

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Sibio Farrington

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Julius Cook
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Barry Hatcher

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Chad Futrell

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Pantry Item
Bottled Water

Sermon Notes
Giving To God

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

IV. _____

V. _____

VI. _____

VII. _____

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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

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

Facts of the Gospel

Only the Gospel revealed by Divine Will has the power to save a soul from sin (Rom. 1:16). One who proclaims another Gospel is to be “cut off” or “accursed” (Gal. 1:8).

Consider the following facts that the apostle Paul gives regarding the precious Gospel. To the Corinthians, he wrote, “*Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you, which also ye have received, and wherein ye stand; By which also ye are saved, if ye keep in memory what I preached unto you, unless ye have believed in vain. For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures*” (I Cor. 15:1-4). Paul admonished the Roman brethren, saying, “*Know ye not, that so many of us as were baptized into Jesus Christ were baptized into his death? Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin*” (Rom. 6:3-6). Further, “*But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you. Being then made free from sin, ye became the servants of righteousness*” (Rom. 6:17-18).

Paul was consistent in preaching the Gospel. His previous preaching among the Corinthians was the same as what he now proclaimed. Also in the Corinthian letter, Paul stated, “*For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified*” (I Cor. 2:2). If “the” Gospel is not preached, then people do not have an opportunity to be saved.

Paul points out that the Corinthians had to receive what he proclaimed. God forces salvation on no one! Man has a role to play in

his salvation. Nowhere is this made more clear than when Luke records, *“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls”* (Acts 2:41). It does no good, however, to receive something other than the Gospel if one desires salvation.

Those receiving the Gospel message can stand upon its promises. It is a foundation that will not crumble. The blessings of God’s grace are appropriated only by one’s obedience to the Gospel.

The Gospel is the only saving power available to those lost in their sins. All who are above the age of accountability are lost (Rom. 3:23). The fruit of sin brings forth spiritual death (Rom. 6:23). The Hebrews letter says, *“Though he were a Son, yet learned he obedience by the things which he suffered; And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey him”* (Heb. 5:8-9). Promoting and providing for “fun and games” may draw a crowd and pack the pews, but this worldly approach will not save a single soul!

Those who obey the Gospel must continue to “hold fast the word” throughout their lives. Notice the conditional “if.” If a New Testament Christian chooses to live according to God’s law, he can expect to be saved. If not, he can expect to be lost. The “once-saved, always-saved” theory is not taught in the Bible. Sadly, this false doctrine stems from man’s wishful thinking. The following Scriptures teach one can fall from a saved state and lose his soul (I Cor. 10:12; I Tim. 3:6-7; 4:1; II Peter 3:17). The writer of Hebrews clearly states, *“Take heed, brethren, lest there be in any of you an evil heart of unbelief, in departing from the living God”* (Heb. 3:12). Brethren and friends, one cannot fall from somewhere he has never been. Also, pay attention to who is doing the moving. Man moves from God; He never moves.

One can believe in vain. Just believing will not get the job done! The demons even believe and tremble, but who will argue that they will be saved (James 2:19)? Belief not properly acted upon is in vain.

Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again on the third day. The Lord’s burial was prophesied in the Old Testament Scriptures (Isa. 53:9; Psa. 16:10). His resurrection was taught and known in the first century (Matt. 12:40; 27:63).

All sacred and divine matters are to be “according to the scriptures.” One will notice that this phrase is used twice in verses 3 and 4 of I Corinthians 15. All religion is in vain if it is not “according to the scriptures.” The creeds of men may please those who want to worship as they please, but such creeds never please God.

Search the Scriptures and learn the facts of the Gospel. Obey the Gospel, grow in God’s Word, and live the Christian life!

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 5/31

B.C.: 34

Daily Bible Readers: 15

Chapters Read: 409

Worship: 60

Wednesday: 37

Family News and Notes

Jennifer’s coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles. **Bethany McKinley** is due August 10, and it’s a girl! **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, Linda Hernandez,** and the **Davis** family.

Brother Hatcher will be going to Indonesia from June 9th to 25th. He will be teaching in the Bible college in Manado, preaching a gospel meeting, and speaking at the graduation ceremony. Wayne Peele will be preaching the next two Sundays. Barry Hatcher will teach the Sunday morning adult class, and Chad Futrell will teach the Wednesday evening adult class.

Bible Reading Plan

June 7	June 8	June 9	June 10	June 11	June 12	June 13
Pg 658-663	Pg 663-668	Pg 668-676	Pg 676-680	Pg 680-686	Pg 686-689	Pg 690-695

Events

Men’s Lunch: No Men’s lunch until August

Silver Linings: No Silver Linings until September

Have a safe and enjoyable summer!

