

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Kyle Pool

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Sibio Farrington
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Cam Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: David Inman

Pantry Item
Baked Beans

Sermon Notes
Biblical Encouragement

I. God _____

II. God _____ Mankind

III. God is _____

IV. God is _____

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

Facts of the Gospel

The apostle Paul did not waste his time, the Lord's time, or the time of those who heard him, with a social 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*” (1 Cor. 15:1-4). Paul wrote the Roman brethren, “*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). And again, “*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. Earlier in the Corinthian letter, Paul stated, “For I determined not to know any thing among you, save Jesus Christ, and him crucified” (1 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 never forces anyone to be saved! Man must choose 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 above the age of accountability are lost (Rom. 3:10,23). The fruit of sin brings forth spiritual death (Rom. 6:23). Listen to the writer of Hebrews as he 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” and all other kinds of entertainment may draw a crowd and pack the pews, but this worldly approach will not save souls.

Those who obey the Gospel must continue to “hold fast the word” throughout their lives. Notice the conditional word “if.” If a New Testament Christian chooses to live according to Christ’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. This false doctrine stems from man's wishful thinking. The following Scriptures, among others, 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!

One can believe in vain. Just believing in Jesus is insufficient. 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 this phrase is used twice in verses three and four 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 7/5	B.C.: 31	Daily Bible Readers: 15
Chapters Read: 409	Worship: 50	Wednesday: 27

Family News and Notes

Wade Hedgepeth has been in and out of the hospital recently. The doctors are trying to regulate his medications. **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

July 12	July 13	July 14	July 15	July 16	July 17	July 18
Pg 845-854	Pg 854-856	Pg 856-859	Pg 859-863	Pg 864-871	Pg 871-879	Pg 879-886

Events

Men's Training: Sunday, July 26, after morning worship. Please sign up at the small table in the foyer.

Teachers’ Meeting: August 9th, after morning worship.

