

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Cam Christian
Julius Cook

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Ricardo Alvillar

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Byran Hatcher

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Pantry Item

Pasta

Sermon Notes *I Know Thy Works*

I. Points of Commendation

II. Points of Condemnation

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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
Byran Hatcher

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

Abiding in Christ

Jesus went to the cross on our behalf to free us of sin and keep us free. His sacrifice was for the sins of all the world. In His sacrifice, He became our advocate with the Father. He wants all mankind to obey and abide in Him until we leave this existence and go into the next. It is necessary to understand what He asks of us to remain in Him and Him in us.

We abide in Jesus by keeping His word. John pleaded with Christians not to remain in sin, because Jesus sacrificed Himself to remove sin from our lives. It is the Father's will that we leave (die to sin) our previous walk with the Devil to walk in the light. If we do sin, and we will, then there remains an advocate for us with the Father, Jesus Christ. When we know God and Jesus, we will have love for Him and our fellow man.

We abide in Jesus by walking as He walked. It is easy to claim a relationship with God. But God requires us to be dedicated to living as He has directed, being reverent and holy, loving our brethren and even our enemies. Loving each other is a significant part of walking with the Lord. If we hate our brother who we do see, how can we love God whom we have not seen?

Those who abide in Jesus need encouragement. John wrote his epistles to Christians who were spiritual babes. He reminds them that their sins were forgiven (1 John 2:12). John wrote to the fathers because they had known the Lord, and been faithful to Him. He wrote to the young men because they had overcome Satan. He wrote to the new convert because they had known the Father. John encouraged the fathers because they

understood the eternal nature of Jesus. He encouraged the young men because they were strong in God’s word, and had overcome the wicked one. As Christians, we are all encourage to love God and to reject the enticements of the world. If we allow the world into our lives again, the love of the Father will not be in us. If we do God’s will, then He will abide with us forever (1 John 2:15).

Those who abide in Jesus must be on guard against His enemies. We live in the last, or Christian, age. Jesus had enemies when He was on the earth, and new enemies rise up constantly. For this reason, His people must be diligent in restoring New Testament Christianity. Satan and his forces never quit, neither should the army of the Lord. The enemies of the Lord are those that oppose sound doctrine, change God’s word to meet their own ends, and lead the foolish to their soul’s destruction. From the false teachers of Jesus’ day to those who currently claim they know when Jesus is going to return, all of these are enemies of Christ and His people. Abiding in Christ by upholding the truth of His word is of utmost importance. Christ’s disciples do not shy away from the pure gospel. They know that only the gospel has the power to save man today. We should never allow false teachers to weasel their way between us and the truth of God’s word. When the gospel is preached in love and purity, open your heart to it. As you learn more and more truth, use that knowledge to ground you in His love and propel you to defend the gospel (Jude 1:3). Remember that God’s love has made His people into a kingdom of priests with our Advocate also being our High Priest. Do not allow the Devil to place a wedge between you and the High Priest.

Righteousness begins with obedience. Listen to the gospel call. Obey the instructions given to us through the New Testament. Believe on Jesus and repent of your sins. Confess that Jesus is the Son of God. Be baptized for the remission of sins and be added to the body of Christ. Then He will become your advocate and you will be abiding in Him. Remain faithful to the Lord till death takes you home or He returns to take us to Heaven. There is never more joy in life than to know that you abide in Jesus!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 2/3	B.C.: 30	Daily Bible Readers: 14
Chapters Read: 325	Worship: 50	Wednesday: 30

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen is continuing her cancer treatments. **Debbie Smith** is having some health problems. **John McDougale, Geraldine Harrington’s** uncle, is not doing well. **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.

Fishers’ of Men class continues today! Class is going well and there are several Bible studies being conducted as a result. Please pray for those in Bible Studies - teachers and students!

Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez,** and the **Davis** family.

> The church needs someone to be in charge of the tracts and tract rack. If you are interested and want to know more, please talk with Brother Hatcher.

Bible Reading Plan

Mar 9	Mar 10	Mar 11	Mar 12	Mar 13	Mar 15	Mar 16
Nu 18-19	Nu 20-21	Nu 22-23	Nu 24-25	Nu 26-27	Nu 28-29	Nu 30-31
John 5	John 6	John 7	John 8	John 9	John 10	John 11

Events

Farewell Fellowship Meal: In honor of Jacob and Katie Clark. Potluck this morning after morning worship.

FOM Dinner & Graduation: March 19 @ 6pm. Please sign up if attending.

Silver Linings: Friday March 21 @ 11am. Bring your lunch!

