

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Phil Byrd

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Ben Grant

Assisting: Tyler Christian
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Troy Miles

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Cam Christian

Pantry Item
Small Tuna Cans

Sermon Notes *Be Still and Know God*

I. *The God of* _____

II. *The God of* _____

III. *The God of* _____

IV. *The God of* _____

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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

Walking Worthy

By Ted Burleson

As the chaperone for 6th-grade boys on a school trip to Chicago, I took five 12-year-olds to eat in a nice restaurant. The nice hostess, who had an obvious limp, told the boys, “Walk this way and I will take you to your table.” I was embarrassed when the boys lined up behind the woman, like chicks behind a hen, and each limped just as she did as they crossed the crowded restaurant; that is obviously not what she meant by “walk this way.” When Paul used the word “walk,” he evidently used it as a synonym for “live.” In our text, he is telling Christians how to live in an ungodly, perverse world. We certainly need that message today. Just before Paul listed the “seven ones” of unity in Ephesians 4:4-6, he encouraged the brethren to “walk worthy of the vocation wherewith ye were called” (Eph. 4:1). In vs 2, Paul gives us four ways to walk worthy in the Lord’s sight.

God calls us to walk in Lowliness

What does it mean to walk in lowliness? Walking in lowliness means that we esteem others better and more significant than we do ourselves (Phil. 2:3). Walking in lowliness means that we will be clothed with humility: we will wear humility toward one another like we do a shirt, especially when we are young (cf, 1 Pet 5:5). Walking in lowliness means that we do not display a “voluntary humility,” a false, self-abasement only when people are watching us (Clo. 2:18). Paul was a powerful apostle and missionary, yet he served the Lord with all humility in Ephesus (Acts 20:19). He could have been rude and arrogant, especially in the presence of false teachers and those who practice sinful worship. But he belonged to the Lord and served others with humility. Paul was very important to the Lord’s church, yet he served ordinary people on a daily basis with lowliness.

God calls us to walk in Meekness

The Greek word Paul chose here for meekness can mean “gentleness, humility, courtesy, and considerateness.” Meekness,

along with some of the other attributes Paul describes, is among the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5:23). To walk in meekness we must have the genuine attitude of humility; otherwise we cannot restore those who have been overtaken in a fault (Gal. 6:1). Walking in meekness means that we must be Christians who instruct those who oppose themselves so that they will be led to repentance (2 Tim 2:25). Walking in meekness includes being evangelistic and always being ready to give a genrla anser to every man that asks for a reason of the hope that is in us (1 Pet 3L15). When we are assigned a difficult task, it is good to have an example. Jesus Christ is our perfect example of meekness and gentleness. If we had been on trial before Pilate, how many of us would have kept our mouths shut? Having the power to call thousands of angels but refusing to do so is likely one of the greatest temptations Christ faced during His death. Picture Jesus with the children, and you get a glimpse of His meekness.

God calls us to walk in Longsuffering

Surely we have all learned from life experiences that God is patient; think about how, because of His longsuffering. God has patiently endured sinful humans (Rom 9:22). God patiently waited while Noah was preparing the ark (1 Pet 3:20). Would the world still be standing if you or I were God? As God’s servants, we must be longsuffering and patient. We walk with longsuffering when we patiently approve ourselves to God. When we walk with longsuffering, we imitate God and do not hastily or harshly pass judgment on the motives or hearts of others (Rom 2:4)/ we should remind ourselves and our fellow Christians that God’s promises are inherited through faith and patience (Heb 6:12). Paul wrote that Jesus displayed perfect longsuffering by showing him mercy, especially before his conversion. Paul did not deserve to be forgiven; he had helped murder Christian people. God forgave Paul. Would you or I have chosen Paul, much less forgiven him?

God calls us to walk in Forbearance

The Greek word used for forbearance is translated in various ways. In addition to “forbearing with” someone, it can mean “bearing with,” “showing tolerance,” and even “accepting” one another in love. It means that you put up with someone like you would a son or daughter who has disappointed you with bad choices. Once, Jesus asked how long He was supposed to suffer [bear with] His generation (Matt. 17:17). Thankfully, Jesus forbears with our generation, but for how long? Walking with forbearance with someone is especially important when we are persecuted (1 Cor. 4:12). Jesus knows about brutal persecution. Walking in forbearance means we bear with the loudmouth, the Facebook bully, and those who spout off opinions with no regard for what displeases God or hurts people. However, remember, there are far more serious consequences when we stop bearing with one another. As long as we live, there will be a need for lowliness, meekness, longsuffering, and forbearing with one another in love.

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 8/2 B.C.: 35 Daily Bible Readers: 13
Chapters Read: 422 Worship: 65 Wednesday: 36

Family News and Notes

Carole Pearson, Vicki and Dave Carver’s neice, passed away from a stroke. **Melany Hatcher** remains in CFVRMC after her 5th procedure. **Margaret Mosley** is in rehab, but is doing better. **Bethany McKinley** gave birth to a baby girl 7/31, **Elowyn Beatta McKinley! Troy Miles’** grandmother is not doing well. 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. Joseph **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; also, her sister, **Elizabeth Cremeans**, needs our prayers. **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, Ellen Brantley**, and the **Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

Aug 9	Aug 10	Aug 11	Aug 12	Aug 13	Aug 14	Aug 15
P 1029-36	P 1036-42	P 1042-49	P 1049-54	P 1055-63	P 1063-68	P 1068-73

Events

Teachers’ Meeting: Postponed to August 23.
Fall Quarter: Begins September 6.
Labor Day Fellowship: September 7 @ the church building at noon.

