

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Luka Herrera

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: Cam Christian

Pantry Item

Snack size chips

Sermon Notes

The Plea of the N. T. Church

I. *Our Simple* _____

II. *A* _____ *People*

III. *Our Sincere* _____

IV. *A* _____ *Pattern*

V. *A Special* _____

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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

Baptism and Salvation (cont'd)

By Garland Robinson

THE RECIPIENT OF BAPTISM

Those who are to be baptized are **alien sinners**. Baptism is for those who have sinned and stand separated from God (Rom. 3:23; 6:23; Matt. 9:13; cf. Isa. 59:2). Baptism is the step at which the Lord's blood is applied to wash sins away (Rom. 6:3-6, 17-18; Acts 22:16).

The only ones who have sinned are those who have reached the age wherein they are accountable for their sins. This rules out infants, small children and adults who are mentally incapable of comprehending the significance of sin and the Lord's atoning sacrifice for sin.

Those who are to be baptized are **those who are TAUGHT** (Matt. 28:18-20; John 6:45; Acts 8:35-39).

Those who are to be baptized are **those who BELIEVE** in Jesus as the Christ, the Son of God and Savior of the world (Mark 16:16; Acts 8:37; 18:8).

Those who are to be baptized are **those who have REPENTED** of their sins (Luke 13:3,5; Acts 2:38; 17:30).

Those who are to be baptized are **those who have CONFESSED FAITH in Christ** (Acts 8:37; Matt. 10:32; Rom. 10:9-10).

Some try to claim authorization for infant baptism, however, they do so to their own destruction for they stand without any Bible authority. The only ones in the Bible who were ever baptized were those who were responsible for their transgressions. Those who are mentally incompetent cannot believe, repent or confess.

THE ONE BAPTISM

There are at least five baptisms mentioned in the New Testament: 1) John's baptism (Luke 3:16), 2) the baptism of the Holy Spirit (Luke 3:16), 3) the baptism of fire (Matt. 3:11), 4) the baptism of suffering (Matt. 20:22-23) and 5) the baptism in water of the great

commission (Acts 8:36-39).

Ephesians 4:5 says there is ONE baptism. How then can we reconcile these five baptisms? The answer is to look at the design of each of them.

1) “John’s baptism” was an immersion in water for the forgiveness of sins. It was limited in that it would only last until Christ should die on the cross (Mark 1:4; Acts 19:3-5). It was looking forward to the time of Christ.

2) Jesus promised “Holy Spirit baptism” to the apostles (John 14:26; 16:13; Acts 2:1-4), which in turn, guided them into all truth. There’s no record of it being received by members of the church in general. It was not for salvation and would serve no purpose for today.

3) Jesus is the administrator of “the baptism of fire” which is to punish the wicked in hell at the end of time (Matt. 3:11-12; Rev. 20:11-15). No one wants this baptism!

4) The “baptism of suffering” is spoken of by our Lord. He talked about suffering for the sins of the world. He would be tried, tested, ridiculed and crucified (Matt. 20:22-23).

5) “Water baptism” (of the Great Commission) was to be administered by the disciples upon all sinners who had repented of their sins and desired to be saved (Acts 2:38). It was commanded to be done as long as the world stands (Mark 16:15-16). The purpose of it is for the salvation of one’s soul (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

Of these five, which baptism is the “one baptism” of Ephesians 4:5? This “one baptism” is not “John’s” baptism for it was superseded by Christ’s baptism. It is not “Holy Spirit” baptism for it was not promised to everyone and was only received by a few. It is not “fire baptism” because it is reserved for the wicked after this life is over. It is not the Lord’s “baptism of suffering” because that was limited to Him alone. “Water baptism” is the only one that was to be practiced throughout the end of the world as commanded in the Great Commission. Jesus told his disciples to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Those who believed and repented of their sins were then to be baptized (immersed) in water for the forgiveness of their sins (Matt. 28:19-20; Mark 16:15-16; Acts 2:38; 22:16).

By the time the book of Ephesians was written in 63 A.D., only ONE baptism was known, NOT TWO, THREE, FOUR or FIVE! The “one baptism” is to be administered to every sinner who repents and wants his sins washed away in the blood of Christ (Rev. 1:5; Acts 16:22).

The ONE BAPTISM then is WATER BAPTISM which was commanded by Jesus to be administered to all who believe in Christ and repent of their sins as stated in the Great Commission (Matt. 28:18-20; Mark 16:16). Will you obey today?!

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 8/17
Chapters Read: 295

B.C.: 27
Worship: 50

Daily Bible Readers: 12
Wednesday: 27

Family News and Notes

Jan Keen has discontinued her chemo. Please pray for her family members caring for her as well. **Chad Futrell’s** dad is in rehab, and has improved some. **John McDougale, 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 and **Jeanette** is back home as school has started back. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers. Her mom is doing much better though.

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

Bible Reading Plan

Aug 24	Aug 25	Aug 26	Aug 27	Aug 28	Aug 29	Aug 30
Job 35-36	Job 37-38	Job 39-40	Job 41-42	Ecc 1-2	Ecc 3-4	Ecc 5-6
Ps 47-48	Ps 49	Ps 50	Ps 51-52	Ps 53-54	Ps 55	Ps 56-57

Events

Mens’ Lunch: No Mens’ lunch for September

Labor Day Fellowship: Monday, September 1 at the church building. Bring sides & desserts. Hamburgers & hotdogs provided. Please sign up to help on small table in foyer.

Loris Lectureship: August 30, 10am. Kerry Duke & David Hill speaking.

