

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Ricardo Alvillar
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Jacob Clark

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: TBD

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Pears

Sermon Notes

The Children of Habaiah

I. *The* _____

II. *They Desired to be in the* _____

III. *They Were* _____

IV. *Till Urim &* _____

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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

Love Your Brother

“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother” (Matt. 18:15).

The word “brother” is a term of endearment which was instituted by our Lord and Saviour. It is not to be taken lightly. Christians are called brethren because they are of the one redeemed family with Jehovah God as their Father and Jesus Christ as their Brother. Therefore, as the Father and the Son are one (John 17:21), Christians are to be united in doctrine, priorities, and helping one another to their eternal destiny.

Our Lord did not choose the word brother arbitrarily. This word carries with it the idea to love (*agape*) one another (I John 4:16). As members of the same family, each is to be concerned with the others’ physical and spiritual welfare (Rom. 15:2) and work with each other in caring for one another (Rom. 13:8-10). Love seeks out opportunities to do good to all men, but especially to those who are of the household of faith (Gal. 6:10). Our love for one another can only be shown in the actions that such love prompts. With this in mind, our Lord tells us how we are to treat the brother or sister who has sinned against us.

Matthew 18:15 tells us how to deal with brethren who sin against us personally or in a private manner. This is apparent in the phrase, *“...if thy brother shall trespass against thee.”* If a brother sins and injures another’s character, his person, his property, or his spirit, whether by words or conduct, the situation must not be ignored. The brother who is trespassed (sinned) against - i.e. the “innocent party” - is under obligation to go and try to resolve the matter and restore the erring brother (Gal. 6:1). The one wronged is to go to the erring brother and tell him of his fault (sin). This is to be done in the absence of any other person and without speaking to anyone. It is to be done

privately. He should be told his fault in the spirit of gentleness and love. This is for his soul’s sake in order that he may have the opportunity to acknowledge his offense and offer an explanation of his conduct. Many would be glad for such an opportunity and welcome the show of love and concern that brethren are to have for each other. It may be that he does not realize what he has done, or underestimated and misunderstood the ramifications thereof, and will gladly adjust his conduct and repent of his wrong doing. It is the obligation of brethren to furnish such an opportunity to one another. In the event of a personal or private trespass, such is required to be done “alone.” And, if the erring brother repents (Luke 17:3,4) then the case should be settled and should never be made known to anyone else.

To violate the words of our Lord in Matthew 18:15 has the potential to do great harm to the church of our Lord. The faults of the penitent brother should not be blazoned abroad. Doing so would cause great harm by wounding the body of Christ. The enemies of the cross relish opportunities to maliciously spread the faults of the members of the church to instill doubt about its purity in others and thereby bring about disbelief. This cripples the work of the church in the saving of souls. Also, those brethren whom once had regard for the penitent brother, knowing of his past faults, may look at him in a different light. He may lose his reputation as a capable servant of the Lord thus making him ineffective in the work of the church. The shame involved with others knowing the nature of his sin may injure the penitent brother and cause him to suffer needlessly. He may feel unworthy to take part in the work of the church or any of its activities. By placing yourself in his situation you should fully appreciate the Lord’s wisdom in one going to him “alone.” The “Golden Rule” of Matthew 7:12 should be considered and heeded.

If the erring brother has the right attitude and a good heart, then he will hear the loving brother and be thankful for his diligence. And so, the Lord said, “If he hears you, you have gained your brother.” By going to him alone the desired effect has been achieved. The erring brother has been preserved and the two have been reconciled. He has been gained as a Christian brother and restored to himself and to the body of Christ.

Brethren, the wisdom of our Lord can be seen in His words, *“Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother.”*

Any sin for which repentance is made will be forgiven by our merciful and gracious God. His children should exemplify this forgiving attitude and treat one another with love and kindness.

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 6/2/24 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 June 17th. This will be for about 3 months. **Ellen Brantley** is in Haymount 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, is still at home recuperating. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Paula Perrin** had a setback but is able to continue her therapy. **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. **Byran Hatcher** is going to Indonesia for a mission trip. 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 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13	June 14	June 15
Neh 11-12	Est 1-4	Est 5-7	Est 8-10	Job 1-5	Job 6-10	Job 11-15

Events

Mens’ Lunch & S.L. update: No Mens’ lunch or Silver Linings for June or July
VBS: Saturday August 10th. 9am - 2pm.

