

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Frank Thompson

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Phil Byrd
Dale Wiles

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

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Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Canned Vegetables

Sermon Notes *Overtaken By Blessings*

I. Curses of Mount _____

II. Blessings of Mount _____

III. Blessed in _____

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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

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

Wisdom to Live By

There are many similarities between the conclusions in the book of Ecclesiastes and the truths observed in the book of Job. One such truth is that man is unable to understand all the works of God. Even the wisest man is unable to know all that God is doing and has done. It makes no sense for frail and ignorant man to rebel against the Almighty Creator! This that do so bring misery on themselves and their loved ones. Solomon felt that living in circumstances over which we have no control is one of the vanities of life. God has not revealed to us what life will bring or how death will come. We must be wise enough to understand that thousands die daily. Our very next breath could be our last one. Those that die in sin are not prepared for eternity. Solomon observed that the righteous are often hurt by the wicked that rule over them. He pondered the thought of why the righteous suffer and the wicked prosper. Some live with purpose and do much good for others. Others live shallow empty lives. We must have the vision to focus on eternal things that are genuine and real.

God's people must be wise and live lawfully. Wisdom is so valuable in life that it can change ones countenance and put a smile on ones face. A wise man and a sour face do not coincide. Wisdom will cause you to understand that you must obey the laws of the land. Loyalty to God also means loyalty to the laws under which you live, as long as those laws are not in direct conflict to God's laws. The wise will not seek to oppose the government or its laws. Obeying the laws of the land will keep the child of God out of trouble. If you do break the law, admit that fault, make restitution and return to being a law abiding

citizen.

Wise people prepare for death. Purchasing life insurance is an excellent idea, especially if one is a parent. But there is a more urgent purchase in preparation for death: becoming a faithful child of God. Life is hard and uncertain, but there is a time, place, and correct way to accomplish everything needed in life. When man does not do what he ought, when he ought to do it, problems, big problems, ensue. The people of God ought to be fearless in life. Be courageous in doing what is right even in the face of persecution or lack of immediate reward. The Christian should be filled with joy, regardless of the circumstances of life. Everyone faces challenges in life. The human experience is marked by loss and death. One’s own death looms as an ominous dark cloud in the unknown future. Let not your heart be troubled! The one that is prepared for such moments is more capable to successfully navigate those storms of life than those that are caught unprepared. It is appointed unto men once to die, but after this the judgment (Heb. 9:27).

The wise will understand the end of all things. Paul wrote, “*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose*” (Rom. 8:28). Solomon pondered the reason that wicked men had the ability to rule over and persecute the righteous and vulnerable. Wicked rulers are arbitrary and tyrannical to the hurt of their own people. Many leaders of men, nations and empires rise in meteoric fashion with fear in their hands and cruelty in their eyes. They lead until their natural deaths and have “state funerals.” To Solomon it seemed wicked rulers were vaunted while the righteous were forgotten. But those funeral rites were all in vain. The wickedness of one man is passed down to subsequent generations. The shortened life of a righteous man is greater to God than the lengthened days of the unrighteous. Those that live in abject rebellion to God and His word, do so to their own hurt.

God’s people should seek after wisdom and find what is really important in life. Solomon concluded what man’s purpose is while living, “*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man*” (Ecc. 12:13). Obey God’s plan of salvation and continually walking in the light. This is wise.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 3/3/24
B.C.: 42

Daily Bible Readers: 12
A.M.: Worship: 70

Chapters Read: 345
Wed.: 42

Family News and Notes

Travis Christian passed away Monday night. We mourn with **Kim, Tyler, and Cameron** at this time. **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 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 14	Mar 15	Mar 16
Deut 32-34	Jos 1-3	Jos 4-6	Jos 7-9	Jos 10-12	Jos 12-14	Jos 15-17

Events

Men’s day: postponed to later date

Silver Linings: Friday, March 22nd @ 11am. Bring your lunch.

Fireside Devo: at Sparks’ property in Harnett Co. Saturday, March 23rd @ 6pm. See Amy/Rob for details and directions.

