

**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  
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: Barry Hatcher

**Pantry Item**  
Bottled Water

*Sermon Notes*

*Wise Mothers*

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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

**Mother's Day**

Today is the day that we know and celebrate as Mother's Day. It is the one day of the year when we set aside a day to remember and honor our mothers. More telephone calls home are made today than on any other day of the year. Many will be taking their mother someplace special to eat. Children will give their mothers gifts and bid them joy and happiness.

There are others whose mothers have passed from this life to the next. While these mothers are not around for us to personally enjoy, we can certainly relish the memories that we have of their example, instruction, and love. Some will, perhaps, visit the grave of their mother. Others may simply quietly reflect upon their mother's life. However, we celebrate Mother's Day, and the good mother will always hold a special place in our hearts.

We cannot, however, be so naïve as to think that all mothers are good mothers. Sadly, there are some out there who will look upon Mother's Day with disdain, shame, and disgrace because their mothers were less than adequate. We look around society today and see some mothers who are addicted to drugs, others who beat and abuse their children, yet others who obtain abortions, and we wonder how someone could act so. The Bible calls it being “without natural affection” (Rom. 1:31; 2 Tim. 3:3). More than ever, we need Mother's Day as a day to not only honor and

remember our mothers, but as a day to set forth the example for what a good mother ought to be.

Another troubling aspect of our society is the desire of some to elevate motherhood to the only parental place in the world. Believe it or not, scientists are pursuing the means whereby a woman can procreate independently of a man. These types of projects have the support of the radical feminist and lesbian groups. Some see no need for men in society at all. And if you don't think that this is what some desire, there was a made-for-TV movie not too many years ago in which men were outlawed. Yes, there is a radical element in our nation that would change motherhood from what we know to be a beautiful creation of God into something bizarre and Frankensteinian.

The Bible tells us of that beautiful mother who knows the importance of her relationship with her husband and honors it. She seeks godliness in her life so that she can raise her children to honor God as well. She respects God's institution of marriage and is faithful no matter what difficulties and burdens may come her way. She knows that there is no quick and easy path through life, but that which the Lord provides for her through His guidance(Mat. 11:30).

So, on this Mother's Day, let us remember what a true mother is and never seek to change God's pattern for a good mother. Instead, let us proclaim without embarrassment, God's plan for motherhood.

-BTH

### By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 5/3  
Chapters Read: 523

B.C.: 39  
Worship: 80

Daily Bible Readers: 16  
Wednesday: 35

### Family News and Notes

**Namika's** grandmother, **Cecilia Ellerbe's** mother, passed away, and the funeral is today in Tampa, FL. **Linda Jenkins** is recuperating at home after her surgery. Jennifer's coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles. **Bethany McKinley** 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. **John McDougle, Geraldine Harrington's** uncle, is not doing well. **Kim Perkins'** parents need prayers, and the family is experiencing significant stress.

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

The FOM class Brother Hatcher is teaching is in week 10. Graduation is next Sunday.

### Bible Reading Plan

May 10	May 11	May 12	May 13	May 14	May 15	May 16
Pg 522-528	Pg 528-533	Pg 534-538	Pg 538-544	Pg 544-549	Pg 549-553	Pg 553-559

### Events

**Silver Linings:** Friday May 15 at 11am. Bring your lunch!

**Memorial Day Cookout:** At Lake Rim Park May 25th, 11:30-3. Bring food and games. Meat for Burgers and Hotdogs will be provided. Put name on sign-up sheet in foyer.

