

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Ron Austin
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Jacob Clark

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

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Pantry Item
Soup

Sermon Notes
God As A Warrior

I. He is the _____

II. He is the _____

III. He is the _____

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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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The
Cape Fear Crier

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

Sitting Out the Fight

Israel’s circumstances had not changed in any way when Saul was crowned as the king. Just as in the time of the judges, the people were still being oppressed by another nation. In Samuel and Saul’s day it was the Philistines who were the oppressors. Saul had a golden opportunity to defeat the Philistines, but disobeyed God by offering a sacrifice he was not authorized to offer (1 Sam. 13:9). He was going to be the victor despite the fact that none of the men had weapons such as swords and spears. The Philistines had seen to it that there were no blacksmiths in the land and the farmers even had to go to them to sharpen their plows, axes and sickles.

Saul let sin and fear overcome him and his men. Saul was the king and should have lead Israel into battle. But Scripture gives a different account, “*And Saul tarried in the uttermost part of Gibeah under a pomegranate tree which is in Migron: and the people that were with him were about six hundred men*” (1 Sam 14:2). Instead of fighting for God and His people, Saul led the army to sit out the fight sitting under a pomegranate tree. This was God’s battle to win, but when the battle and victory was not on Saul’s terms, he chose to sit it out. As he was doing nothing, his son, Jonathan, ate some honey he was not supposed to eat because of Saul’s rash vow. Saul’s anger was so severe he conspired to kill Jonathan. “*And the people said unto Saul, Shall Jonathan die, who hath wrought this great salvation in Israel? God forbid: as the LORD liveth, there shall not one hair of his head fall to the ground; for he hath wrought with God this day. So the people rescued Jonathan,*

that he died not” (1 Sam 14:45).

Jonathan decided to fight for the Lord with his armor bearer. He told his armor bearer to go with him against the Philistine garrison. He had faith that God would fight for them if they were doing right, but there was no guarantee of success. There ensued an odd battle strategy. They went to a place where they would be discovered by the garrison (between two rocks). If they said to wait and the soldiers would go to them, then they would fight at the rock. If they told the young men to come to them, then God would fight for them and win the day. Jonathan was creating an opportunity for God to demonstrate His power. As they showed themselves, the Philistine guard derided them and the Hebrew nation as those who hide in holes in the ground. Many Christians, sadly, are hiding in holes never to be seen. As the Christians lets his light shine it is an opportunity for God to demonstrate His power over Satan and his minions. Jesus says that Christians are to be the city set on a hill. The light that is set on the candlestick. Christians must adopt Isaiah’s attitude of “here am I, send me!”

God blessed Jonathan and his armor bearer. *“And the men of the garrison answered Jonathan and his armourbearer, and said, Come up to us, and we will shew you a thing. And Jonathan said unto his armourbearer, Come up after me: for the LORD hath delivered them into the hand of Israel.And Jonathan climbed up upon his hands and upon his feet, and his armourbearer after him: and they fell before Jonathan; and his armourbearer slew after him. And that first slaughter, which Jonathan and his armourbearer made, was about twenty men, within as it were an half acre of land, which a yoke of oxen might plow” (1 Sam 14:12-14).* What a great victory for the Lord! Jonathan did not sit around waiting like his father, he got up and took action. Our challenge is to move to accomplish God’s will in our life. God will give us victory in our battles, but he will not fight alone, we have to do our part. Then when victory is assured, the battle belongs to the Lord.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 2/25/24
B.C.: 40

Daily Bible Readers: 10
A.M.: Worship: 60

Chapters Read: 295
Wed.: 40

Family News and Notes

Grateful to hear **Amy Macdonald** will not need surgery! **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						
Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7	Mar 8	Mar 9
Deut 13-14	Deut 15-17	Deut 18-20	Deut 21-23	Deut 24-26	Deut 27-29	Deut 30-31

Events

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

Men’s day: March 16th. Info meeting on the 10th after worship. All men of the congregation are asked to participate.

