

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Sibio Farrington

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Luka Herrera

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ben Grant

Assisting: Julius Cook
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: David Inman

Pantry Item

Canned Peas

Sermon Notes

Matthew 24

I. *The* _____

II. *The* _____

III. *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
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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

Fighting Against God

False teaching and preaching may be in vogue among mortal men, but falsehoods will always incur the wrath of God. The Children of Israel had a terrible habit of turning away from the true and living God. Such should not have been the case since God warned His people about the consequences of disobedience.

Notice these warnings from God: “*Ye shall observe to do therefore as the LORD your God hath commanded you: ye shall not turn aside to the right hand or to the left*” (Deut. 5:32). “*That his heart be not lifted up above his brethren, and that he turn not aside from the commandment, to the right hand, or to the left: to the end that he may prolong his days in his kingdom, he, and his children, in the midst of Israel*” (Deut. 17:20). Israel was unwilling to follow the divine pattern given by God. It is a spiritual tragedy when those who know God’s will brazenly say, “...to the seers, See not; and to the prophets, Prophesy not unto us right things, speak unto us smooth things, prophesy deceits: Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path, cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from before us” (Isa. 30:10-11).

God’s prophet, Amos, further describes Israel’s determination not to follow God in the fourth chapter of his prophecy. The people endured famine (v.6), drought (vs.7-8), mildew (v.9), palmer worm or locusts (v.9), pestilence (v.10), war and death (v.10), and earthquake while stubbornly refusing to return to God. God brought these acts upon His people in an attempt to bring them to repentance, but five times it is recorded that “*yet have ye not returned unto me, saith Jehovah*” (Amos 4:6-12). Israel was engaged in a war she could not win. The cruel Assyrians took the northern capital, Samaria, into captivity. God let His people know that it was He and not Assyria who was in control saying, “*Therefore thus will I do unto thee, O Israel: and because I will do this unto thee, prepare to meet thy God, O Israel*” (Amos 4:12).

God’s people today can expect no less if they defy the Creator and

turn aside from His Word. Coffman commented on the Amos passage, “False religion is the root of all social ills, and here the prophet poured out God’s wrath upon the polluted, innovative, and unauthorized worship that marked the religious culture of Israel” (Coffman’s Bible Commentary, Amos 4:4).

“Innovative” and “progressive” worship is no more acceptable to God today than it was under the Law of Moses! In Moses’ day, contemporary worship for God’s people was idolatry that the nations around them engaged in. Today, an ever-growing number of congregations designating themselves a church of Christ have decided to be “contemporary” while shedding the image of being a Bible-based and peculiar people (1 Peter 2:9). False teaching abounds on divorce and remarriage to accommodate people who are living in adultery. The mechanical instrument is either introduced or else it is made absolutely clear that its use is a matter of judgment and not a test of fellowship. Some congregations play soft instrumental music through the sound system until worship begins. Ivan Pavlov would be thrilled to know that his classical conditioning technique is alive and well! Many congregations now find that “praise teams” are essential to their singing, and women must be used in leadership roles if every member is going to find and develop their “gifts.” Children’s church has been popular for years and is one reason some cannot endure a structured Bible-based approach to worship. I have been preaching against this trend for decades. If one is nourished from a small child on fun, games, and entertainment (puppets, etc.), then this is what they will demand as adults. Congregations are “reaffirming” their elders every few years. Some pulpits strongly suggest that the qualifications for elders listed in I Timothy 3 and Titus 1 are not qualifications for the office at all, but simply “Christian qualities.” The list goes on.

Bible authority is necessary for what one does in the name of religion (Col. 3:17). It is shameful that so many pulpits today have an aversion to quoting, reading, or even appealing to the Scriptures. The contemporary, uncertain sound coming from them cannot be found in God’s Word. People who refuse to study the Bible may be fooled; large crowds may claim they are assembled to worship, but worship not authorized by God is in vain (Matt. 15:7-9). Those whose practice and teaching are outside the authority of God are in defiance of God. They are enemies of God and array themselves against Him in spiritual battle. One cannot win a battle against God!

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By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 3/22 B.C.: 27 Daily Bible Readers: 16
 Chapters Read: 545 Worship: 65 Wednesday: 35

Family News and Notes

Jonathan Mckinley’s grandmother, **Sharon McKinley**, passed away last week in Arizona. **Deven Williamson** broke her ankle and will be in an air cast for 6 weeks. **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 4.

Bible Reading Plan

Mar 29	Mar 30	Mar 31	Apr 1	Apr 2	Apr 3	Apr 4
Pg 336-339	Pg 340-344	Pg 344-348	Pg 349-354	Pg 354-358	Pg 359-362	Pg 362-367

Events

Men’s lunch: Friday, April 3. At 11 am. New Location! At Grandsons next to Carlie C’s.

Game Day: Saturday, April 11 at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

