

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Phil Byrd
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Cam Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

Pantry Item

Mac & Cheese

Sermon Notes *Dress For Success*

I. _____ *Means Something*

II. _____ *Is Shameful*

III. *Be* _____

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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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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

The Necessity of Repentance

Throughout the ages God has required that man repent. Before God forgives, man must repent. John the baptizer preached repentance, “...*Repent ye: for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*” (Matt. 3:2). Jesus preached repentance, “*I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish*” (Luke 13:3). The apostles preached repentance. Paul said, “*And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent*” (Acts 17:30). The apostle Peter taught, “*The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to usward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (II Peter 3:9).

Perhaps we sometimes emphasize baptism to the point of excluding proper teaching concerning repentance. It is necessary to place as much emphasis upon the need to repent as we place upon the need to be baptized for remission of sins, because without either, no man's sins are remitted.

Peter, in his great sermon on the day of Pentecost, said, “...*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 2:38). We have often expressed the coordinate conjunction “and” in order to express the importance of baptism to the remission of sins. And, baptism IS just as necessary as repentance. But how about turning this argument around? Repentance IS just as necessary as baptism. It seems to have been the case (in some situations) that in order to get someone to understand the necessity of baptism, we might have left off the same emphasis upon repentance. This

will cause a response that nearly guarantees the quick falling away of the one just converted. Again, the need for repentance is as important (equal to) the need for baptism — “Repent and be Baptized” (Acts 3:38). The coordinate conjunction “AND” means each side carries EQUAL weight.

We take note of what the apostle John said, “*But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness*” (I John 1:7-9). Continuing faithful to God requires a faithful walk (v.7). However, man is occasioned to stumble in sin (v.8). The blood of Jesus is always available to cleanse us from all unrighteousness (v.9). However, there is/are conditions. One must repent of and confess his sins (v.9). One might quickly argue that the term “repent” is not found in this verse. It is not stated, but necessarily understood, because confession of sin without repentance of sin accomplishes nothing. Peter told Simon the sorcerer to, “*Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee*” (Acts 8:22).

Repentance is NOT simply “sorrow for sin.” Many mistakenly think this is what repentance is about. It is true that there can be no repentance without being sorry for our sins; but, one can be sorry about their sins for a long time and still not repent of their sins. In I Corinthians 7:10 we find that there are two kinds of sorrow: “*For godly sorrow worketh repentance to salvation not to be repented of: but the sorrow of the world worketh death.*” There is godly sorrow and worldly sorrow. Mankind must take notice that it is only godly sorrow that “works” or brings man to genuine repentance. Just being sorry (worldly sorrow) does not bring about forgiveness of sins, but will cause a man to die in his sins.

Repentance is a changing of wills, a changing of attitude, a changing of ways. It requires the leaving off of the sins for which one confesses and ask forgiveness.

Without faithful living, one will not receive the crown of eternal life (Rev. 2:10). Repentance is a necessary part of that faithful walk before God.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 4/6
Chapters Read: 236

B.C.: 32
Worship: 60

Daily Bible Readers: 11
Wednesday: 26

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen is continuing her cancer treatments. **Sandra Hedgepeth** is now in Village Green Rehab. She will be there for several more weeks. **Carolyn Grant** (Ben’s mother) is now back at home doing her rehab. **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 and not doing well. **Barbara Norris** is also struggling with her health. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers.

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

Bible Reading Plan

Apr 13	Apr 14	Apr 15	Apr 16	Apr 17	Apr 18	Apr 19
Jos 18-19	Jos 20-21	Jos 22-23	Jos 24-Ju 1	Jud 2-3	Jud 4-5	Jud 6-7
Acts 19	Acts 20	Acts 21	Acts 22	Acts 23	Acts 24	Acts 25

Events

Silver Linings: Friday, April19
Teachers’ & VBS Meeting: Sunday April 27th. After morning worship.
Building Workday: Saturday, April 26. 9-noon.
Congregation Fellowship: Memorial Day, May 26th at Namika Harley residence.
VBS: August 9th - go ahead & put it on your calendar!

