

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Ben Grant

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Ricardo Alvillar
Jacob Clark

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Jonathan Anderson

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: TBD

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Jonathan Garrett

Pantry Item

Green Beans

Sermon Notes *Singing A New Song*

I. Give _____ the Glory

II. Praise Him for _____

III. Honor His _____

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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

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

Experiencing Discouragement (cont'd)

“And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching” (Hebrews 10:24,25).

When the writer of Hebrews penned this general epistle, the church was undergoing severe persecution at the hands of the Jews. Many of those early Christians who had come out of Judaism were contemplating returning to the old economy to avoid that persecution. This passage is written from someone who is being persecuted to others who are experiencing the same treatment. When the Lord's church assembles for Bible study, gospel meetings, fellowship meals, birthday parties, evangelism opportunities, edification times, fun times, and to worship Almighty God and members of the body choose not to be present because of apathy or misplaced priorities, it is discouraging. When a Christian decides not to attend a function to honor another person, it sends a negative message to that person and to babes in Christ. When the Christian decides that the only time it is necessary to show up is the worship hour on Sunday morning, you are telling God and His church that the Bride of Christ does not matter to you. Christians need to consider how their decisions not to attend worship and other functions of the body, affect the spirituality of others. If you do not want to be discouraged by others, then do not become a stumbling block yourself.

God has blessed each of us with many talents. God expects those talents to be used to His glory, not merely

personal gain. In the parable of the talents (Matthew 25:14-30), the Lord gave the example of the five and two talent men. They used their talents and gained even more. The one talent man hid his talent. The Master considered him to be a wicked man (vs 26). The truth is that most so-called Christians fall into the category of the one talent man. This is a cause of discouragement. The church needs so many people to be involved in the work to help it grow. It is impossible for one or two people to do all the work and the congregation expect any kind of growth. In the mid-to-late twentieth century, the NAACP aired an advertisement with the tag line of “a mind is a terrible thing to waste.” The same can be said of Christian talent. When the talents of the brethren never reach their potential it is discouraging to the church leaders, church workers, and babes in Christ. Make sure you are using your talents for God

In the middle of handling a question of the validity of bodily resurrection from the grave, Paul inserts an acute reminder, “Do not be deceived: *“Evil company corrupts good habits.”* (1 Corinthians 15:33). Who a person chooses to associate with makes a big difference in how a person thinks. If one’s family members are against the Lord, and yet they are always around them, their attitudes and philosophies are going to permeate one’s thinking and actions. If our work environment is anti God or anti church, then that will affect us more than we realize. Hearing a Christian misuse God’s word because of the influence of family members is discouraging. How can a faithful child of God have the greatest impact on a brother or sister in Christ when they have no association or befriended? While it is not possible to be close friends with every member of the church, everyone should at least be aquatinted with everyone else who is a member of the local church. Try not to be one who comes in late for worship and “sneaks out” immediately after worship is over. Get to know your brothers and sisters in Christ! It is so discouraging when making an announcement about a member in need and no one know who it is and yet they have been a member for years. YEARS!! It is not the preachers job to introduce everyone and get everyone to get acquainted. Say hello to each other and be around one another. Not much more makes this elder/preacher heart so happy as to hear that the brethren are getting together - and getting along! - outside of worship and he did not arrange it. Staying to yourself is a discouragement.

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 7/28/24	Daily Bible Readers:	Chapters Read:
B.C.: 28	A.M.: Worship: 50	Wed.: 28

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen still needs our prayers. **Ellen Brantley** is now at home and doing much better. She is still struggling to walk, but her speech and other motor skills are vastly improved. **Carole Pearson**, Dave Carver’s cousin is now at home recuperating from a stroke. **Brittany Hunt**, coworker of Julie Carver, is still struggling with her health but has improved some. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Drew Perrin** in the passing of his wife, **Paula**. **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

Aug 4	Aug 5	Aug 6	Aug 7	Aug 8	Aug 9	Aug 10
Is 50-53	Is 54-57	Is 58-62	Is 63-66	Jer 1-3	Jer 4-6	Jer 7-8

Events

VBS: Saturday August 10th. 9am - 2pm.

Gospel Meeting: October 20-23 with Brock Shanks.

Mens’ Lunch & Silver Linings will resume in September.

