

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Valencia Harvin

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Cam Christian
Phil Byrd

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: TBD

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Rob Sparks

Pantry Item
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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 3)

Repentance will never take place without a change of heart. The sinner must change his attitude toward sin and toward God. The most needed characteristic of man is **a penitent heart** as demonstrated by David (Psalm 51) and the Prodigal Son (Luke 15). Without a penitent heart, one will not go to heaven.

A penitent heart is a heart that aches because of sin. It is a heart that will not allow one who has committed sin to eat, sleep, or rest until forgiveness is obtained. Before Saul was baptized, “...*he was three days without sight, and neither did eat nor drink*” (Acts 9:9). One who is indifferent toward sin in his life does not have a penitent heart.

A penitent heart is an examining heart. “*Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves...*” (II Cor. 13:5). The Prodigal Son examined himself in the hog pen. How long has it been since you have searched your heart and asked: Am I right with God? Is there sin in my life that I need to repent of?

A penitent heart is a confessing heart. The Prodigal Son confessed to his father, “*I have sinned against heaven, and before thee*” (Luke 15:21). The penitent heart impels one to daily confess sin to the Father in heaven and desire forgiveness. One who does not confess his sin does not have a penitent heart.

A penitent heart is a humble heart. When one commits sin he ought to hang his head in shame and humility and say as the prodigal son, “*make me as one of thy hired servants*” (Luke 15:19). Too often people are boastful and proud of sin in their life. They joke and laugh about it. The penitent heart demonstrates an attitude of humility.

A penitent heart is a forsaking heart. It is a heart that forsakes sin. One may fall in sin but a penitent heart will not allow him to stay in sin. If one is reluctant to quit some sin, he does not have

a penitent heart.

A penitent heart is a correcting heart. It impels one to correct wrong doing as soon as possible and to whatever extent possible. Too many don't want to do what is necessary to correct their sin. They do not have a penitent heart.

God not only demands, but lovingly desires that all come to Him in repentance. *“The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is long-suffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance”* (II Peter 3:9). Our God is a God of love who wants to see every sinner saved. *“Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth”* (I Tim. 2:4).

Heaven rejoices when sinners repent. Sin brings grief to God. *“And grieve not the Holy Spirit of God...”* (Eph. 4:30). Therefore, great rejoicing comes to heaven when one sinner repents. *“I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance. ... Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth”* (Luke 15:7,10).

God gives man the ability to repent. All who really want to repent can do so and come to God. God gave us the power and ability to choose (Matt. 11:28-30; II Peter 3:9; Acts 17:30). Man can go so deep and so long in sin that he loses the desire to repent (Heb. 6:4-6). The most tragic thing anyone could do is allow themselves to go so far in sin that they loose the desire to repent!

God gives man time and opportunity to repent (II Peter 3:9). But, many will wait too late. *“And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not”* (Rev. 2:21). If you need to repent, don't wait until it is too late and be lost forever!

God through his word encourages all to come to Him in repentance with two great incentives: 1) The goodness of God. *“Or despisest thou the riches of his goodness and forbearance and long suffering; not knowing that the goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance”* (Rom. 2:4). 2) The severity of God. *“Behold therefore the goodness and severity of God; on them which fell, severity; but toward thee goodness, if thou continue in His goodness; otherwise thou shalt be cut off”* (Rom. 11:22).

God does not force the sinner to repent. He makes an appeal through the preaching of His word. He seeks to motivate all to repentance through His goodness and severity. Each individual must choose to repent or perish (Luke 13:35).

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 5/26/24	Daily Bible Readers: 13	Chapters Read: 489
B.C.: 40	A.M.: Worship: 75	Wed.: 41

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen will begin chemotherapy soon. This will be for about 3 months. **Ellen Brantley** is in CFVPMC Rehab. We continue to pray for **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 last week and is at home recuperating. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Paula Perrin** had a setback and is unable to continue her therapy. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley's** dad, is in hospice care. He was able to attend Bible class recently. **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

June 2	June 3	June 4	June 5	June 6	June 7	June 8
Ezra 1-2	Ezra 3-5	Ezra 6-8	Ezra 9-10	Neh 1-4	Neh 5-7	Neh 8-10

Events

Graduation Luncheon and Send-off: after morning worship. All are invited to stay!
Mens' Lunch & S.L. update: No Mens' lunch for June or July
VBS: Saturday June 29th. 9am - 2pm. VBS meeting next Sunday after morning worship.

