

Citizens of the Kingdom

The Sermon on the Mount – Matthew 5 - 7

- “The Sermon on the Mount does not present the way of salvation but the way of righteous living for those who are in God’s family, contrasting the new Way with the “old one” of the scribes and the Pharisees.” **Charles Ryrie**
“The first sixteen verses of Matthew 5 (The Beatitudes) describe the true Christian and deal with character. The rest of the Sermon on the Mount deals with conduct that grows out of character. Character always comes before conduct, because what we are determines what we do.” **Warren Wiersbe**

The Beatitudes – Matthew 5:3-11

- “The most well-known portion of the Sermon on the Mount is known as the Beatitudes. These are a series of blessings promised to those who exhibit the attributes of God’s Kingdom.” **Life Application NT Comm.**
The Beatitudes do not show a man how to be saved, but describe the characteristics manifested by one who is saved! The Beatitudes describe how Christ’s followers should live. Each beatitude tells how to be blessed. To be blessed means more than happiness; it means to be favored and approved by God.” **Life Application NT Comm.**

The Blessed

- “The Greek word (for blessed) was used in Greek literature, in the Septuagint (the Greek translation of the OT), and in the NT to describe the kind of happiness that comes from receiving divine favor.” **Nelson New Illustrated Comm.**
- “Blessed” implied an inner satisfaction and sufficiency that did not depend on outward circumstances for happiness. This is what the Lord offers those who trust Him! The Beatitudes describe the attitudes that ought to be in our lives today.” **Warren Wiersbe**

The Poor in Spirit

- “Poor in spirit is the opposite of proud in spirit. Those who have recognized their poverty in spiritual things and have allowed Christ to meet their need have become heirs of the kingdom of heaven.” **The Wycliffe Bible Comm.**
- “He only who is reduced to nothing in himself, and relies on the mercy of God, is poor in spirit.” **John Calvin**
- “Thus, to be ‘poor in spirit’ is to acknowledge our spiritual poverty, indeed our spiritual bankruptcy, before God.” **John Stott**
- “The poor in spirit are those who, in absolute poverty of spirit, are solely dependent upon God. Such persons have no confidence in their own successes or achievements, for they enjoy the gift of God’s acceptance and fellowship.” **The Preacher’s Comm.**

The Kingdom of Heaven

- “The Christian is the spiritual citizen of the kingdom of heaven now.” **New Illustrated Bible Comm.**
- “Still today the indispensable condition of receiving the kingdom of God is to acknowledge our spiritual poverty.” **John Stott**
- “It is obvious in this usage that the kingdom of heaven is a general designation of the dwelling place of the saved.” **KJV Comm.**
- “Kingdom of heaven - A participation of all the blessings of the new covenant here, and the blessings of glory above.” **Adam Clarke**

Morning Worship Services

January 25, 2009

Prelude	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i>	Ennis
Welcome		Dr. Gambrell
Praise	<i>We Will Glorify Shout to the Lord</i>	Paris Kendrick
Invocation		Rev. Hayes
Children’s Message		Rev. Hayes
	(11:00 a.m. Children 3 yrs. to kindergarten may leave for Children’s Church)	
“Soup”er Bowl of Caring		
Morning Prayer		Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 579	<i>Shine, Jesus, Shine (vv 1,3)</i>	Kendrick
Offertory	<i>Seek Ye First</i>	Pachelbel
Sermon Text	James 4:6	Rev. Hayes
Special Music	<i>Firm Foundation O God, Our Help in Ages Past</i>	Choir Choir
Message	Citizens of the Kingdom	Dr. Gambrell
Hymn 446	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>	Longstaff
Response 457	<i>In My Life, Lord, Be Glorified</i>	Kilpatrick



The flowers on the altar this morning are given by Shirley Kesterson in celebration of Harry’s 80th birthday, January 30.



