

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Frank Thompson

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Kyle Pool
Ben Grant

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item
Pinto Beans

Sermon Notes

Jars of Clay

I. Our _____

II. Our _____

III. Our _____

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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

Members of the Family of God

Members of God's family should follow His example always and walk in love. When we imitate God we avoid all uncleanness, impurity, and covetousness. Sin prevents us from enjoying an inheritance in Christ's Kingdom. The Gentiles, were once in darkness, but when they obeyed the gospel, they were translated into the light of the Lord. The New Testament teaches us to walk in the light and produce the fruit of the Spirit, having no fellowship with those who work iniquity and dwell in darkness. Christians learn the word of God and redeem the time allotted to us by walking wisely with the Lord. Walking wisely means to avoid sin and close associations with those who willingly reject God and His word. Our chief concern in life is to discover what pleases God and then do that with all our might!

God's children walk in love and avoid sinful practices. When those of the world observe our behavior, do they see Christ or themselves? We must imitate our heavenly Father. God is love and therefore, we must demonstrate love by not imitating the attitudes and actions of the world. Christians are partakers of the Divine Nature. *“By which have been given to us exceedingly great and precious promises, that through these you may be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust”* (2 Pet 1:4). To the Christian, sinful practices war against the soul. There is an understanding that when sin is committed, it grieves the Holy Spirit and hinders the gospel of Christ. *“For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God. Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of*

these things the wrath of God comes upon the sons of disobedience” (Eph 5:5-6). Christians who practice sin and will not repent, will be excluded from the kingdom of God.

God’s children must walk in the light. Paul described the spiritual condition of the church in Ephesus, “*For you were once in darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Walk as children of light (for the fruit of the Spirit is in all goodness, righteousness, and truth), finding out what is acceptable to the Lord. And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, rather, expose them*” (Eph 5:8-11). Christians must walk as children of light wherever they go. The fruit produced from such a life will be goodness, righteousness, and truth. The lost cannot see their own wicked behavior because they live in darkness. Christians must be the light of the world and expose the deeds done in the dark. Righteousness and wickedness are exposed when the light of God’s word is allowed to shine.

God’s children must understand His church as a family. Christians submit to each other “*in the fear of God*” (Eph 5:21). Christianity ought to touch every part of our lives, but especially in our homes. Paul spoke of Christ and the church using the family unit as an illustration. Paul described the duties of a Christian wife. He gave the word subjection or submission for the wife. “*Wives, submit to your own husbands, as to the Lord. For the husband is head of the wife, as also Christ is head of the church; and He is the Savior of the body. Therefore, just as the church is subject to Christ, so let the wives be to their own husbands in everything*” (Eph 5:22-24). This illustration displays the way God expects the church to submit to Jesus. Even though the Lord Himself has elevated woman to a more esteemed level, the world seeks to destroy that by making the the world unisex. God’s instructions are different from the agenda of the world. The husband is to love his wife as Jesus loves the church. The husband should also be willing to give his life for his wife just as Christ gave his life for His bride, the church. The marriage relationship should reflect the relationship that exists between Christ and His church. Husbands love your wives, and wives submit to your husbands.

All who obey the gospel have been added to the family of God by Jesus (Acts 2:47). Let us all love one another!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 12/1 B.C.: 29 Daily Bible Readers: 9
Chapters Read: 297 Worship: 45 Wednesday: 27

Family News and Notes

Gloria Emerick’s mother, **Gladys Wallace**, passed away. **Jan Keen** received some disappointing health news but continues her chemotherapy. Let’s give her some encouragement. **Carlos Boles’** mother, **Mamie**, and sister, **Clewise**, have been hospitalized for separate medical emergencies in Tuscaloosa, AL. **Carole Pearson**, Dave Carver’s cousin is still recuperating from a stroke and hurricane damage to her home. **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 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

Dec 8	Dec 9	Dec 10	Dec 11	Dec 12	Dec 13	Dec 14
Gal 5-6	Ephesians	Philippians	Colossians	1 & 2 These	1 Timothy	2 Timothy

Events

Holiday Baskets: December 13 & 14. See Chad for details.
Holiday Party: at the Hatchers’, Saturday, December 14th @ 3:00pm.
New Years’ Singing: Tuesday, Dec. 31st. 7pm till in Langston Hall.

