Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Ron Davis

Scripture Reading: AM- Larry Calvin PM- Kevin McCarley

Song Leader: Dennis Thomas

Opening Prayer: AM- Ray Duncan PM- Charlie Thomas

Closing Prayer: AM- Seth Bolstad PM- Terry Littlejohn

To Serve Communion: Bo Graham, Larry Calvin, Jacob Dyer, Jess Leonard, Dwayne Lovelady, Lawson Lovelady

Sermons: **AM-** Anthony Scherffius
Psalm 22-24 Overview: "The Cross, The Crook & The Crown"
PM- Guinn, Lowry, Osborne, Scherffius- Questions & Answers

Sound: Tyler Thomas

Greet Visitors: Bob Patterson

Count Contribution: Scott Samford Branden Skinner

Attendance Cards: Brayden Marcum Braxton Marcum

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Wednesday, April 1, 2026
Scripture Reading: Chandler Osborne/II Corinthians 3:7-15
Devotional: Anthony Scherffius
Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

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Records for week of March 22, 2026:

Attendance:	Bible Class:	NC	Worship PM:	80
	Worship AM:	109	Wed. 3/18:	78

Contribution: $ 6398

March 29, 2026

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Preacher: Anthony Scherffius

Bible Study & Worship

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

FROM PERSECUTOR TO APOSTLE

By Anthony Scherffius

The account of the conversion of Saul of Tarsus, whom we know now as Paul the Apostle, is one of the greatest conversion stories and testimonies known to man. We first see this individual as a young zealous man, eager to destroy a fast-growing religious group called "The Christians" or "Jesus Followers." Young Saul was no idiot. He was well-versed in the Law, studied at the feet of Gamaliel, was a Hebrew of the Hebrews; as to the Law, was a Pharisee (Philippians 3:5). He went from one who held the coats of those who stoned the believers to dining in the households of those he made widows and widowers. What caused Saul of Tarsus to change his life, motives, desires and goals in such a drastic way?

We really could give a short answer and simply quote Philippians 3:8 which says, *"More than that, I count all things to be loss in view of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and count them but rubbish so that I may gain Christ."* I like how the King James version translates it: *"…and do count them but **dung**, that I may **win** Christ."* Let us consider Paul's conversion by first examining the change that took place within Saul and secondly look at what exactly it was that Saul gave up.

1.) The Changes—The changes that take place with Saul of Tarsus are very interesting. Almost immediately we see these changes after his interaction with Jesus the Christ on the road to Damascus. From his conversation to Jesus on the road, to his final letters, he demonstrated changes throughout his life:

- His Spiritual State Changed, from Lost to Saved (Acts 9:10-19; 22:12-16; Eph. 2:8-10; 1 Tim.1:15).
- His Goals and Focus Changed, from Destroying to Building Up the Church (Acts 8:1, 3; 9:1-2; 1 Cor. 15:9; Eph. 1:15-23; Phil. 1:3-5; 1 Thes. 1:2-3).
- His Speech Changed, from Blasphemer to Proclaimer of the Gospel (Acts 7:58; 1 Tim. 1:12-16).
- His Loyalty Changed from the Flesh to Christ (1 Cor. 13:11; Gal. 2:20; Rom. 14:5-9).
- His Name Changed, from Saul to Paul (Acts 13:9).

2.) The Sacrifices—The changes that took place in Paul were just as extreme as the sacrifices he made for Christ. He records these for us throughout his epistles and they are even examples for those who have a desire to follow Christ Jesus:

- He Gave Up Station and Status (Gal. 1:13-14; Phil. 3:4-8).
- He Gave Up Possession and Power (Acts 20:33-35; 1 Cor. 9:1-18; 2 Cor. 11:7-9).
- He Gave Up Physical Comforts and Rights (Acts 20:22-24; 1 Cor. 7:8; 9:19-27; 2 Cor. 11:23-27; Phil. 4:11-12).
- He Gave Up His Own Will and Agenda (Acts 9:1-19; 20:24; Rom. 12:1-2; Gal. 2:20; Phil. 3:7-14)
- He Gave Up Friends and Relationships (2 Cor. 7:5-6; 2 Tim. 4:9-16; Phil. 2:19-30)

What would make a man do all of these things? How could one go from persecuting with such zeal to being persecuted with such zeal? Paul would say to the church at Corinth, *"Imitate me as I also imitate Christ"* (1 Cor.11:1). What did Christ do? What was it that Paul "knew" about Christ that had such value? Philippians 2:5-8 says. "*Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross"* What types of things will you have to change and sacrifice? Is your view of knowing Christ just as valuable to you as it was with Paul? Will you count all things as dung that you may win Christ?

Remember in Prayer

Luanne Patterson is scheduled for knee surgery on 4/10.
Sharon McMillan will see her primary care physician on 4/2 and a cardiologist on 4/20.
Jess Leonard had a good report on his recent stress test.

Remember Also:

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

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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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Yard Signs will be ready soon!

TRUE OR FALSE?
(answers from last week)

1. Elijah was a hairy man. **TRUE**
2. The Gadites had faces like lions. **TRUE**
3. Absalom refused to make a monument to himself. **FALSE**
4. Jehu was an excellent chariot driver. **FALSE**
5. David's tomb was still visible in Jerusalem at the time of the Pentecost. **TRUE**

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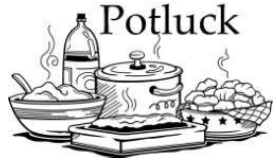
April 12th
Home of Karon Mason
After evening services
More info to come!

CALENDARS are available in the information room.

Sunday, March 29th