

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Frank Thompson

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ricardo Alvillar

Assisting: Cameron Christian
Ben Grant

Sermon: Tyler Christian
Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Phil Byrd

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

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Pantry Item
Mac & Cheese

Sermon Notes

Look Up!

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

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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

Majoring in the Minors

From the shadows of paradise we see the first couple, Adam and Eve, “Majoring in the Minors” as they partook of the forbidden fruit in violation of the divine mandate. A strict prohibition was given by the Creator not to eat, or even touch the tree in the midst of the garden (Gen. 2:16-17). Being cast out of the garden of Eden, Adam and Eve had two sons named Cain and Abel. With the passing of time the sons of Adam and Eve were instructed to worship the Lord God. The Hebrew writer states, “*By faith Abel offered unto God a more excellent sacrifice than Cain, by which he obtained witness that he was righteous...*” (Heb. 11:4). Faith is produced when one hears the Word of God and subsequently yields in full obedience. Abel illustrates such when he offered “*of the firstlings of his flock and of the fat thereof. And the Lord had respect unto Abel and to his offering*” (Gen. 4:4). The Lord’s respect for Abel was predicated upon his full compliance to God’s will, by faith. Cain in sharp contrast “Majoring in Minors,” and the Lord “had not respect” for his sacrifice (Gen. 4:5). Such disrespect was due to Cain’s failure to major in the important things. Instead of following his brother’s faithful example, Cain pursued the dictates of his own will. Calamity will most certainly follow those that fail to put a priority upon the important things, notwithstanding a compliance to God’s holy will (Col. 3:17). Note the following things in which man should major to be pleasing to God:

1. Man must Major in a fundamental Belief in God’s existence. The Bible does not set out to prove the existence of God. It is naturally assumed that the reader of the Sacred Oracles accepts that proposition. The very first verse affirms, “*In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth*” (Gen. 1:1).

Herbert Spencer in the nineteenth century stated that there were five components that make up the universe: time, force, energy, space and matter. Each of these principles may be found in the first verse of the Bible. “In the beginning” — time; “God” — force; “created” — energy; “the heaven” — space; and “the earth” — matter. How did

Moses, the writer of Genesis, know these five components existed when it would not be discovered until the nineteenth century? It underscores the inspiration of the Bible as a “God-breathed” book.

The internal evidences of Scripture as well as the external evidences of nature and other corroborating data confirms a belief in an eternal God. The Hebrew writer sets forth the principle, *“For every house is builded by some man; but he that built all things is God”* (Heb. 3:4). Who would deny the existence of a builder after seeing the object of his construction? This rhetorical question is self-evident to any reader. Paul writes, *“For the invisible things of him from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even his eternal power and Godhead; so that they are without excuse”* (Rom. 1:20). The Gentiles were without excuse when they refused to accept with their own eyes God’s existence by rejecting the works of creation.

2. Man must Major in a fundamental Obedience to God’s will. Humbling ourselves before almighty God in full compliance to His will is the ultimate and supreme duty we have to our Creator. This fundamental duty is clearly depicted on the pages of Holy Writ. The Hebrew writer affirmed of Jesus, *“...who was made a little lower than the angels for the suffering of death, crowned with glory and honour; that he by the grace of God should taste death for every man”* (Heb. 2:9). Jesus, the central character of the Bible, was given as a sacrifice for man’s sin (Isa. 53:5; Acts 2:23). Little wonder the inspired writer declared, *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him”* (Heb. 5:8-9).

Appropriating the blood of Christ to the cleansing of our souls was highlighted by Peter when he wrote concerning, *“...the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot”* and then he said, *“seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth...”* (I Peter 1:19-22). This essential act of obedience is clearly illustrated with the response to the first Gospel sermon. Three thousand souls were added to the Lord’s church when the penitent believers met the conditions of obedience and were immersed in water baptism (Acts 2:38,41,47).

If we Major in this fundamental matter of obedience we will live a happy and hopeful life (II Peter 1:4; Titus 3:7). Paul gives blessed assurance to all believers when he writes, *“For I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day”* (II Tim. 1:12).

3. Majoring in God’s word requires Living a Faithful life. The natural fruit of accepting the existence of God is living faithfully for Him in our daily lives. From the very beginning of time the Creator has not only expected, but demanded our faithfulness (Rev. 2:10). If we would please the God of all creation, let us Major in these three fundamental things.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 2/18/24
B.C.: 40

Daily Bible Readers: 21
A.M.: Worship: 60

Chapters Read: 385
Wed.: 40

Family News and Notes

Amy Macdonald is dealing with some health challenges. **Brittany Hunt**, coworker of Julie Carver, was diagnosed with a brain tumor. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Paula Perrin** is continuing her chemotherapy. **Brother & Sister Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** parents are doing much better. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** father is doing a little better. **John Williams** is having trouble with inflammation in his neck. Wade Hedgepeth’s brother, **Dwight**, has some health challenges. **Frances Salaz** is going through chemo for her cancer. **Linda Hernandez** is shut in at home.

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, Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher**, and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28	Feb 29	Mar 1	Mar 2
Num 32-33	Num 34-36	Deut 1-3	Deut 4-6	Deut 7-8	Deut 9-10	Deut 11-12

Events

New Quarter begins March 3. “Miracles of the Bible” is the theme.

Mens’ Lunch: Friday, March 1 @ 11am at Golden Corral.

