

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Barry Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ben Grant

Assisting: Luka Herrera
Tyler Christian

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: David Inman

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Ricardo Al Villar

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Cam Christian

Pantry Item
Canned Peas

Sermon Notes
The Church of the Bible

I. The Church in the _____

II. The Church in the _____

III. The Church in the _____

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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

The Folly of Pride

Consider these Bible warnings about the sin of pride:

"When pride cometh, then cometh shame; But with the lowly is wisdom." (Pro. 11:2)

"By pride cometh only contention; But with the well-advised is wisdom." (Pro. 13:10)

"Pride goeth before destruction, And a haughty spirit before a fall." (Pro. 16:18)

"A man's pride shall bring him low; But he that is of a lowly spirit shall obtain honor." (Pro. 29:23)

"As for thy terriblest, the pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, that holdest the height of the hill: though thou shouldst make thy nest as high as the eagle, I will bring thee down from thence, saith Jehovah." (Jer. 49:16)

"The pride of thy heart hath deceived thee, O thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?" (Obadiah 3)

Even from a casual reading of the Holy Scriptures, one should observe that pride can contribute to spiritual death! No person is exempt from the sin of pride. This sin can overtake and overcome even the most righteous (like Moses, Psalm 106:32-33), and thus the warning to beware of pride that comes from man's heart and defiles him (cf. Mark 7:21-23).

The power of pride is undeniable. Pride can cause heartache and anguish in human relationships. Pride can destroy a home. Pride can cause Christians to sit on opposite sides of the church building and refuse to speak to one another. Pride can be the reason one will not admit that he has made a mistake -- has sinned -- is wrong! Pride can sabotage friendships that have existed for years. Yes, pride is the

devil's tool that will keep many people out of Heaven.

Observe two ways that pride can contribute to one's spiritual demise. First, pride keeps many people from obeying the Gospel plan of salvation. One can read his Bible every day and still not believe what he reads. People do this all too often! For instance, the Bible says, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that believeth not shall be damned"* (Mark 16:16). Yet, one who has been taught man-made creeds and doctrines will say, "I just do not believe baptism is necessary for one to be saved. Baptism has nothing to do with one's salvation." Does this mean that Peter was confused when he said, *"...wherein few, that is, eight souls, were saved by water: The like figure whereunto even baptism doth also now save us..."* (I Pet. 3:20-21)? Peter was inspired by the Holy Spirit to write those words. There is no confusion whatsoever.

One reads in his Bible about Jesus promising to build His church (Matt. 16:18). He continues reading and discovers that Paul speaks of "one body" and "one faith" (Eph. 4:4-5). But then this same person defends the right of numerous denominations to exist! He also argues that man should attend the church of his choice. Pride confines him to the wisdom of men. He has left the wisdom of God found in the Scriptures to join himself to the fickleness he allows to influence his thoughts.

Second, pride keeps many brethren from admitting they made a mistake or committed a sin. What is amazing is that some brethren have held sound doctrinal positions for years, but are now compromising the truth and casting it aside because of pride. Some of these brethren have made both verbal and written statements regarding the right and wrong of certain matters. Yet, because of a moment's reckless folly, the use of bad judgment, or the practice of inconsistency, these brethren's pride will not allow them to confess their mistake, repent, and change their course of action. It is usually the case that when one is overcome with pride, the hole he is digging just gets deeper and deeper. Stop using the shovel of pride to dig your grave and take hold of the ladder of humility to rise above all man-made doctrines and practices.

The sad truth is that some brethren today believe that they are above reproach and correction. Jeremiah stated that the pride of one's heart will deceive him (49:16). Solomon stated that one's pride will bring him low (Prov. 29:23). Pride is also guaranteed to bring "shame" (Prov. 11:2) and "destruction" (Prov. 16:18). Again, one can read his Bible and no longer believe what he reads! The heart has grown hard, and ears are dull, and eyes have been closed so they no longer listen to truth (Mat. 13:15).

- BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 3/8
Chapters Read: 533

B.C.: 38
Worship: 60

Daily Bible Readers: 17
Wednesday: 33

Family News and Notes

Jason Lawrence is doing better after his injuries. **Rob & Amy Sparks** have been battling illness for weeks. **Deven Williamson** broke her ankle and will see an orthopedic surgeon this week. **John McDougle, Geraldine Harrington's** uncle, is not doing well. Jennifer's coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through personal health issues and family struggles. **Bethany McKinley** is having a difficult pregnancy; she is due August 10. **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.

Pray for the FOM class Brother Hatcher is teaching at the Bennettsville church of Christ in Bennettsville, SC. There are 17 students in the class. We are in week 3.

Bible Reading Plan

Mar 22	Mar 23	Mar 24	Mar 25	Mar 26	Mar 27	Mar 28
Pg 309-314	Pg 315-319	Pg 319-323	Pg 323-327	Pg 327-331	Pg 331-333	Pg 333-336

Events

Men's lunch: Friday, April 3. At 11 am. New Location! At Grandsons next to Carlie C's.
Baby Shower: For Bethany McKinley, April 25th. Registered on Amazon. More details to come.
Annual Lectures: Sheffield Drive C of C, May 2nd, 9-3. Lunch provided.