Welcome to Worship

*God resists
the proud,
but gives
grace
to the
humble*

James 4:6

Evening Worship Service

January 25, 2009

Message	Suffer Loss In Heaven	Dr. Gambrell
Morning Worship Greeters - 9:30 a.m.		
Front Door:	Charles and Betty Brewer	
Side Door:	Lynda Cole and Dale Joyce	
Drive-Thru:	Gene and Ramie Tutterrow	
Welcome Desk:	Nesbeth Fisher	
Today's Ushers		
8:30 a.m.	Leon Hayes and Paul Prevatte	
11:00 a.m.	Charlie Bellamy, Chris Bellamy, Russ Courtney, Scott Harmon, Cary Smith	
6:30 p.m.	Ron Ball and Ron Bruce	
Worship Nursery/Children's Church Volunteers – 11:00 a.m.		
Nursery:	Jennifer Carter	
Children's Church:	Kim Rue	
Security Duty Next Week		
Feb 1-4:	Hank Crawford and Jim Davis	

Notes

Building on Our Heritage

2 Corinthians 9:7 "Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver." Let us give cheerfully to Building on Our Heritage so that we may continue following His lead. Perhaps you received an increase in compensation for the beginning of the year or are expecting a refund when you file your taxes. You may want to make a special gift to Building on Our Heritage.

2009 Contribution Envelopes

Please remember to pick up your 2009 contribution envelopes. If you are a member of a Sunday School class, your envelopes were put in your classroom. If not, you can find your envelopes in the Fellowship Hall. The envelopes are again in booklet style format combining the weekly offering and the building fund.

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday—February 1

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday is February 1, celebrating the 20th year since the youth of Spring Valley Presbyterian Church in Columbia, SC addressed the issue of hunger in their community with this Super Bowl Sunday prayer: "Lord, as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us to be mindful of those without even a bowl of soup to eat." The prayer inspired this single church to invite 21 other congregations to join them in collecting \$5,700, which was donated to local charities that provided assistance to those in need. Over the past 20 years, more than \$50 million has been raised in cash and food for organizations that fight hunger. From a simple prayer and a single youth group, the "Soup"er Bowl of Caring has become a powerful nationwide movement that touches more lives each year. On February 1, let's bring hearty cans of soup or spaghetti sauce during the morning worship services for "Soup"er Bowl Sunday. Our RAs will be at the doors of the sanctuary to collect your dollars. You can put the soup and spaghetti sauce down front on either side of the altar or in the gray mission boxes around the church. All food and money stays right here for North Strand Helping Hand and/or Street Reach.

Dates to Remember

Sunday, January 25

5:00 p.m.

Family Life Center

Training for Upward Greeters

Friday, January 30

9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m.

Women's Lifestyle Evangelism Conference

Myrtle Beach Community Church

Saturday, January 31

8:00 a.m.

Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Begins

Sunday, February 1

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

"Soup"er Bowl Sunday

Sunday, February 1

4:30 p.m.

Deacons' Meeting

Sunday, February 8

11:00 a.m.

Baptismal

Sunday, February 8

8:30 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Observance of the Lord's Supper

February 17-27

Pilgrimage to the Holy Land

Pick Up Brochures at the Church Office

Sunday, March 15

Upward Basketball/Cheerleading

Awards Celebration

Friday, March 27

Deadline for Edith Jordan, Aunt Mary Bellamy
and Isaac Case Scholarships

Activities for the Week

Sunday

Chapel Choir Practice	8:00 a.m.
Worship Service	8:30 a.m.
Coffee, Donuts, Juice	9:30 a.m.
Sunday School (for all ages)	9:45 a.m.
Worship Service	11:00 a.m.
Upward Greeters Training	5:00 p.m.
Children's Music	5:30 p.m.
Evening Service	6:30 p.m.
TeamKID	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.

Monday

Quilting Class	10:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m. or 6:00 p.m.
Handbell Choir	11:15 a.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Tuesday

Discover Together Bible Study	8:00 a.m.
Weekly Visitation	6:30 p.m.
Discover Together Bible Study	7:00 p.m.
ESL	7:00 p.m.

Wednesday

Weekly Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.
Youth Worship	6:30 p.m.
RAs and GAs	6:30 p.m.
12 Step Program	8:00 p.m.

Saturday

Upward Basketball/Cheerleading Begins	8:00 a.m.
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Sunday

Deacons' Meeting	4:30 p.m.
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