

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Sibio Farrington

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Ricardo Alvillar

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Jacob Clark

Those serving Wednesday

Opening Prayer: TBD

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Jon Anderson

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Baked Beans

Sermon Notes
Pertinent Passages (cont'd)

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

IV. _____

V. _____

VI. _____

VII. _____

October 6, 2024

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
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“Cry aloud and shout...for great in the midst of thee is the Holy One of Israel.” Isaiah 12:6

God is the Source

Parents have the God given responsibility to instill morals in their children (Eph. 6:4). Loving parents will be the greatest influence on their children their entire lives. Therefore, they must know what is right and wrong. Many will teach what their parents taught them. This is fine as long as each generation faithfully transmits the Scriptures to the succeeding generation (Deut. 4:9). But, how often does this occur? Most of us have probably played the game “telephone line” where the first player receives a message and then whispers that message to the next player. The message is then passed from one player to the next until it reaches the last player. Rarely, if ever, does the message reach the end without corruption. To avoid moral corruption, parents must teach their children from the Bible.

Strictly speaking, there is only one source of morality and that is God. Going to any other source means one cannot be guaranteed of getting the whole truth and nothing but the truth. The purest water is found at its source. The farther one is removed from the source, the greater the possibility of contamination. Water can pick up impurities like lead from the pipes that carry it. So it is with morality. Just as lead poisons the body, impurities in morals will corrupt the soul. The Lord has warned man not to add to or take away from His word (Deut. 12:32). Nevertheless, man often fails to teach the whole counsel of God.

Most people do not make a diligent study of God’s word regarding all aspects of human conduct. They may teach the principles of the Ten Commandments but little else. Regrettably, too many parents rely on what they have decided is right. Long

ago God’s spokesman declared, “O LORD, I know that the way of man is not in himself: it is not in man that walketh to direct his steps” (Jer. 10:23). Man must seek God’s direction from His word. Failing to study and live by the Scriptures means one is relying on flawed human wisdom to decide moral issues. The Bible declares this to be foolish (Prov. 16:25). God knows when people drink from human fountains of wisdom they become spiritually contaminated.

Some may argue that man has the right to decide moral issues. When man deviates from that established morality, and he will, choosing an impartial judge would be impossible. Allowing man to judge himself reduces society to depending upon a system of varying and conflicting moral standards. No sane person would argue that everyone should be allowed to do whatever he wants. The staunchest atheist believes there should be order in society, some set of moral guidelines. If one was foolish enough to follow through with the belief that every person should do whatever they wish morally, he would soon change his mind! Such thinking would mean it would be perfectly acceptable for mistreatment and sever abuse. At the first instance of this kind of behavior, there would be an outcry to change the rules.

When man lives by a moral code of his own making, society suffers. A few years ago HBO aired the movie “Cheaters.” It was based on actual occurrences a number of years ago in the Chicago area. An English teacher at Steinmetz High School helped his students cheat on a regional academic competition between schools in the area. Eventually, the cheating was discovered and the man lost his job. For years he denied any wrongdoing. Even the students felt justified in their actions. The only thing they regretted was getting caught! The ex-teacher is now a businessman in the Chicago area. Who would want to do business with a man who feels cheating is OK? Most would rather deal with someone who follows the “Golden Rule” (Matt. 7:12).

God is the source of man’s morality because He is the Creator and man is the created (Psalm 100:3). He sets the rules and mankind must abide by them or suffer the consequences (2 Thess. 1:7-9). People need to heed the lesson God taught Cain, obeying God leads to happiness, while disobeying Him leads to misery. Parents need to go back to the Bible and teach these timeless truths!

- BTH

By the Numbers

Attendance week of 9/29/24 Daily Bible Readers: 12 Chapters Read: 335
B.C.: 43 A.M.: Worship: 64 Wed.: 26

Family News and Notes

Please pray for all those affected by Hurricane Helena. **Rob & Amy Sparks** are in Kentucky for family reasons. **Jan Keen** will continue her chemotherapy for another 3 months. **Cathy, Julie Carver’s** sister, passed away. **Carole Pearson**, Dave Carver’s cousin is still recuperating from a stroke. **Gladys Wallace, Gloria Emerick’s** mother, is in hospice care in Oregon. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **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, also remember her brother **Kris Wain**.

Pray for our world leaders at this time and the upcoming election. 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

Oct 6	Oct 7	Oct 8	Oct 9	Oct 10	Oct 11	Oct 12
Mat 1-2	Mat 3-5	Mat 6-8	Mat 9-11	Mat 12-14	Mat 15-17	Mat 18-19

Events

Gospel Meeting: October 20-23 with Brock Shanks. “Feed the Preacher” sign-up sheet is on the small table in the foyer.

Silver Linings: Friday, October 18. Bring your lunch!

