

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Brent Hatcher

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Tyler Christian

Assisting: Luka Herrera
Louden Herrera

Sermon: Gabriel Dindy

Closing P.: Cam Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

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Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: David Inman

Pantry Item

Small Tuna Cans

Sermon Notes

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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

Standing Fast

To say that the world in which we live is divided religiously is certainly an understatement. Any seeker of religion will have no problem finding a church or doctrine which suits his own tastes. Just like the local buffet restaurant, many selections are available, but all honest persons yearning for the truth must question this present arrangement. Is it God's will that people be divided over the most crucial of subjects? The Philippian jailer asked the question, “What must I do to be saved?” That question is still being asked today, but unfortunately Bible answers are not being given. False doctrines relative to the plan of salvation abound and the Lord's church must equip itself to fight these errors tooth and nail.

The apostle Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 16:13, “*Watch ye, stand fast in the faith, quit ye like men, be strong.*” Every word in this powerful verse rings out with the concept of war and spiritual conflict. Paul, in essence, was calling the church at Corinth to arms. The New Testament church today must also heed this militant call to war. The line of demarcation has been drawn, and the enemy has been identified, but the fact of the matter is that many pulpits throughout the land have imposed a self-restricting ban on doctrinal preaching for fear of offending the masses (2 Tim. 4:1-4). Weak elderships are retreating instead of preparing the flock for a protracted confrontation with the wicked adversary of God's people -- none other than Satan. Peter describes him “*as a roaring lion*” (1 Peter 5:8) of whom Paul said, “*we are not ignorant of his devices*” (2 Cor. 2:11). The church has an obligation before God and man to stand for the truth by which we shall gain the ultimate victory.

Concerning the doctrine of Christ, that is, the inspired teaching of the New Testament (Acts 2:42; Titus 1:9), we should uncompromisingly promote and defend it. The beloved John wrote so forcefully in 2 John 9, “*Whosoever transgresseth, and abideth not in the doctrine of Christ, hath not God. He that abideth in the doctrine of Christ, he has both the Father and the Son.*” Keep in mind that John was known as the apostle of love and wrote much on the subject in his epistles. It is therefore not unloving or unkind to expose false teaching and those who propagate it! In fact, it is the most loving thing any faithful Christian can do for his fellow man. There is a current trend in the religious world and also in the church to tone down this blessed doctrine. The preaching which characterized the first century church was plain, bold and loving. The Gospel which filled the streets of Jerusalem and caused men to be “*pricked in their heart*” (Acts 2:37) is the same Gospel that will save men today (Rom. 1:16).

Considering the fact that we have the responsibility to stand for and defend the Gospel, there is an inevitable conclusion that will be drawn. When the doctrine of Christ is presented as it should be, then conflict is to be expected. Darkness hates light (John 3:20). In the same sense, error does not like to be exposed by the light of truth. If the church never faces any attack from the world, particularly the denominational world, then that is a good sign that we are not standing as firmly as we should. Whatever happened to the kind of preaching and Christian living that caused the church to grow in the first century? This was a time when God's people loved God and man more than their own lives (Acts 20:24). They unhesitatingly drew the “sword of the Spirit” and met in battle the foes of the Gospel of Christ.

The church today must return to the divine pattern of evangelism in order to be pleasing to God. We must be convinced that the only answers that are sufficient in matters of religious doctrine are Bible answers! Will we not hearken unto the commands of the captain of our salvation (Heb. 2:10) and faithfully execute our mission so that souls may be won back from the devil's grip and that God may be glorified? May each and every member of the body of Christ heed the personal admonition to “*earnestly contend for the faith*” (Jude 3).

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 7/19	B.C.: 33	Daily Bible Readers: 15
Chapters Read: 438	Worship: 64	Wednesday: 36

Family News and Notes

Wade Hedgepeth is still struggling with health issues. **Melany Hatcher** had surgery last Tuesday and will be recovering for a few weeks. **Margaret Mosley** is in rehab after a fall, but is doing better. Jennifer's coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles. Gloria Frye's daughter, **Kathy Taylor**, is enduring extreme pain with multiple health issues. **Bethany McKinley** is due August 10, and it's a girl! **Robert Brown**, Cookie's brother, has had seizures and spent some time in the ER. **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 26	July 27	July 28	July 29	July 30	July 31	Aug 1
Pg 935-942	Pg 942-951	Pg 951-957	Pg 957-963	Pg 963-971	Pg 972-977	Pg 978-986

Events

Men's Training: Today after morning worship.

Teachers' Meeting: August 9th, after morning worship. We are preparing for the fall quarter.

