

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell
Song Leader: Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer: Ben Grant
Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington
Assisting: Luka Herrera
Tyler Christian
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
Soup

Sermon Notes

Women's Roles in the Church

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

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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

The Cape Fear Crier

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

Colossians 3:17

Colossians 3:17 states a principle: "*And whatsoever ye DO in WORD or DEED, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him.*" To do something in the "name of" means "by his authority." When you send someone to the bank to do some business for you, they act in "your name" or upon "your authority." When the police go to someone's door, they can say, "Open in the name of the law." That means, they have the authority to command you to open your door.

Colossians 3:17 demands that we have a "thus saith the Lord" for all we SAY and DO. Since singing is something we do, we must have a "thus saith the Lord" for it. So, the question is, where does God tell us to use mechanical instruments of music in worship? The answer is NOWHERE. If we use them, we do so without his authority because we can't point to any place in his word to authorize (prove) it.

Some say, "God didn't say not to use them." But, consider this: if you take a prescription to the pharmacist and he returns it to you with two or three other medicines, you will certainly ask, "Why did you include these other drugs?" He may reply, "The doctor didn't say I couldn't add them." He would be in big trouble for acting on his own. He did not have the doctor's authority to make additions. Why isn't it the same way with God? Who are we to "act on our own" and add to what God has authorized?

The following verses condemn acting on our own.

Rev. 22:18-19, *“For I testify unto every man that heareth the words of the prophecy of this book, If any man shall **add** unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall **take away** from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.”*

II John 9, *“Whosoever transgresseth, and **abideth not** in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he hath both the Father and the Son.”*

Some contend that since we are to use psalms in our singing (Eph. 5:19; Col. 3:16) and psalms are found in the Old Testament, we can therefore use anything else from the Old Testament, including instrumental music. However, psalms can be used to sing praises to God because Ephesians 5:19 and Colossians 3:16 tell us to “sing” them. These passages do not tell us to “play” them. What men “like” or what sounds good to “us” is not the point. The question is, what does God tell us to do? Also, consider this: for one to appeal to the Old Testament to support playing musical instruments shows that nothing can be found in the New Testament to authorize their use, for if it could, they would point to it.

Some also contend that mechanical instruments are used in heaven; therefore, we can use them now. However, the question is not what “may” or “may not” have been done in the Old Testament or what “may” or “may not” be done in heaven. The question is, what does God tell us to do NOW, “in the church?” I dare not take it upon myself to add to God’s word nor take from it. If God wanted us to use mechanical instruments of music, he certainly would have told us to.

Those who contend for a thing or assert something is lawful have the “burden of proof” upon them to support their action. So, if you support the use of musical instruments today, we challenge you to point to a passage that authorizes their use. We will patiently wait while you produce Book, Chapter, and Verse in its correct context that allows such action in worship.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 2/15
Chapters Read: 255

B.C.: 22
Worship: 80

Daily Bible Readers: 13
Wednesday: 31

Family News and Notes

Cookie has completed her work in Indonesia and is back. **John McDougle, Geraldine Harrington’s** uncle, is not doing well. Jennifer’s coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through personal health issues and family struggles. **Will Pringle**, Drew Perrin’s neighbor, suffered a stroke. **Barbara Norris, Jeanette Freshley’s** mother, is struggling with her health. **Linda Jenkins’** son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **Kim Perkins’** parents need prayers, and the family is experiencing significant stress. Many members are sick in our current cold/flu season.

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

Bible Reading Plan

Feb 22	Feb 23	Feb 24	Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27	Feb 28
Pg 199-203	Pg 203-206	Pg 206-210	Pg 210-214	Pg 214-217	Pg 217-221	Pg 221-224

Events

New Quarter: Begins next Sunday, March 1st

Mens’ Lunch: Friday, March 6 @ Golden Corral at 11 am

