

## *Privileged To Serve In Public Worship*

Announcements: Seth Bolstad

Scripture Reading: AM- Tom Trull                      PM- John Hamilton

Song Leader: Bo Graham

Opening Prayer: AM- Dennis Thomas                      PM- Blake Grimes

Closing Prayer: AM-Larry Clamon                      PM- Landry Gammon

To Serve Communion: Charlie Thomas                      Nicolas Lowry  
Colt Rollins                      Ethan Graham  
J.J. Marcum                      Hagen Dyer

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius

AM- "Jesus, the Infallible & Formidable King"

PM- "Laodicea- The Indecisive & Lukewarm Church"

Sound Room: Alan Haack

Greet Visitors: Caleb Lowry

Count Contribution: Ron Davis                      Lawson Lovelady

Attendance Cards: Hayden Dyer                      Jason Graham

### **Wednesday, February 4, 2026**

Scripture Reading: Caden Thomas /I Corinthians 16:1-12

Devotional: Ray Duncan

Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

### **Records for week of January 25, 2026:**

**Attendance:** Bible Class: N/A                      Worship PM: N/A  
Worship AM: N/A                      Wed. 1/21: 95

**Contribution:** \$ N/A



**February 1, 2026**

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Tyler Thomas, Tom Trull

Preacher: Anthony Scherffius

## **Bible Study & Worship**

**Sundays:** Bible Class 9:00am  
Worship 10:00am  
Worship 5:00pm

**Wednesdays:** Bible Class 7:00

## LEAVING A LEGACY DESPITE THE CURSE OF SIN

By Anthony Scherffius

Many people question the existence of God due to the wickedness and disease that infects our everyday lives. *“The good die young, the wicked prosper into their old age, terrible things happen to those who do not deserve it, therefore there cannot be an all loving and all just God,”* some may say. That is exactly what sin does; it not only separates one from God, but it provides a “different perspective.” Sin says, *“perhaps there is no God because of all the terrible things in the world”* when sin is the one who brought death with it (Rom. 5:12-21). *“You can be your own God,”* sin may offer but not tell you the side effects (Gen. 3:5). James tells us to not say that *“we are tempted of God for God cannot be tempted with evil, and neither tempt He any man, but every man is tempted when he is drawn away from his own lust and enticed. And when lust has conceived it brings forth sin, and when sin is fully grown, it brings forth death (Jas 1:13- 15).* With sin comes a curse, and we see that at the very beginning of humanity’s history. After Adam and Eve disobeyed God in partaking of the forbidden fruit, they were sent out of the garden, facing certain death. We see the effects of sin in Genesis chapter five. Before you read any further, I would encourage you read through this genealogy of Adam.

Many people skip over the genealogies due to it being “monotonous”, repetitious, and containing hard names to pronounce. Even though some names are difficult, and it may be tedious to read, there is a powerful message in every genealogy, especially this one.

**Lesson #1: This Life Is Cursed**—If you notice, while reading the text, there is statement repeated 8x in Genesis chapter five: *“...and he died.”* (Vs 5, 8, 11, 14, 17, 20, 27, and 31). Here we see the curse of sin. Before, mankind was “very good” according to God after creating everything. At one point, mankind was perfect and needed no mediator. But because of sin, this life is now cursed. Something else we see concerning the curse of sin is that, in a way, we lose our likeness of being like God. Notice what Moses records for

us in Genesis 5:1-3. Even though Adam was made in the likeness of God, Seth was made in the likeness of Adam. One brother in Christ discussed this chapter in one of his sermons and made this statement:

*“Moses reminds us that when God originally made mankind, He made us in His image, and in His likeness... that not only includes the spirit Adam possessed but also the perfection and sinlessness God created him with. Of course, Adam and Eve forsook that blessing by sinning and destroying the image of God... When Adam bore a son, his son was still in the image of God. As Seth grew up and fell into sin as well, he turned out to be in Adam’s likeness and image.*

—Andrew S. Patterson

Although we are made in God’s image and maintain an eternal spirit/soul, we all have sinned, falling short of the glory of God, facing the wages of sin, which is death (Rom. 3:23; 6:23).

### **Lesson #2: Your Life Can Be Different**—

Although this life is cursed which results in death at the end of our course (2 Timothy 4:7-8), we can have a different life by keeping the faith or by “walking with God.” Notice in the line of patriarchs and those whom they have begotten, there is only one who did not die. It says, *“Enoch walked with God; and he was not, for God took him”* (Gen. 5:24). There is hardly anyone who remembers Kenan, or Jared, or Enosh. But many people know who Enoch because his life was different. Why was his life different? It was because he dedicated it to God.

### **Lesson #3: Your Legacy Can Be Different**—

And finally, not only can your life be different in spite of the curse of sin, but you can have a different legacy! Every man and woman on this earth will pass from this life as long as the earth stands. There are no exceptions in the chapter nor in this life. *“Therefore, just as through one man sin entered into the world, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men, because all sinned.”* (Rom. 5:12). And again we can read, *“It is appointed for men to die once and after this comes judgment.”* (Heb. 9:27). Now one may think—*“What about Enoch? Is he not an exception to*

certain death?” Our brother Patterson makes mention in his sermon:

*“Yes, he is. But not because he did not leave this life. Not because he did not die, but in that his death was different. He chose to live a different life, and so he partook of a different death. Although his spirit still left his body, it did not do so in the normal natural way; God allowed him to experience a different kind of death. Death was not a curse for Enoch. Instead, it was the end of a curse. He no longer had to deal with temptation, sickness, and pain. God granted him release from those things.”*

Although we will not experience our end exactly like Enoch, we can still be with God after we die and are judged by Christ on the Resurrection Day. It does not matter who you are, what your past history is, or who you are related to by blood; what does matter is if you decide to walk with God in spite of the curse. If you live for God, having a different life from those around you, having a different legacy than those who were before you who lived unfaithful to God, then death does not have to be a curse. For just as Paul said, *“For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. But if I am to live on in the flesh, this will mean fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which to choose. But I am hard-pressed from both directions, having the desire to depart and be with Christ, for that is very much better* (Phil. 1:21-23).

### **Please Remember:**

Melva McManus, Archie & Nancy Underwood, Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell, Samuel & Diana Ramirez, Steven Coats, Sharon McMillan, Loree Mixon, Donna Roberts

### **Contribution Tax Statements**

If you would like a contribution statement for 2025, please sign up in the information room.

### **IMPORTANT DATES**

February 8- NH Worship/2:00  
February 15- Elders/Deacons Mtg./4:00  
February 22- Pot Luck Luncheon  
February 26- NH Birthday Party/2:00

### **Nursing Home Items Needed:**



**Small blankets Women’s socks**

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The Lord’s church at Wylie is hosting the Mighty Men’s Mentoring Conference on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$37.73 per person. To register, please visit the Wylie congregation’s website at [www.wcoc.org](http://www.wcoc.org). Seats are limited.

### **MISSING**

Two green silk plants are missing from the unused classroom at the back of the auditorium. Please let Deb Thomas know of the whereabouts. Thank you!

Mt. Vernon church of Christ is hosting their annual **Make Me a Servant Workshop** **The Questions of Life** Saturday, February 7 @ 10:00 a.m. See information room for details.