

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Frank Thompson

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Phil Byrd
Ricardo Alvillar

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Travel toothpaste

Sermon Notes
The Almighty King

Prologue.

I. Jesus is the _____

II. Jesus is in the _____

III. Jesus has _____

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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

Questions for the Christian

This first of the year brings with it a sense of freshness and renewal. It is good to use this opportunity to renew our commitments, make a fresh start, and create better habits for a better life. The Christian accomplishes these tasks by reflecting on the triumphs and failures of the past and seeks to build on the successes and learn from the mistakes. The Christian is successful when he obeys the Lord and is defeated when he allows the world to creep in and influence his thinking. The Apostle Paul wrote, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God*” (Rom. 12:1-2). God expects His children to be non-conformists! That process begins in the mind, and is realized in action. There is no mistaking in these verses that the perfect will of God is that one be not conformed to this world but be transformed by the renewing of his mind. The psalmist said, “*Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee*” (Psalm 119:11).

Breaking out of the mold of the world is not always an easy task. The Bible is clear about stealing, lying, and cursing, etc. but what about those things that are not so clear? What about things that are not specifically mentioned in God’s Word? Here are five questions that help determine some of these things.

Is It Helpful? “*All things are lawful unto me, but all things are not expedient...*” (I Cor. 6:12).

- Does it help me or hurt me physically?
- Does it help increase my spirituality?
- Does it help me by getting my mind off things that may draw me into sin?

Does It Enslave Me? “*...All things are lawful for me, but I will not be brought under the power of any*” (I Cor. 6:12).

- Do I sleep too much?

- Do I consistently overeat?
- Do I watch too much television?
- Do I do anything to excess?

“Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness” (Rom. 6:16).

Will It Cause Others To Fall? *“Wherefore, if meat make my brother to offend, I will eat no flesh while the world standeth, lest I make my brother to offend” (I Cor. 8:13).*

Is It Good Stewardship? *“Moreover it is required in stewards, that a man be found faithful” (I Cor. 4:2).* God requires that I be a good steward of:

- My body.
- My money.
- My time.
- My influence.
- My spirit.
- The gospel.

Does It Glorify God? *“Whether therefore ye eat, or drink, or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God” (I Cor. 10:31).* When making decisions the focus should not be on self. Instead of asking, “What will others think about me?” ask yourself, “What will others think about my God?”

Do not forget, that decisions for doing things are important, but decisions NOT to do things are equally important! Deciding not to be involved in the Lord’s work is a terrible decision. After asking yourself these questions, there are three more things to be done.

First of all, pray! *“If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him” (James 1:5).* *“Not as I will, but as thou wilt” (Matt. 26:39).*

Second, ask God’s people. *“Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety.” “The way of the fool is right in his own eyes; but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise” (Prov. 11:14; 12:15).*

Third, use the gray matter between your ears. Many times we know what is right but we lie to ourselves. Don’t kid yourself! *“Be not deceived; God is not mocked: for whatsoever a man soweth, that shall he also reap” (Gal. 6:7).* Do not be conformed to worldly standards this year, renew your mind and be transformed!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 12/29	B.C.: 22	Daily Bible Readers: 6
Chapters Read: 246	Worship: 42	Wednesday: 21

Family News and Notes

Please pray for all those affected by the tragic events this past week. **Melany Hatcher** knew one of the young men killed in New Orleans. **Jan Keen** will continue her chemotherapy in a couple of weeks. **Carlos Boles’** mother, **Mamie**, and sister, **Clevis**, have been hospitalized for separate medical emergencies in Tuscaloosa, AL. **Carlos & Melissa Boles** were in a bad automobile accident in Tuscaloosa, but are back home and doing well except for some bumps and bruises. **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**.

There is still a lot of damage from Helene & Milton. Fishers’ of Men class begins today! The class is eleven weeks. 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

Jan 5	Jan 6	Jan 7	Jan 8	Jan 9	Jan 10	Jan 11
Gen 9-10	Gen 11-12	Gen 13-14	Gen 15-16	Gen 17-18	Gen 19-20	Gen 21-22
Mat 6	Mat 7	Mat 8-9	Mat 10	Mat 11	Mat 12	Mat 13

Events

Ladies’ Bible Class: Will meet this Tuesday, January 7th at 10am.

Silver Linings: Friday, January 17 at 11am. Bring your lunch!

