

## **Privileged to Serve**

### *Morning Worship*

Announcements: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:  
Presiding: Ben Grant

Assisting: Luka Herrera  
Cam Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Louden Herrera

### *Those serving Wednesday*

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Cam Christian

**Pantry Item**  
Boxed Rice

## *Sermon Notes* *Christ as Head*

*I. Builder and \_\_\_\_\_*

*II. He Now Has \_\_\_\_\_*

*III. He \_\_\_\_\_ His Church*

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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

## Conclusions based on Colossians 3:17

Based on the text and article from last week, several conclusions must be made. First, everything Christians do must be based on God's authority as given by the New Testament. Next, truth is absolute and knowable. Finally, that obedience to that known truth will result in God's rewards.

Before getting into those things, here is a modern illustration (somewhat modern anyway). A colleague of mine told me one day he did the following to make a spiritual point. He took a box containing religious material to "mail" to a specific address. He went to the nearest Post Office, and the Postal Clerk informed him that the cost for mailing the package would be \$2.50. He went to the next town's Post Office, handed the package to the clerk, and asked, "How much?" Again, the answer was \$2.50. He went the opposite direction to yet a third Post Office and once again asked the cost. "\$2.50," came the reply. All of their answers were the same. The reason they all told him the same price is that they all consulted the same Postal guide. I can think of no other reason, can you?

Another colleague of mine did something similar, except he went to several churches and asked someone at each how to get to heaven. At the first church, the answer was, "All you have to do is believe in your heart that Jesus is Lord. Nothing else is necessary." Interesting. At another church, he asked, "What will it take to get to heaven?" The answer was somewhat different. "Well, son, God's grace will save everyone, and really, there is nothing you can do. You are totally at God's mercy." He left somewhat perplexed by the divergent answers and came to a third church. There he was told, "He that believes, repents, confesses, is baptized, and then lives faithfully, will be saved." Why is it that different answers were given to that same question? Were different guides consulted? If not, how do you explain the difference?

It is a recognized fact among those who seek to follow God that truth is absolute and attainable. While some would have us believe that truth is subjective and elusive, the words of Jesus that “ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free” serve as our compass in these matters. In addition to truth being absolute, it is also dogmatic to the core. Two plus two equals four — there is no room for error. Sincerity of heart or honesty of motive does not annul this fact. Truth is also narrow. A college teacher writes a problem on the board. Twelve divided by two equals six. There is absolutely no room for deviation. The third-grade teacher, the eighth-grade teacher, and the Calculus teacher all write the same thing. The answer is NOT seven, nor is it five. But society does not argue, nor do they accuse the mathematician of being unloving, unkind, or bigoted.

Who “invented” mathematics? The God of all Creation did. From His mind, we have discovered all the laws of math and science. Yet, it is taught that originating from the same mind, there is a roadmap to eternity in His presence, and we get to “interpret it” any way we choose? There is no “one right, and universal way?” That is not logical nor reasonable. God’s truth makes men free. It is not mathematical truth, nor is it scientific truth, but that which is revealed from God Almighty through holy men “moved by the Holy Spirit” (II Peter 1:21). This truth is dogmatic to the core. It will not co-exist with error, nor can it. By its very nature, it is narrow in its application. But unlike the mathematical truth that two plus two equals four, or twelve divided by two equals six, this “truth” of which we speak has eternal consequences. But how do men react when faced with this truth? Sincerity is placed above simplicity, and feelings take precedence over fact. Men become angry at the truth because it restricts their freedom to act and behave as they choose. Rather than simply accept the truth and obey it, they argue with the facts presented, become agitated at the one speaking the truth, and close their ears and hearts, as if their rejection of the same will annul their responsibility toward those things spoken. Since the truth and only the truth will set me free, it would seem that all men, everywhere, would have such a disposition as to receive the truth at all costs.

May we be like the Bereans who were more noble than those in Thessalonica in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, examining the scriptures daily, whether these things were so (Acts 17:11).

-BTH

### By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 2/22  
Chapters Read: 282

B.C.: 30  
Worship: 51

Daily Bible Readers: 14  
Wednesday: 34

## Family News and Notes

**Jason Lawrence** is having severe eye problems. **Sibio Farrington** is in South Florida attending his niece’s, **Kenya Moreland**, funeral. **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 but has recovered to the point he is back at home and engaged in physical therapy. **Bethany McKinley** is having a difficult pregnancy. **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, Kathie Byrd, Margaret Mosley, Frances Salaz, Linda Hernandez**, and the **Davis** family.

## Bible Reading Plan

Mar 1	Mar 2	Mar 3	Mar 4	Mar 5	Mar 6	Mar 7
Pg 225-227	Pg 228-231	Pg 231-235	Pg 235-239	Pg 239-243	Pg 243-249	Pg 249-252

## Events

**New Quarter:** Begins today. “The Devil, Sin, & Hell” is the theme for the quarter

**Ladies’ Bible Class:** Class returns Tuesday at 10 am!

**Men’s Lunch:** Friday, March 6 @ Golden Corral at 11 am

