Privileged to Serve

Morning Worship

Announcements:	Sibio Farrington
Song Leader:	Chad Futrell
Opening Prayer:	David Inman
Lord's Table: Presiding:	Julius Cook
Assisting:	Louden Herrera Cam Christian
Sermon:	Byran Hatcher
Closing P.:	Ben Grant

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

Standing In Grace

I. ___ God, ___ Jesus Christ

II. ___ Jesus

III. ___ Eternal Life

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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

Jesus Has One Body

The Lord has only "one body" (Eph. 4:4), and the Bible says His "one body" is His "one church" (Eph. 1:22-23). After Peter confessed to Jesus, *"Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God"* (Matt. 16:16), Jesus promised, *"upon this rock I will build my church"* (Matt. 16:18). The church of Christ was established in Jerusalem on the Day of Pentecost after the ascension of Christ into heaven, as we read in Acts chapters one and two. The church Jesus built was not a denomination. The Lord did not say He would build many churches, but He said "my church," singular, and it belongs to Him. None of the many differing denominational churches belong to the Lord. They all belong to Satan.

Many denominational churches react in bitterness and hatred when the truth about denominationalism is presented. This mirrors the hatred and bitterness we read about in the Gospels when Jesus taught the truth and was crucified for it. In Acts, the apostles were imprisoned and beaten and commanded to stop teaching the truth (Acts 5:17-42). Stephen was stoned to death (Acts 8:58-60) and the apostle James was killed with a sword for teaching the truth (Acts 12:1-2). Secular history tells us that all the apostles died violently (except the apostle John, who was exiled to the Isle of Patmos) for teaching the truth. Satan's war against the truth of God's word continues in full force today, with false doctrine being his main tactic.

Jesus came into this world to establish His church to which only the saved are added. When one obeys the Lord's command, *"He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved"* (Mark 16:16), it is then *"the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved"* (Acts 2:47). Men may join their own denominations, but only Jesus adds the saved to His one church.

No Protestant denomination can trace its beginning back farther than the 1500s. Hundreds of denominations exist, each founded by different men at different times and in different places. Psalm 127:1 says, *"Except the Lord build the house, they labor in vain*

that build it." Because the Lord did not build any denomination, many people are laboring in vain.

Denominationalism promotes the false notion that any denomination is as valid as the Lord's one true church. Satan rejoices in such a notion. *"Christ is the head of the church, and he is the Savior of the body"* (Eph. 5:23). Christ has promised to save only His one body, His church. Many people refuse to accept that the Lord has only one church to save. But what will happen to the hundreds of differing denominations men have started? Jesus says, *"Every plant which my heavenly Father hath not planted, shall be rooted up"* (Matt. 15:13). If one is in any of the many denominational churches, he will be uprooted and thrown into the eternal fires of Hell forever. This is sad because it does not have to be this way.

Satan's main tactic against humanity is deception. Denominationalism offers a deceptive satisfaction to many people, which will result in eternal destruction. It does great harm by elevating human opinion over the truth of God's word as found in the Bible. Proverbs 14:12 says, *"There is a way which seemeth right unto a man, but the end thereof are the ways of death."* When man does what seems right in his own eyes, it ends in eternal separation from God. Many people do not want the truth. The Bible says, *"And with all deceivableness of unrighteousness in them that perish; because they received not the love of the truth, that they might be saved. And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness"* (II Thess. 2:10-12). If one does not love the truth of God's word, he will be condemned on Judgment Day.

Most Protestants applaud denominationalism. It is a frequent refrain to "attend the church of your choice." God has not, now or ever, given man a choice of churches/groups so we can select the one we like best. We must choose the church God chooses so we can be saved and go to Heaven. The process of becoming a member of a man-created denomination is not the same as becoming a Christian and a member of the Lord's one church, for which He gave His life (Eph. 5:25).

Take the Bible and obey only the instructions therein without adding to, deleting from, or changing it in any way; then one becomes a Christian and a member of the church of Christ. The church of Christ is composed of all the saved in Christ, but all those outside His one church are deceived and are lost. It will not be a joking matter to find out on the Day of Judgment that the Lord will not save anyone in the hundreds of different man-made denominational churches. If we really want salvation, it must be on the Lord's terms, not ours. Many will be met with horrible surprises on Judgment Day. The Judgment will be final. There will be no second chances or appeals; therefore, we must get it right the first time.

-BTH

By the Numbers

Weekly Attendance for 10/18
Chapters Read: 322

B.C.: 29
Worship: 59

Daily Bible Readers: 13
Wednesday: 35

Family News and Notes

Claire Lovelace, a teacher at the School of Hope, was diagnosed with breast cancer. Rob Sparks' close friend, **Steve Stanley**, has prostate cancer. Jennifer's coworker, **Nicole Jones**, is going through chemotherapy and family struggles; she is facing surgery for cancer. Please pray for **Nikki Inman** regarding 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 25	Oct 26	Oct 27	Oct 28	Oct 29	Oct 30	Oct 31
P 1381-86	P 1386-89	P 1389-92	P 1392-95	P 1395-99	P 1399-02	P 1402-04

Events

Men's Lunch: Nov 6th @ 11am at Golden Corral
Silver Linings: Nov 20th. 11am. Lunch is provided
Prayer Service: Wednesday evening, Nov 25th, in Langston Hall. Men, if you will be present, please let Brother Byran know.

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