

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Jon Anderson

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: John Patchell

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Ricardo Alvillar

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Cameron Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: TBD

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Jon Anderson

Pantry Item
Small Box Cereal

Sermon Notes
Uzzah And God's Word

1. God's Word is _____

11. God's Word is _____

111. God's Word will _____

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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

The Necessity of Repentance (part 1)

Pursuing salvation in accordance with God's plan is a personal responsibility, *"For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ; that every one may receive the things done in his body, according to that he hath done, whether it be good or bad"* (II Cor. 5:10). *"So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God"* (Rom. 14:12). Each individual who would obtain the salvation offered in and through Jesus Christ (II Tim. 2:10), must obey the Gospel and live a godly life. The first "action" an individual must make when wanting to be obedient to the gospel call is found in repentance.

Repentance is necessary because of sin! If sin had not entered the world (Gen. 3:1-5), there would have been no need for repentance. But, when God closed the door to Eden because of sin, He opened the door to repentance that man could be forgiven of sin through the merits of the blood that Jesus shed on the cross. *"In whom we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace"* (Eph. 1:7). Repentance is necessary for the forgiveness of sins on the part of the alien sinner (Acts 2:38), and the wayward child of God (Acts 8:22). Since sin is universal (Romans 3:23), repentance is also universal. Paul said, *"And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:"* (Acts 17:30). Notice that God is commanding men to repent. Repentance is not a suggestion, nor just a good idea, it is a command from the Almighty himself! The implication here is that salvation is conditional. Those that comply through repentance will have salvation, but those who refuse, will be lost.

It ought not be surprising that repentance has always been a part of God's message to man. In every dispensation (Patriarchal, Mosaical, and Christian), God has commanded his messengers to preach repentance to people in sin. Those who responded to the word of God in genuine repentance received God's forgiveness and were restored to favor and fellowship with God. But, those who refused to repent remained separated from God and doomed to eternal destruction. Noah, Jonah, Jeremiah, John the Baptist, Peter, Paul,

and even our Lord, all had a message of repentance.

Before one can obey the command to repent, he must understand what is involved in Bible repentance. The word “repent” is used in two different ways in both the Old and New Testaments and is translated from two different Hebrew words in the Old Testament and two corresponding Greek verbs in the New Testament. The two Hebrew words are *naham* and *shubh*. The two Greek verbs are *metamelomai* and *metanoeo*.

The Hebrew word *naham* does not imply sin, though sin may be involved. It means, “to lament” or “to grieve.” It emphasizes strong emotions: sympathy, compassion, disappointment, hurt. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia defines this word, “...To adapt language to our understanding, God is represented as repenting when delayed penalties are at last to be inflicted, or when threatened evils have been averted by genuine reformation (Gen. 6:6; Jonah 3:10). This word is translated ‘repent’ about 40 times in the Old Testament, and in nearly all cases it refers to God. ... God’s heart is grieved at man’s iniquity, and in love He bestows His grace or in justice He terminates His mercy. It indicates the aroused emotions of God which prompt Him to a different course of dealing with the people...” (p.2558). This word is used in Genesis 6:6, “And it repented the Lord that He had made man on the earth, and it grieved him at his heart.” Exodus 32:14, “And the Lord repented of the evil which he thought to do unto his people.”

The Hebrew word *shubh* is used in the Old Testament to express repentance in the sense of “turn back” or “change directions.” This word demands a change in attitude toward sin and toward God, and implies a personal decision to forsake sin and to enter into fellowship with God. This word is used in 1 Kings 8:47,48, “...and repent, and make supplication unto thee...saying, We have sinned...And so return unto thee with all their heart, and all their soul...” Ezekiel 14:6, “...Repent, and turn yourselves from your idols; and turn away your faces from all your abominations.” Ezekiel 18:30, “...Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions; so iniquity shall not be your ruin.”

The Greek word *metamelomai* is used in the New Testament to indicate emotional concern and regret. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia says, “...The feeling indicated by the word may issue in genuine repentance, or it may degenerate into mere remorse...” (p. 2558). In Matthew 27:3, Judas “repented” in the sense of regret or remorse. His regret did not turn him back to God.

The Greek word *metanoeo* in the New Testament expresses the spiritual change implied in a sinner’s return to God. It means to change one’s mind with regard to sin, and consequently to change one’s conduct. This word is used in Matthew 3:2, 4:17, Acts 2:38, 17:30 and many others. The noun form of this word is *metanoia* which is used of repentance from sin or evil. Vines Expository Dictionary of New Testament Words points out that “...this change of mind involves both a turning FROM sin and a turning TO God” (p.281).

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 5/12/24	Daily Bible Readers: 11	Chapters Read: 273
B.C.: 30	A.M.: Worship: 55	Wed.: 29

Family News and Notes

Nathan Whitt, Jennifer Hatcher’s friend and former coworker, passed away last week. **Jan Keen** had an MRI and is waiting to see when chemotherapy begins. **Ellen Brantley** is in CFVRMC Rehab. We continue to grieve with **Kim, Tyler, and Cameron Christian**. **Brittany Hunt**, coworker of Julie Carver, is not doing well. **Quinn Davis** has had a number of seizures recently. **Nathan Budd**, Debbie Smith’s son, had successful surgery Tuesday in Vancouver, BC. He is at home recuperating. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Paula Perrin** is continuing her chemotherapy. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, is in hospice care. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers. Wade Hedgepeth’s brother, **Dwight**, has some health challenges.

Pray for our world leaders at this time. Pray for all active duty military members and their families. We have 4 active duty members here at Cape Fear. Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez**, and the **Davis** family. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Bible Reading Plan

May 19	May 20	May 21	May 22	May 23	May 24	May 25
1 Ch 24-26	1 Ch 27-29	2 Ch 1-4	2 Ch 5-8	2 Ch 9-11	2 Ch 12-14	2 Ch 15-17

Events

Graduation Luncheon and Send-off: June 2nd. Potluck Lunch.
Graduate Table: Please put gifts in box for Tyler.
Mens’ Lunch update: No Mens’ lunch for June or July
VBS: Saturday June 29th. 9am - 2pm

