed them.

Jesus spoke a parable about sheep entering the sheepfold through the door and as the shepherd speaks to them, the sheep hear his voice. The crowd did not understand what He was trying to convey to them. In verse seven Jesus declared unequivocally, “*I am the door of the sheep.*” The crowd would have understood His meaning then. The Judean shepherd would take his sheep out to graze sometimes far from their home. At night, the shepherd would find a place that was enclosed, such as a cave or steep hillside, with only one way in or out. The shepherd would gather the sheep in for the night and lay down at the opening becoming the door for the sheep.

Jesus is the door to salvation. All who want to serve God and be saved must enter the sheepfold through the one door. God does not recognize, “many doors, many ways, one result. Jesus said, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me*” (John 14:6). People must enter into Jesus and His fold by His prescribed method, obedience to the Gospel. To become a Christian we have to hear

the gospel call, believe in Jesus, repent of sins, confess that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and be immersed for the remission of sins. There is no other means whereby man can have eternal salvation.

Jesus is the door to peace. There is an emptiness inside everyone that cannot be filled with any physical thing, though most people desperately try. We are seeking peace with God. Jesus said, *“Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you: not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid”* (John 14:27). To have peace with God, we must allow Jesus to enter into our lives as ruler. His will must supersede our own. When we hand over our will to Him, that peace and fulfillment we seek will be filled and overflowing!

Jesus is the door to happiness. True happiness is in Jesus. Everyone who serves God faithfully will have happiness here and in eternity. In the parable of the talents, Jesus expressed what will be heard by those seeking to obey God daily, *“His lord said unto him, Well done, thou good and faithful servant: thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy lord”* (Matt. 25:21). The realm of our happiness is when we are in the Lord.

Jesus is the door to rest. Jesus invites all to, *“Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of me; for I am meek and lowly in heart: and ye shall find rest unto your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light”* (Matt. 11:28-30). The promise of rest is unconditional. It is based on our coming to Jesus and full reliance upon Him. When we are found faithful, we have rest now and will continue to have that rest in eternity. But rest only belongs to those who are in Him in life and death.

Jesus is the door to heaven. Heaven is the most beautiful “place.” It is where our hearts desire for us to be forever. Jesus promised, *“In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also”* (John 14:2,3). We should be looking for a mansion built by Jesus just for us. What eternal blessings and joy we have waiting for us when we enter in the Door!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 11/19/23
B. C.: 30 A.M. Worship: 61 Wed.: 22

Family News and Notes

Margaret Langston is in Village Green for rehab. **Paula Perrin** is recuperating at home. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley's** dad, had a setback, as well as her mother. **Linda Jenkins'** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **John Patchell's** brother was injured from a fall. **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.

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 26	Nov 27	Nov 28	Nov 29	Nov 30	Dec 1	Dec 2
Col 1-2	Col 3-4	1 The 1-2	1 The 3-5	2 Thes	1 Ti 1-3	1 Ti 4-6
Ps 146	Ps 147	Ps 148	Ps 149	Ps 150	Pr 1	Pr 2

Events

Ross' Memorial Service: Saturday at 11am. Sign up for bringing food for the family.
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.

