

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Jonathan Anderson

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Ricardo Alvillar
Dale Wiles

Sermon: Chad Futrell

Closing P.: Jacob Clark

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Canned Vegetables

Sermon Notes

March 17, 2024

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

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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 Heals

The world in which we live is filled with heartache and pain. This is part of the corruption experienced by humanity due to the problem of sin (Gen 3). Things in this world are not as they were initially created to be, and we know things need to be made right. Our bodies ache and our emotions are torn; we fight both physical and mental battles and sometimes wonder when this will end. We ask, with Paul, “Who will deliver me from this body of death?” ([Rom 7:4](#)). We all feel the sting of sin and living in a body of death.

Paul’s question, though, is not without an answer or hope, and he immediately exclaims, “Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!” (v. 25). Jesus is the answer to this hurting world, the only One who can deliver us from sin, death, pain, and suffering. He is the great Healer in every way.

When we ask why Jesus came into this world, we might find various ways to answer this question. He came to die for sin ([1 John 2:1](#)). He came to serve and give His life as a ransom for many ([Mark 10:44-45](#)). He came to point the way back to the Father ([John 14:6](#)). He came to seek and save the lost ([Luke 19:10](#)). He came to give the abundant life ([John 10:10](#)). He came to destroy the works of the devil ([1 John 3:8](#)). He came to defeat death through the resurrection ([Heb 2:14](#); 1 Cor 15). All of this and more can describe the reason for the incarnation of the Son of God.

The focus here is that Jesus was born into this world to heal the hurting, and we all need this. While He heals through the forgiveness of sins, there is more to consider. We need forgiveness, but we also need comfort and peace from the

anxieties, hardships, and suffering that this world holds. Think of how Paul begins his second epistle to the Corinthians: “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God” (2 Cor 1:3-4). Jesus came to provide the path back to the comfort that can only come from the Lord. When He began His public ministry in Nazareth, Jesus quoted from Isaiah’s messianic passage (Luke 4:16-18; Isa 61:1-2):

“He has sent me to proclaim liberty to the captives
and recovering of sight to the blind,
to set at liberty those who are oppressed...”

Jesus then uses the analogy of a physician, and the events that followed included healings. While the healings have implications for forgiveness (spiritual healing), they also pointed to the fact that all healing ultimately comes from God. Salvation is bigger than forgiveness of sins alone. It is, finally, deliverance from all the turmoils and trials of this world. It is deliverance both physically and spiritually, for in the end, because of what Jesus did, we may attain to the resurrection of life. Paul yearned for the resurrection. He counted all things but rubbish “because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.” He suffered the loss of all things so that he may be found in Him. Why? “that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead” (Phil 3:8-11).

Jesus brings us levels of healing and comfort now, but final healing and comfort comes in the resurrection. We aren’t there yet, but this is our living hope (1 Pet 1:3-5). This is the full victory for which we long: “But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ” (1 Cor 15:57). This is why we can be comforted and find healing when we lose loved ones in the Lord. Though we sorrow and grieve, it is not as others “who have no hope” (1 Thess 4:13). Jesus will come yet again and bring with Him the saints who have gone on before. Encouragement and comfort comes from knowing this (1 Thess 4:18). We can share in the peace that passes understanding (Phil 4:6-7).

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 3/10/24	Daily Bible Readers: 13	Chapters Read: 354
B.C.: 32	A.M.: Worship: 60	Wed.: 37

Family News and Notes

We continue to mourn with **Kim, Tyler, and Cameron Christian** at this time. **Brittany Hunt**, coworker of Julie Carver, had surgery for 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 17	Mar 18	Mar 19	Mar 20	Mar 21	Mar 22	Mar 23
Jos 18-19	Jos 20-22	Jos 23-24	Jud 1-3	Jud 4-6	Jud 7-8	Jud 9-10

Events

Men’s day: postponed to later date
Silver Linings: Friday, March 22nd @ 11am. Lunch will be provided. Please let Byran know if you will be there.
Fireside Devo: See Amy or Rob Sparks about details and what to bring. Sat. 6pm

