

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Frank Thompson

Lord's Table:
Presiding: John Patchell

Assisting: Ron Austin
Cameron Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Canned Fruit

Sermon Notes

Serve The Lord

*I. Because it keeps our _____ on
God*

II. Because it helps us be more _____

*III. Because it leads us to _____
life*

March 24, 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

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

Foolish Wisdom

There are many things that we can find foolish in this world. People being immoral, unnecessary risk taking, hateful rhetoric, evil intentions, disobedient children, people stealing and looting, all pure foolishness. Even worldly people can sometimes come to the conclusion that these things are without merit. There is one thing the world cannot comprehend and chooses to see it as foolish, however, and that is the cross of Jesus. The world looks at the cross as unnecessary and pointless. It is viewed as a flaw or reproach.

The Christian beholds the cross as the power of God. In a world of darkness and despair, the cross is the singular point of light. “*For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God*” (1 Corinthians 1:18). The truth seeker loves to hear about the cross and its place in God’s scheme of man’s redemption. The world would rather hear something, anything, else.

The Gentiles of Paul’s day chased after worldly wisdom instead of the power of the cross of Christ. The Greeks and Romans still influence the world today. Modern understanding of mathematics, indoor plumbing, modern thinking, basic tones of music and harmony, modern government, and education all are rooted in those cultures long ago. Unfortunately, they did not embrace the wisdom of the cross, and so Paul writes, “*Professing themselves to be wise, they became fools*” (Romans 1:22). They were foolish because of their rejection of God and wholesale embracing of self and temporal understanding. Paul witnessed this firsthand as he walked through Athens in the

first century. *“For the Jews require a sign, and the Greeks seek after wisdom: But we preach Christ crucified, unto the Jews a stumbling block, and unto the Greeks foolishness”* (1 Corinthians 1:22,23). The Greeks wanted to be wise in their own ways, not the ways of the Lord.

Paul went to Corinth and used plain speech to proclaim the gospel message. The Greeks loved flowery words. They believed the broader the language, the more intelligent the speaker, the more profound the message was. Paul went to Corinth and used only plain language. Paul was very intelligent. He was raised a Pharisee and he was a very educated man for his day. Paul had a choice when he went to Corinth to use big words and flowery language, or use plain speech. He chose to use plain words to convey the powerful message of the cross. He wanted everyone to understand the message, not be enthralled about how smart the speaker was. *“And I, brethren, when I came to you, came not with excellency of speech or of wisdom, declaring unto you the testimony of God. For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified”* (1 Corinthians 2:1,2). Even though he was knowledgeable and had the ability, Paul chose not to demonstrate his personal acumen, but to highlight the power of the cross.

The Christian must seek wisdom from God, not from man. Being a Christian does not mean one sets aside his intelligence to grab hold of the message of Holy Writ. In a very real sense, it is the exact opposite. It is that the Christian derives his wisdom from God, not from the secular world. Are there some things about the world the Christian ought to know? Absolutely! But we should know how to prioritize that knowledge. It might help us temporarily in this life, but it will not help us one whit to prepare for the next. We are given godly wisdom and we should use that rather than worldly wisdom in our pursuit of Heaven. Those who are mature in Christ are mature in His word and His wisdom. *“Howbeit we speak wisdom among them that are perfect: yet not the wisdom of this world, nor of the princes of this world, that come to nought”* (1 Corinthians 2:6). Heavenly wisdom lasts for eternity. Worldly wisdom perishes with the earth. Choose the foolishness of the cross and God’s Word over the wisdom of the world.

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By the Numbers

Attendance week of 3/17/24
B.C.: 40

Daily Bible Readers: 13
A.M.: Worship: 60

Chapters Read: 354
Wed.: 41

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 Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad is scheduled to have a procedure concerning a tumor. **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 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28	Mar 29	Mar 30
Jud 11-12	Jud 13-15	Jud 16-18	Jud 19-21	Ruth	1 Sam 1-2	1 Sam 3-4

Events

Men’s day: postponed to later date
Men’s Lunch: Friday, April 5th @ Golden Corral 11am.

