

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Frank Thompson

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Phil Byrd
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Cam Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Ricardo Alvillar

Pantry Item
Creamed Corn

Sermon Notes
Increase Your Faith

I. Faith Is _____

II. Faith Is _____

III. Faith Is _____

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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

The Bible is Clear

Most religious groups claiming to follow the Bible teach that baptism is not essential for salvation. The question asked of the Apostles on Pentecost was easily understood and so was the answer. *“Now when they heard this, they were pricked in their heart, and said unto Peter and to the rest of the apostles, Men and brethren, what shall we do? Then Peter said unto them, Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost”* (Acts 2:37-38). Peter was clear about what was necessary for his audience to receive the forgiveness of their sins. Baptism was and is required for one to have remission of his sins.

Jesus commanded His apostles, *“And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned”* (Mark 16:15-16). Jesus clearly states that the Gospel requires one to be baptized in order to be saved. It means what it says!

Ananias told Saul of Tarsus, *“And now why tarriest thou? arise, and be baptized, and wash away thy sins, calling on the name of the Lord”* (Acts 22:16). It is easily understood that baptism is necessary in order to wash away one's sins. Both Ananias and Saul understood it. The answer to the predicament of sin of the people in Jerusalem was the same answer given to Saul in Damascus a few years later. The Bible is clear about the necessity of baptism!

A popular belief rooted in Calvinism is that a child of God cannot sin so as to be lost. Many believe in the “once saved, always saved” dogma in spite of what the word of God clearly states. Paul said to the Galatians who had obeyed the Gospel (i.e. they were saved individuals), *“Christ is become of no effect unto you, whosoever of you are justified by the law; ye are fallen from grace”* (Gal. 5:4). The Holy Spirit inspired Paul in the writing of this letter. Those who were saved could lose their salvation.

Peter warns, *“For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Savior Jesus*

Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire” (2 Peter 2:20-22). The Holy Spirit is very clear in what He states in this passage. It is possible for a child of God to choose a life of sin and fall from the grace of God after they have obeyed the Gospel.

Most who claim to follow Jesus of nazareth believe they are saved by “faith only.” The Bible teaches, however, “*Ye see then how that by works a man is justified, and not by faith only*” (James 2:24). To make sure there is no misunderstanding the Holy Spirit continues in saying “*For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also*” (James 2:26). The passage supporting “faith only” does not exist. It is a doctrine of man. These verses mean exactly what they say.

Many “Christians” believe one church is as good as another. Jesus said, “*And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it*” (Matt. 16:18). This verse means what it says. Christ promised to build His church (singular). The apostle Paul teaches that there is only “*one body*” (Eph. 4:4) and that God “*...hath put all things under his feet, and gave him to be the head over all things to the church, Which is his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all*” (Eph. 1:22-23). These verses mean exactly what they say. There is only one body over which Christ is head and it is the church that He built!

Man is to “*seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness*” (Matt. 6:33). Christians are admonished, “*not forsaking the assembling of yourselves together*” (Heb. 10:25). All must “*love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind*” (Matt. 22:37). The Bible is clear.

The Bible means what it says when it commands Christians to sing songs of praise to God in worship. “*Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord*” (Eph. 5:19). “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord*” (Col. 3:16). Authority is necessary when worshipping God. Our authority does not come from the silence of the Scriptures. Neither do we follow Old Testament examples for worship today. God commands the child of God to sing! That command is specific, not generic. Neither the apostles nor the early church used instruments of music in their worship to God because they understood the clear teaching of the Scriptures, and neither should we.

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By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 10/27	B.C.: 41	Daily Bible Readers: 8
Chapters Read: 262	Worship: 56	Wednesday: 38

Family News and Notes

Please pray for all those affected by Hurricanes Helena & Milton. **Tommy Turnage's** grandfather, **Lloyd Turnage**, passed away. His funeral was last week. **Jan Keen** continues her chemotherapy. We have been encouraged by her attendance at worship. **Carole Pearson**, Dave Carver's cousin is still recuperating from a stroke and hurricane damage to her home. **Gladys Wallace, Gloria Emerick's** mother, is in hospice care in Oregon. Gloria is in Oregon at this time caring for her mother. **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 - it's Tuesday!. 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

Nov 3	Nov 4	Nov 5	Nov 6	Nov 7	Nov 8	Nov 9
Luk 22-24	John 1-2	Jon 3-5	John 6	John 7-8	John 9-10	John 11

Events

Silver Linings: Friday November, 15 @ 11am. Lunch will be provided!
Prayer Service: Wednesday November, 27. Men, let Byran know if you will be present.
Holiday Baskets: December 13 & 14. See Chad for details.

