Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Ray Duncan

Scripture Reading: AM- Nicolas Lowry PM- Aiden Morton

Song Leader: Doug Guinn

Opening Prayer: AM- Robert Osborne PM- Dennis Thomas

Closing Prayer: AM- Scott Samford PM- John Dyer

To Serve Communion: Jim Gammon Seth Bolstad
Adam Dyer Bob Ewing
J.J. Marcum Chandler Osborne

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius

Sound: John Hamilton

Greet Visitors: Kevin McCarley

Count Contribution: Brad Trull Tom Trull

Attendance Cards: Levi Dyer Hayden Dyer

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Wednesday, March 25, 2026
Scripture Reading: Hagen Dyer/II Corinthians 3:1-6
Devotional: Scott Samford
Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

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Records for week of March 15, 2026:

Attendance:	Bible Class:	82	Worship PM:	74
	Worship AM:	115	Wed. 3/11:	89

Contribution: $ 6889

March 22, 2026

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Bible Study & Worship

Sundays:	Bible Class	9:00am
	Worship	10:00am
	Worship	5:00pm
Wednesdays:	Bible Class	7:00

THE MEASURE OF A STRONG CHURCH

by Anthony Scherffius

Throughout the New Testament, there is a key theme of "faith, hope, and love" (1 Corinthians 13:13; 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3; 2 Thessalonians 1:3; Colossians 1:3-5; Ephesians 1:15-16, 18; Hebrews 10:22-24). It is God's measuring stick for His people. In order for one to be pleasing to God, they must have faith (Hebrews 11:6), they must abound in hope (Romans 15:13), and display love (John 15:12ff). But what does that look like? How can an individual or a group of people display faith, hope, and love? God has actually given descriptions throughout the Bible concerning the nature of the church and how we as the called out can display these three attributes.

Faith, Hope, and Love Functions Like A Body—In his letter to the church at Corinth, Paul describes the people of God as a body that is made up of many members. And Paul talks about the importance of each member, no matter how small or how large:

For even as the body is one and yet has many members, and all the members of the body, though they are many, are one body, so also is Christ… If the foot says, "Because I am not a hand, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body. And if the ear says, "Because I am not an eye, I am not a part of the body," it is not for this reason any the less a part of the body… But God has so composed the body, giving more abundant honor to that member which lacked, so that there may be no division in the body, but that the members may have the same care for one another. And if one member suffers, all the members suffer with it; if one member is honored, all the members rejoice with it. (1 Corinthians 12:12-26)

The church displays *love* for one another by suffering when the body suffers, and functions in *faith* that the Head will take care of them through the hope of the resurrection.

Faith, Hope, and Love Is Structured Like A Family—Once again, Paul would write to the church of Christ, this time in Colossae, concerning the family and its structure based on Christ's template of the home. In Colossians 3 Paul says we are to be like Christ, pure and perfect (vs 1-17), and serve and submit (vs 18-4:1). In his exhortation to serve and submit, Paul talks to three main groups: the family, the slaves, and their masters. Under the family's structure (3:18-21) he says the wives are to be submissively respectful (vs 18). To the husbands he says be sacrificially loving (vs 19). To the children Paul says to show obedience (vs 20), and to the fathers he says to not exasperate their children (vs 21). The family is to be loving and have faith in the authority figure (Christ) to provide the hope they need in order to thrive properly.

Faith, Hope, and Love Is Pure As A Bride—The church is also seen displaying the three attributes of God's measuring stick by fulfilling their role as a faithful spouse to Christ. Although this could fall into the category of "family" this one is a little bit more specific. Notice, in Ephesians 5:22-33, the *"mystery of marriage is revealed"* by the Holy Spirit through Paul by using Jesus and the church as an example of what a marriage should be. Focusing on the responsibility of the wife (the church), Paul says they are to *"be subject to your own husbands, as to the Lord. for the husband is the head of the wife, as Christ also is the head of the church, He Himself being the Savior of the body. But as the church is subject to Christ, so also the wives ought to be to their husbands in everything."* The church displays their *love* for Christ by submitting to Him and keeping His commandments (John 14:15), having *faith* that He will save them, and in doing so provide *hope* for His bride.

If you want to see a strong congregation of the LORD's church, look to see if they are measuring up to God's standard: faith, hope, and love.

Remember in Prayer

Judy Clamon has been ill with dizziness and blood pressure issues. Her doctors have made a medication adjustment.
Maria McCarley has laryngitis and upper respiratory symptoms.
Luanne Patterson is scheduled for knee surgery on 4/10.
Sharon McMillan will see her cardiologist on 4/20.

Remember Also:

Melva McManus,
Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell,
Samuel & Diana Ramirez,
Steven Coats, Donna Roberts,
Branden Skinner, Lee Wright,
Hayden Gammon, Chris Calvin,
Roger Elam, Louis Thomas,
Neely Lovelady, Jimmie Ivey,
Rex, Alan Haack, Brent Fisher

IMPORTANT DATES

March 26- NH Birthday Party/2:00
March 29- Potluck Luncheon
March 29- 5th Sunday Question & Answers/PM Service
April 12- NH Worship Svc./2:00

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38th Annual Mabank Lectures
April 24-26
"Resume of a Christian"

Speakers:

Caleb Nash	John Hall
Jim Laws	Cody Kilgore
Wade Webster	Joes Davis
Steven Lloyd	Matt Gibson

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TRUE OR FALSE?

1. Elijah was a hairy man. (2 Kings 1:8)
2. The Gadites had faces like lions. (1 Chronicles 12:8)
3. Absalom refused to make a monument to himself. (2 Samuel 18:18)
4. Jehu was an excellent chariot driver. (2 Kings 9:20)
5. David's tomb was still visible in Jerusalem at the time of the Pentecost. (Acts 2:29)

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