Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements:	Sibio Farrington
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	Barry Hatcher
Lord's Table: Presiding:	Julius Cook
Assisting:	Luka Herrera Tyler Christian
Sermon:	Byran Hatcher
Closing P.:	Louden Herrera

Those serving Wednesday

Teacher:	Byran Hatcher
Announcements:	Byran Hatcher
Devotional:	Julius Cook
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Closing Prayer:	Cam Christian

Pantry Item
Canned Peaches

Sermon Notes

Peace With God

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

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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:
Tuesdays10:00am

The
Cape Fear Crier

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

Denominations Deceive!

Hundreds, even thousands, of religious denominations exist, each with its own name, doctrine, form of worship, and plan of salvation, and each with its own earthly headquarters. No reasonable person would conclude that Scripture authorizes this present confusion or that God is at all pleased by the wholesale abandonment of His plea for unity. *"For God is not the author of confusion"* (I Cor. 14:33), but man is.

Most all denominational churches call Jesus "Lord." But Jesus says in Matthew 7:21-23, *"Not everyone who saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? And in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* On Judgment Day, there will be many people pleading with the Lord that they had prophesied and done many wonderful works in His name. They had not done "the will of my Father which is in heaven," but man's will. Because of this, they will be horrified when Jesus tells them, *"I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity."* This is the worst thing that will ever be said to an individual because he will be eternally lost in hell. Members of myriad denominations practice lawlessness because they follow what man says rather than what God says, following their various denominational creeds. One must do the will of the Father in heaven, and not the will of man, if he expects to go to heaven. Doing the Father's will has never put anyone into a denomination. People must do something "more" or "less" than what the Bible says to become a member of a denomination.

Satan wants man to be eternally lost. He uses many devices to deceive man into accepting his way and to reject God's way. We read in 2 Corinthians 2:11, *"Lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices."* Satan and his ministers pass

themselves off as ministers of Christ. We read in 2 Corinthians 11:14-15, *"For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness."* Satan and his ministers are still hard at work today.

Denominationalists falsely claim to be the ministers of Christ. They urge people to reject the Lord's plan of salvation and substitute one of Satan's plans, such as to "accept Jesus as their personal Savior" and to say the "Sinner's Prayer" to be saved. Thinking Bible students must enquire, "Where in the Bible is any of this found?" It is not there! No passage can be referred to or quoted because this plan has come from Satan, *"who changed the truth of God into a lie"* (Rom. 1:25). Satan's ministers persuade people into believing they are saved without doing what Jesus says must be done to be saved, so they are still lost. They urge people to reject Christ's one true church and to accept a man-made denomination. They urge people to reject the worship of God in truth as found in the New Testament (John 4:24) and substitute it with man-made worship that is more entertaining. Denominations are one of the cleverest and most deceptive things Satan has ever done.

Christ died for His church and purchased it with His own blood (Acts 20-28). He did not die for, nor did He purchase, any of the thousands of differing denominations. When the Book of Mormon is planted into the human heart, the result is a Mormon, not a Christian. When the Baptist Church Manual is planted, it produces a Baptist, not a Christian. When the Methodist Discipline is planted, it brings forth a Methodist, not a Christian. A Catholic Catechism makes one a Catholic, not a Christian. The seed that is planted will produce after its own kind. When pure New Testament doctrine is preached, it produces a Christian. That Christian is a member of the New Testament church.

Each man-made denomination has a different name that separates it from all the other man-made denominations. Each teaches a different doctrine, based on its own man-made creed or abridged passages. Obeying any of these false doctrines will never make one a member of the Lord's one true church. All denominations exist without divine authority, and those who remain in them will be eternally lost. Denominationalism exists because something other than God's word is taught. Anything taught that is different from the Bible is false doctrine. Where did all this religious confusion come from? *"But evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse, deceiving, and being deceived"* (II Tim. 3:13). If everyone followed the Bible and only the Bible, there would be no denominations. Only Biblical unity would exist.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 10/11 B.C.: 27 Daily Bible Readers: 12
Chapters Read: 385 Worship: 48 Wednesday: 31

Family News and Notes

Margaret Mosley is now at home. A former classmate of Tyler and Luka at Gray's Creek committed suicide. Please pray for them and for that young man's family. Jennifer's coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles; she is facing surgery for cancer. Please pray for **Nikki Inman regard**ing 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. **Linda Jenkins**' son, **Shannon**, is struggling with mental health issues. **John McDougle, Geraldine Harrington's** uncle, is not doing well. **Kim Perkins**' parents need prayers, and the family is experiencing significant stress. **Rick and Robin Caldwell** need our prayers.
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

Oct 18	Oct 19	Oct 20	Oct 21	Oct 22	Oct 23	Oct 24
P 1358-61	P 1361-65	P 1365-67	P 1367-71	P 1371-74	P 1374-78	P 1378-81

Events

S. Lumberton Gospel Meeting: Oct. 18-21. Weeknights at 7pm

Silver Linings: Friday Oct 23. Ladies meet @ 11am. Prayer requests with lunch. Bring your lunch

Loris Lecturship: October 24 from 10am - 1pm . Lunch provided.

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