

## **Privileged to Serve**

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Ben Grant

Lord's Table:  
Presiding: Kyle Pool

Assisting: Phil Byrd  
Julius Cook

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Cam Christian

### *Those serving Wednesday*

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Phil Byrd

## **Pantry Item**

Snack Size Trail Mix/Nuts

## *Sermon Notes* *God's Book*

*I. It Reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_*

*II. It Reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_*

*III. It Reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_*

*IV. It Reveals God's \_\_\_\_\_*

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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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# The Cape Fear Crier

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

## Baptism and Salvation By Garland Robinson

Water baptism is one of the most prominent doctrines of the New Testament. Yet at the same time, it is one of the most despised and rejected doctrines of the Bible. Men for centuries have gone to great lengths to circumvent, bypass, explain away, dismiss, contradict, and reject everything the Bible says about water baptism.

Man has tried his utmost to separate water baptism from salvation, but his efforts have proved fruitless. The God of heaven joined water baptism with salvation and as hard as man may try, he cannot separate them. His efforts will always fail! It remains a mystery why men fight it so. They have set their life-long endeavors to disprove the essentiality of water baptism, but to no avail. Man is powerless against the wisdom of God.

May those who read this lesson learn what the Bible teaches about baptism and appreciate its significance in God's scheme of redemption. May those who are outside of Christ obey the Gospel and live a faithful Christian life that they might be saved.

### **THE MODE OF BAPTISM — IMMERSION**

The denominations are many who substitute sprinkling and/or pouring for baptism. They claim that either of these modes is acceptable and often give the recipient a choice. Many years ago, an Episcopal priest became very upset with me saying that those who had water sprinkled or poured on them had never been baptized. More than a thousand years stands between what the apostles taught and practiced in the New Testament and the acceptance of sprinkling and pouring. It therefore did not come from God! It came from the mind of man. *“Every plant, which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up”* (Matt. 15:3).

The mode, manner or method of baptism is clearly explained in the Scriptures. This is done both by the definition of the word itself and by observing the examples of those who were baptized. There should never be any confusion on this matter. But, when men inject

their “think so” into religious matters, you can count on it always contradicting the Way of the Lord.

The word “baptism” (*baptisma*) or “baptize” (*baptidzo*) is defined as: 1) to dip repeatedly, to immerse, to submerge (of vessels sunk), 2) to cleanse by dipping or submerging, to wash, to make clean with water, to wash one’s self, bathe, 3) to overwhelm” (Thayer’s). “Baptism, consisting of the processes of immersion, submersion and emergence, to dip, was used among the Greeks to signify the dyeing of a garment, or the drawing of water by dipping a vessel into another, etc.” (Vine’s). Therefore, sprinkling and pouring ARE NOT baptism! Immersion is baptism!

Even if the definition of the word was unclear, there is ample evidence in the New Testament of its practice to show the manner in which it was and is to be done. Without exception, every time one was baptized in the New Testament, it was by immersion. Notice these clear facts:

The baptism of the New Testament requires **WATER**. “Can any man forbid **water**, that these should not be baptized...” (Acts 10:47). “...They came unto a certain **water**: and the eunuch said, See, here is **water**; what doth hinder me to be baptized” (Acts 8:36; cf. Mark 1:5).

The baptism of the New Testament requires **MUCH WATER**. “And John also was baptizing in Aenon near to Salim, because there was **much water** there: and they came, and were baptized” (John 3:23).

The baptism of the New Testament requires **GOING INTO WATER**. “And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they **went down** both **into the water**, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him” (Acts 8:38).

The baptism of the New Testament requires a **BURIAL IN WATER**. “Therefore we are **buried** with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been **planted** together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection” (Rom. 6:4-5). “**Buried** with him in baptism...” (Col. 2:12).

The baptism of the New Testament requires **COMING UP OUT OF THE WATER**. “And when they were **come up out of the water...**” (Acts 8:39). “Buried with him in baptism, wherein also ye “are **risen with him** through the faith of the operation of God, who hath raised him from the dead” (Col. 2:12). “And Jesus, when he was baptized, **went up** straightway **out of the water...**” (Matt. 3:16; cf. Mark 1:9-10).

The baptism of the New Testament requires **A BIRTH....** Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be **born of water** and of the Spirit, he cannot enter into the kingdom of God” (John 3:5).

(Continued next week)

### By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 7/20  
Chapters Read: 282

B.C.: 39  
Worship: 52

Daily Bible Readers: 9  
Wednesday: 32

### Family News and Notes

**Amy Sparks** had a kidney stone surgically removed last week. She is doing much better. **Jan Keen** is still undergoing chemo. Please pray for her family members caring for her as well. **John McDougle, Geraldine Harrington’s** uncle, is not doing well. **Carole Pearson**, Dave Carver’s cousin is still recuperating from a stroke. **Margaret Langston** is in Carolina Inn. **Gwen Jennen** is having health problems. **Carlton Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** dad, is in hospice care and not doing well. **Barbara Norris** is also struggling with her health. **Ally** is in West Virginia with her grandparents to help out. **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

|         |         |         |         |           |           |          |
|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| July 27 | July 28 | July 29 | July 30 | July 31   | Aug 1     | Aug 2    |
| Neh 1-3 | Neh 4-5 | Neh 6-7 | Neh 8-9 | Neh 10-11 | Neh 12-13 | Est 1-2  |
| Ps 6-7  | Ps 8    | Ps 9    | Ps 10   | Ps 11-12  | Ps 13-14  | Ps 15-16 |

### Events

**Men’s Training:** Today after morning worship we will eat and have our training class.

**Labor Day Fellowship:** Monday, September 1

**Loris Lectureship:** August 29 & 30. Kerry Duke & David Hill speaking.

