

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Julius Cook

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Ben Grant
Cam Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Luka Herrera

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 *The Resurrection*

I. The Resurrection of _____

II. The _____ Resurrection

III. The Resurrection to _____

IV. The Resurrection to _____

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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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The Cape Fear Crier

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

The Inclusive Church

The New Testament church is the most inclusive church in existence. It is the church that was in the mind of God from the foundation of the world (Eph. 3:10-11). It is the church that the Old Testament prophets foresaw (Isa. 2:2-4; Micah 4:1-2). It is the church that the Son of God promised he would build and the one he did build (Matt. 16:18; Acts 2:1-47; Eph. 2:19-22). It is the church that is built upon the bedrock truth expressed by the Apostle Peter that Jesus is the Son of the Living God (Matt. 16:16). It is the church that was purchased with the blood of the Lamb of God (Acts 20:28).

It is the church that was opposed by Satan and his followers from it's beginning (Job 1:7; Matt. 13:33-43; John 8:44). It is the church that was opposed and persecuted by powerful religious leaders and by the chief of sinners (Matt. 23:1-39; 15:13; 1 Tim. 1:15). It is the church that has been despised and ridiculed from it's inception (Acts 8:1-3). It is the church that has been scorned by the blind leaders of the blind (Matt. 15:13-14).

But it is the church, the kingdom, the prophets saw being established during the time of the Roman kingdom in Jerusalem (Daniel 2:44). They said that it would spread throughout the world and it did (Acts 1:8; 8:4). The founder of that church sent His Ambassadors throughout the world to establish congregations and they did so in their lifetime (Col. 1:23). It is the church that invites one and all to come and be one in Christ (Mark 16:15-16; Matt. 11:28-30). It is the church where no one is required to submit to the doctrines of men (Matt. 15:8-9; 1 Tim. 1:3). It is the church that is the bride of

Jesus Christ (Rev. 21:2,9). It is the church that is faithful to the bridegroom and to none other (John 10:27). It is the only church authorized and approved by the Creator (Eph. 4:4; 1:22-23; 5:23).

It is the church that worships God in spirit and in truth (John 4:24). The church that honors his instructions and not the will of man (Matt. 7:21-23; Heb. 5:8-8). It is the church that adds nothing or takes away anything from God’s word (Rev. 22:18-19). It is the church that pleads for the unity of all professed believers by following the instructions of it’s head (I Cor. 1:10; John 17:20-21). It is the church that one may read about in the Last will and testament of the Son of God (especially the book of Acts). It is the church that no one will be excluded from unless they exclude themselves (Acts 10:34-35).

It is the church that was foreshadowed by Noah and the ark. God instructed Noah to build but one ark and it was to have but one door. All who would be saved must enter that one ark by the one door or perish. There may have been other ships built by the people of the antediluvian world that they thought would save them but they could not survive the chaos. Jesus said; *“I am the door; by me if any man enter in, he shall be saved, and shall go in and out, and find pasture”* (John 10:9). Again Jesus said; *“I am the way, the truth, and the life; no man cometh unto the Father but by me”* (John 14:6). The Lord and His church would include every person on earth, but sadly, men exclude themselves. Do not be among those who exclude themselves.

It must be declared boldly that Satan and his agents have deceived multitudes into falsely believing that the Lord’s church is too exclusive; the very opposite of the truth. He is the father of lies after all! But Jesus said, *“You shall know the truth and the truth will make you free”* (John 8:32). Did not our Lord in fact invite all to come to Him? And, is it not true that both the bride (which is the Lord’s church) and the Spirit say, “Come”, and let him that is athirst come, and whosoever will, let him take of the water of life freely (Rev. 22:17)? Do not be deceived, the church of our Lord and Savior is the most inclusive because it is the only one that invites all by the authority of her King. What will your answer to the invitation be?

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 4/13 B.C.: 22 Daily Bible Readers: 11
Chapters Read: 213 Worship: 51 Wednesday: 29

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 McDougle, 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. **Cecilia Ellerbe, Namika’s** mother, had successful surgery and is at home recuperating. **Drew Perrin** will have a procedure this week at Womack.
Also remember: **Margaret Langston, Vicky Carver, Wade & Sandra Hedgepeth, Barry & Melany Hatcher, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez, and the Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

Apr 20	Apr 21	Apr 22	Apr 23	Apr 24	Apr 25	Apr 26
Jud 8-9	Jud 10-11	Jud 12-13	Jud 14-15	Jud 16-17	Jud 18-19	Jud 20-21
Acts 26	Acts 27	Acts 28	Rom 1	Rom 2	Rom 3	Rom 4

Events

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

