

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Jon Patchell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ricardo Alvillar

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Cameron Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: Chad Futrell

Teacher: Chad Futrell

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Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Canned Pears

Sermon Notes

Tarry By The Stuff

1. They were _____

II. They were _____

III. They _____ in the reward

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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

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

Repentance

Throughout the ages God has required that man repent. Before God forgives, man must repent. John the baptizer preached repentance, “...*Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (Matt. 3:2). Jesus preached repentance, “I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3). The apostles preached repentance. Paul said, “*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent*” (Acts 17:30). The apostle Peter taught, “*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (II Peter 3:9).

Perhaps we sometimes emphasize baptism to the point of excluding proper teaching concerning repentance. It is necessary to place as much emphasis upon the need to repent as we place upon the need to be baptized for remission of sin, because without either, no man's sins are remitted. The need for repentance is equal to the need for baptism.

Peter, in his great sermon on the day of Pentecost, said, “*Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost*” (Acts 2:38). We have often expressed the co-ordinate conjunction “and” in order to express the importance of baptism to the remission of sins. And, baptism IS just as necessary as repentance. But how about turning this argument around. Repentance IS just as necessary as baptism. It seems to have been the case (in some situations) that in order to get someone to understand the necessity of baptism, we might have

left off the same emphasis upon repentance. This will cause a response that nearly guarantees the quick falling away of the one just converted. Again, the need for repentance is as important (equal to) the need for baptism. Acts 3:38, *“Repent and be Baptized.”* The co-ordinate conjunction “AND” means each side carries EQUAL weight. Repentance AND baptism. The need for baptism is once, but the need for repentance is continual.

We take note of what the apostle John said, *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness”* (I John 1:7-9). Continuing faithful to God requires a faithful walk (v.7). However, man is occasioned to stumble in sin (v.8). The blood of Jesus is always available to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (v.9). However, there is/are conditions. One must repent of and confess his sins (v.9). One might quickly argue that the term “repent” is not found in this verse. It is not stated, but it is necessarily understood because confession of sin without repentance of sin accomplishes nothing. Peter told Simon the sorcerer to, *“Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee”* (Acts 8:22).

Repentance is NOT “sorrow for sin.” Many mistakenly think this is what repentance is about. It is true that there can be no repentance without being sorry for our sins. But, one can be sorry about their sins for a long time and still not repent of those sins. In I Corinthians 7:10 we find that there are two kinds of sorrow: *“For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.”* There is godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. Mankind must take notice that it is only godly sorrow that “works” or brings man to genuine repentance. Just being sorry (worldly sorrow) does not bring about forgiveness of sin, but will cause a man to die in his sins. Repentance is a changing of wills, a changing of attitude, a changing of ways. It requires the leaving off of the sins for which one confesses and asks forgiveness.

Without faithful living, one will not receive the crown of eternal life (Rev. 2:10). Repentance is a necessary part of that faithful walk before God.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 4/7/24	Daily Bible Readers: 13	Chapters Read: 350
B.C.: 41	A.M.: Worship: 60	Wed.: 36

Family News and Notes

We continue to grieve with **Kim, Tyler, and Cameron Christian** at this time. **Brittany Hunt**, coworker of Julie Carver, is not doing well. **Kylie**, granddaughter of **Dale and Carolyn Wiles**, still needs prayer. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Paula Perrin** is continuing her chemotherapy. **Brother Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad is scheduled for consultation on recent PET scan. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** father is doing a little better. 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, several are on deplyoment. 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

Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19	Apr 20
2 Sa 13-14	2 Sa 15-16	2 Sa 17-18	2 Sa 19-20	2 Sa 21-22	2 Sa 23-24	1 Ki 1-2

Events

Silver Linings: Friday April 19th. Bring your lunch! A special birthday edition too!

Men’s Training: Saturday April 27th at 9am at the church building.

Teacher’s Luncheon & Meeting: Sunday, April 28. Please let Byran know if you are coming.

Lectureship @ Sheffield Drive: Saturday, May 4th, 9-3, Rocky Mount, NC.

