

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ben Grant

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Jacob Clark

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Travel toothpaste

Sermon Notes *The Church At Ephesus*

I. Doctrinally _____

II. Motivationally _____

III. Lovingly _____

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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

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

When We Teach The Lost

Every child of God should agree teaching souls outside the body of Christ is a “good thing.” Hopefully there are no defectors when it comes to this vital aspect of the mission of the Lord’s church. The Gospel message is the “glad tidings of good things” (Rom. 10:15). Salvation is possible through the blood of Jesus Christ. We are commissioned by the King to “go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature” (Mark 16:15). All Christians should be convicted that when he shares the gospel with the lost good things happen!

1. *When we teach the lost, we are doing what the Lord instructed us to do.* Jesus gave the charge to go and teach or make disciples of all nations (Matt. 28:19). He commanded His disciples to preach the Gospel to every person in the whole world (Mark 16:15). When you and I take part in this effort, we are doing what all Christians are supposed to do. And, there is no doubt about it, it gives us a sense of satisfaction, a great feeling, to know that we are doing what our Lord wants us to do.

2. *When we teach the lost, we are giving them the chance to hear the only message that can save their soul.* The Gospel is God’s power unto salvation (Rom. 1:16). That message alone is called “the gospel of your salvation” (Eph. 1:13). When we teach the Gospel to lost people, we provide them with an opportunity to obey from the heart the only doctrine that can set them free from sin (Rom. 6:17-18). There is no greater kind, loving gesture on our part, than when we share the gospel with someone. There is nothing more beneficial to a human being than hearing

God’s truth. Good things happen when we teach the lost!

3. *When we teach the lost we are increasing the odds of more people being saved and going to heaven.* A farmer knows that no sowing of the seed means no reaping of a fruitful harvest (Gal. 6:7). An insurance agent knows that no effort to sell insurance means no purchasing of insurance. In the same way, no sowing of the word of God means no spiritual harvest of souls. But there is another mathematical factor involved in teaching the lost. It is this basic rule: in general, the more we teach, the better the odds of finding people that will receive the word. Further, the more saints that are involved in teaching the lost, the better the chances of contacting people that will obey the Gospel.

4. *When we teach the lost, we become better teachers as a result.* The more we teach, the more comfortable and confident we become as teachers. The more we teach, the more effective we become as communicators. The more we teach, the more we are prepared to set forth logical arguments in a clear fashion. The more we teach, the more we are able to anticipate the questions and reactions of the hearers. The more we teach, the more we are forced to study the word of God, and in the long run, that is going to benefit us, those we try to teach, and anyone around us that we may want to influence. Teaching the Gospel to lost people is like a lot of other activities in life: the more experience we gain in doing it, the more skilled we become at it. Put another way, practice improves performance.

The conversion of a lost soul to the Lord Jesus requires the good seed — the word of God (Luke 8:11), an honest and good heart on the part of the hearer (Luke 8:15), and a sower. You and I are the sowers that go everywhere preaching the word (Acts 8:4).

Let us all make a commitment to try and do all we can to reach the lost. Make a definite plan to share the gospel and then act on that plan. Let us pray earnestly for the laborers of the harvest, prepare diligently to teach the lost, and work tirelessly to reach them. Our God will bless us as we labor to that end. Remember, good things happen when we teach the lost!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 1/5	B.C.: 29	Daily Bible Readers: 8
Chapters Read: 267	Worship: 55	Wednesday: 22

Family News and Notes

Please pray for all those affected by the fires in Los Angeles. **Jan Keen** will continue her radiation in a couple of weeks. **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. Kim’s brother, **Kris Wain**, had a successful procedure last week. There is still a lot of damage from Helene & Milton from Florida up through West Virginia. Fishers’ of Men class continues today! 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 12	Jan 13	Jan 14	Jan 15	Jan 16	Jan 17	Jan 18
Gen 23-24	Gen 25-26	Gen 27-28	Gen 29-30	Gen 31-32	Gen 33-34	Gen 35-36
Mat 14	Mat 15	Mat 16	Mat 17	Mat 18	Mat 19	Mat 20-21

Events

Silver Linings: Friday, January 17 at 11am. Bring your lunch!
Teachers’ Meeting: Sunday, January 26 after A.M. worship. In Workroom (room #10)

