

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Sibio Farrington

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Ben Grant
Kyle Pool

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Julius Cook

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: TBD

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Dry Beans

Sermon Notes
3 Comparisons in Isaiah

1. Placing _____

II. God's _____

III. Using Your _____

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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

Reject Denominational Baptism

Religious men have a peculiar ability of taking something the Bible teaches and repackaging it to fit the doctrines of men; then proclaiming it as the genuine and scriptural. This has been done with baptism, the Lord's supper and doctrines concerning the church itself. Remember that a counterfeit article may resemble the genuine article in many ways, but the points of resemblance do not prove the counterfeit to be genuine! The Roman "mass" may resemble the Lord's supper, but it is not the Lord's supper. Some denomination may resemble the Lord's church, but it is not the Lord's church. Neither is denominational baptism pleasing to God just because it resembles the commandment of the Lord.

Being baptized while in a denomination will not save your soul for the following six reasons:

1. **THE WRONG AUTHORITY.** Denominations do not permit men to baptize unless they are duly ordained by them. Hence, what ever may be done by such preachers in the matter of baptism is done by the authority of that denomination, not on the authority of Jesus Christ. Hence, the authority of Christ is not counted sufficient. The preacher must be ordained and authorized to baptize by the particular denomination. Again, these ordained preachers are only permitted to baptize such persons as meet the unanimous approval of the church which ordained them. Persons desiring baptism are called "candidates" (indicating they are subject to a vote of the church) and are baptized only after the church has expressed approval by casting a vote in favor of it. Hence, such "candidates" are baptized on the authority of the denomination; not on the authority of Jesus Christ. This is the wrong authority.
2. **WRONG ACTION.** In the case of sprinkling and pouring for baptism, denominations authorize the wrong action. The Bible describes baptism as a burial and a resurrection in water (Rom.

6:3,4; Col. 2:12; 3:1; Acts 8:35-39). Hence, the action in sprinkling and pouring is wrong.

3. WRONG SUBJECT. First, infants are not subjects of baptism because they are incapable of faith and repentance (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38). They are not lost; hence do not need to be saved, and if they did baptize them, baptism alone could not save them.

Second, the overwhelming majority of denominations claim that people are saved **before** baptism. This has given rise to the expression “Christian baptism,” implying that baptism is for Christians only. All Christian duties are repetitive (must be done repeatedly); therefore, if baptism is a Christian duty every Christian should be baptized repeatedly. But no saved person needs baptism, for baptism is “*for the remission of sins*” (Acts 2:38), or in order to be saved (Mark 16:16). There is no such thing as “Christian baptism.” Baptism is a command of the Lord, not an ordinance of the church. Baptism is an alien duty.

4. WRONG CONFESSION. Denominational churches require the “candidate” to tell an “experience of grace”, ask Jesus to come into their heart, and/or to confess that he believes “that God for Christ's sake has pardoned” his sins. The Lord does not promise such pardon before baptism, hence those who so confess make a false claim whether they know it or not. The right confession is recorded in Acts 8:37.

5. WRONG PURPOSE. Denominational baptism is not “for the remission of sins,” but for the purpose of admitting one into the membership of a man-made church, or as a sign that one has already been saved. The Bible nowhere instructs anybody to become a member of a denominational church. The expressed Biblical purpose of baptism is to be saved at the moment of baptism (1 Peter 3:21). Therefore, such baptism has the wrong purpose.

6. WRONG RESULT. Denominational baptism accomplishes its stated purpose and puts the person baptized into a sectarian fellowship, brands him with an unscriptural name and binds him to an unscriptural creed. It puts him into a body which claims to contain only part of the saved; not into the body of Christ to which the Lord adds all of the saved (Acts 2:47), and fosters division which the Lord condemns (John 17:20-23; 1 Cor. 1:10-15).

For these six reasons, denominational baptism should be rejected and if you have only been baptized in a denomination and not into the Lord’s church, be obedient to the Gospel call today!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 8/4/24	Daily Bible Readers: 13.	Chapters Read: 330
B.C.: 34	A.M.: Worship: 50	Wed.: 34

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 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15	Aug 16	Aug 17
Jer 9-11	Jer 12-14	Jer 15-17	Jer 18-20	Jer 21-23	Jer 24-26	Jer 27-29

Events

Gospel Meeting: October 20-23 with Brock Shanks.

Mens’ Lunch & Silver Linings will resume in September.

