

Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Opening Prayer: Troy Miles

Lord's Table:
Presiding: Sibio Farrington

Assisting: David Inman
Luka Herrera

Sermon: Byran Hatcher

Closing P.: Tyler Christian

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher: Byran Hatcher

Announcements: Byran Hatcher

Devotional: Julius Cook

Song Leader: Chad Futrell

Closing Prayer: Cam Christian

Pantry Item

Small Can Chicken

Sermon Notes *Life Is Unpredictable*

I. *Life is* _____

II. *Life is* _____

III. *Life is* _____

IV. *There 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

The Cape Fear Crier

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

Knowledge or Ignorance? (Cont'd)

The greatest choice one could make in their entire life is to learn the Will of God -- having the knowledge of God's Will. Such knowledge gives one the essential information to prepare themselves to stand before the Lord in judgment.

The Bible discloses the principle of turning away from wickedness and evil to serve the true and living God throughout. Ezekiel proclaimed, “*But if the wicked will turn from all his sins that he hath committed, and keep all my statutes; and do that which is lawful and right, he shall surely live, he shall not die. All his transgressions that he hath committed, they shall not be mentioned unto him: in his righteousness that he hath done he shall live. Have I any pleasure at all that the wicked should die? saith the Lord GOD: and not that he should return from his ways, and live*” (Ezek. 18:20-23)?

One cannot keep the Lord's statutes and do that which is lawful and right if he does not have the knowledge of God's will. Therefore, one must choose to learn, assimilate, digest, understand, and know. This comes through diligent study as we're commanded in II Timothy 2:15, “*Study (be diligent, ASV) to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*”

The Psalmist said, “*Teach me good judgment and knowledge: for I have believed thy commandments*” (Psa. 119:66).

By inspiration, the wise Solomon revealed many great things about the knowledge of God's will. He wrote: “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of knowledge: but fools despise wisdom and instruction*” (Prov. 1:7). “*Then shalt thou understand the fear of the LORD, and find the knowledge of God. For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding*” (Prov. 2:5-6). “*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom: and the knowledge of the holy is understanding*” (Prov. 9:10).

When there is no knowledge of God's Word, dire consequences result. “*Therefore my people are gone into captivity, because they*

have no knowledge: and their honourable men are famished, and their multitude dried up with thirst” (Isa. 5:13). “My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge: because thou hast rejected knowledge, I will also reject thee, that thou shalt be no priest to me: seeing thou hast forgotten the law of thy God, I will also forget thy children” (Hosea 4:6).

The New Testament also speaks about knowledge and ignorance. In Romans 10:3 we read, “For they being ignorant of God’s righteousness, and going about to establish their own righteousness, have not submitted themselves unto the righteousness of God.” Paul is speaking here of fleshly Israel. Though they looked for the Messiah and His coming kingdom, they had no concept of the Messiah’s true nature or His kingdom. They failed to comprehend the prophecies given for centuries and their fulfillment in John, Jesus, and the apostles. They were ignorant of “God’s righteousness”; that is, they did not know God’s plan to bring about righteousness—God’s plan of justifying men. Romans 10:18-21 reveals that they had sufficient opportunity to know, but they chose to remain ignorant. They, like many today, are voluntarily ignorant.

God wants men and women around the world to know His will. God wants all men to be saved, but in order for that to happen, they must first “...come unto the knowledge of the truth” (I Tim. 2:4), “...for by the law is the knowledge of sin” (Rom. 3:20). So many people are religious and are zealous for God, “...but not according to knowledge” (Rom. 10:2). People, therefore, must “...be filled with the knowledge of his will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding” (Col. 1:9). But sadly, there are many who are “ever learning, and never able to come to the knowledge of the truth” (II Tim. 3:7). That is why it is so urgent that we grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ (II Peter 3:18). One grows by adding the Christian graces to his life. “And beside this, giving all diligence, add to your faith virtue; and to virtue knowledge; And to knowledge temperance; and to temperance patience; and to patience godliness” (II Peter 1:5).

Wilful rejection of the Will (knowledge) of God brings spiritual destruction. “For if we sin wilfully after that we have received the knowledge of the truth, there remaineth no more sacrifice for sins” (Heb. 10:26). “For if after they have escaped the pollutions of the world through the knowledge of the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, they are again entangled therein, and overcome, the latter end is worse with them than the beginning. For it had been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than, after they have known it, to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog is turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire” (II Peter 2:20-22).

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By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 9/06 B.C.: 64 Daily Bible Readers: —
Chapters Read: — — Worship: 80 Wednesday: 42

Family News and Notes

Margaret Mosley remains in rehab. **Triahnna Miles’** mother, **Troy Miles’** grandmother, is not doing well. Jennifer’s coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles, but has received some good news about her diagnosis. **Nikki Inman** needs prayer concerning her liver. **Namika Harley** has some circulation problems. **Gloria Frye’s** daughter, **Kathy Taylor**, is enduring extreme pain with multiple health issues. **Joseph Brown**, Cookie’s brother, has had seizures. **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 Hatcher, Phil & Kathie Byrd, Margaret Mosley, Irene Frydler, Linda Hernandez, Ellen Brantley**, and the **Davis** family.

Bible Reading Plan

Sep 13	Sep 14	Sep 15	Sep 16	Sep 17	Sep 18	Sep 19
P 1212-19	P 1219-24	P 1224-29	P 1229-34	P 1234-38	P 1238-43	P 1243-46

Events

Gospel Meeting: at Rockingham C of C, September 20-23.
Loris Lecturship: October 24 from 9 - 2. Lunch provided.

