

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Chad Futrell

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Ben Grant

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: David Inman
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Louden Hererra

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Tyler Christian

Pantry Item
Bottled Water

Sermon Notes
Members One of Another

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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

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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

Speaking The Truth In Love

On our website, Ephesians 4:15, “*speaking the truth in love*,” is referred to directly under the logo. It is our hope that those who visit our website know that the motive behind what they will hear on the Lord’s Day, or any other time, is love. This is good and right, for we should have love as our motive for teaching the unsearchable riches of Christ (Matt 22:39). We earnestly desire to be seen as people who love!

Consider three ideas in this short phrase.

First, the truth must be spoken. The Christian religion is a taught religion (John 6:44-45). People must hear the Word taught in order to have faith in God and in Jesus the Christ (Rom. 10:17; Acts 4:4; Acts 18:8). Therefore, we are commissioned, “*Go...into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature*” (Mark 16:15). The early Christians did just that (Acts 8:4-5), and within a thirty year period “*every creature which is under heaven*” heard the Word (Col. 1:23). We still have the same obligation of taking the Word of God to a lost and dying world. God still has preaching as His plan for saving those who will believe (1 Cor. 1:18-21). When you investigate a faithful congregation of the churches of Christ, you will find a people who are dedicated to taking the Word to the world. We support the proclamation of the gospel in our community and many other communities around the world!

Second, when the church speaks, it is “the truth” — “the Gospel of Christ,” as referred to in 1 Pet 4:11. The “oracles of God” is the truth from God. Only the truth will set men free, free from the bondage of sin and headed toward certain destruction (John 8:31-32). In that context, it is plain that “the truth” is the Word of God (cf. John 17:17). Paul called it “...*the word of the truth of the gospel*” (Col. 1:5). It is God’s power to save mankind because it reveals God’s righteousness — God’s right ways (Rom. 1:16-17). We are instructed in God’s righteousness through the verbally inspired Word given by God’s marvelous grace (2 Tim. 3:16-17; Titus 2:11-12). It must be spoken,

preached, and taught to every nation (Matt. 28:18-20). The unbelieving Philippian jailer asked what he must do for salvation and was told to “believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house” (Acts 16:31). The context continues in his interest for salvation. Two verses later, “*And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes; and was baptized; he and all his straightway.*” The Word of God must be spoken! The Lord’s church knows that the Word is truth and it alone is to be sown as the seed in this world if it is to be reconciled back to a loving Heavenly Father (Luke 8:11; cf. Matt. 15:13).

Third, is our motivation for all we do: we must love God, Jesus, the Word, the bride of Christ, and the souls of men everywhere. Too many people have the wrong idea about genuine Bible love. As one has put it, “They seem to think love is a feeling they feel when they begin to feel like they have never felt before.” When people have the idea that love is only some kind of feel-good emotion, you often hear criticism of sound preachers and Bible teachers for being “too harsh and legalistic.” We hear them say things like: “You need more of the spirit of Christ. You talk about hell and sin too much, and this does not show the loving spirit that Jesus had.” But friends, real love always sounds a warning of danger. Preaching that an act is a sin is not judgment against the sinner, but a warning. The Word teaches, “*open rebuke is better than secret love*” (Prov. 27:5). Love is never mean-spirited, but it continually sounds out warnings about the danger of souls being lost if they will not abide in Christ’s doctrine (2 John 9-11).

God loves us (John 3:16), but He certainly warns of danger (Acts 20:26-31). God will not accept our claim that we love others if we do not warn others of hell. Jesus gave STRONG warnings of danger! The New Testament records Jesus saying more about hell than about heaven. Does this suggest that our Lord was unloving? Did Jesus express a wrong spirit? To those who were blinded by the world’s riches, Jesus taught about Lazarus and the rich man. He gave a strong warning with the right spirit! The God of love has given us His revealed mind, the Bible. In this book, we read passages such as 2 Thessalonians 1:7-10, Revelation 20:15, and 21:8. The Spirit has revealed unpleasant truths people need to face: there is a heaven to gain and a hell to shun!

We are resolved to keep preaching the Truth on these matters by speaking the truth in love. We will do it “*in season and out of season...reprove, rebuke and exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine*” (2 Tim. 4:2). We fully realize that some will not like it, but we must do it anyway, motivated by love because love sounds out a warning of danger (2 Cor. 5:10-11).

May this congregation live up to what it professes, to always speak the truth in love. We are here to serve you. How can we help?

- BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 6/21 B.C.: 30 Daily Bible Readers: 15
Chapters Read: 409 Worship: 65 Wednesday: 37

Family News and Notes

Margaret Mosley is in rehab after a fall. 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 McDougale, 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.

Bible Reading Plan

June 28	June 29	June 30	July 1	July 2	July 3	July 4
Pg 775-781	Pg 781-788	Pg 788-794	Pg 795-799	Pg 799-806	Pg 806-810	Pg 810-814

Events

Men’s Lunch: No Men’s lunch until August
Silver Linings: No Silver Linings until September
Men’s Training: Sunday, July 26, after morning worship. Please sign up at the small table in the foyer.

