Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Bo Graham

Scripture Reading: AM- Keaton Dyer PM- Ethan Graham

Song Leader: Chris Lowry

Opening Prayer: AM- Blake Grimes PM- Bob Patterson

Closing Prayer: AM- Tyler Thomas PM- Ron Davis

To Serve Communion: Doug Guinn Robert Osborne
Alan Haack Scott Samford
Terry Littlejohn Dennis Thomas

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM & PM- Proverbs Chapter 3- "Rewards of Wisdom"

Sound: Jim Gammon

Greet Visitors: Kevin McCarley

Count Contribution: Jess Leonard Larry Clamon

Attendance Cards: Bennett Thomas Ryder Thomas

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Wednesday, April 8, 2026
Scripture Reading: Colt Rollins/II Corinthians 3:16-18
Devotional: Robert Osborne
Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

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Records for week of March 29, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 91 Worship PM: 75
Worship AM: 117 Wed. 3/25: NC

Contribution: $ 6976

April 5, 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

"BUT MARY WOULDN'T GO"
By Anthony Scherffius

There is a poem written long ago, that is both thought-provoking and terrifying at the same time:

Mary had a little boy,
His soul was white as snow.
He never went to Sunday school
'Cause Mary wouldn't go.

He missed the Bible stories
That thrilled the children's mind.
While others went to Bible class,
The boy was left behind.

As he grew from babe to youth,
Mary learned, to her dismay,
She saw the soul, which once was white,
Had turned to dingy gray.

Knowing now that he was lost,
She tried to win him back.
At last the soul that Mary loved
Had turned to ugly black.

Now Mary goes to Sunday school
And stays for preaching too.
She begs the preacher,
'Isn't there a single thing to do?'

He tried and failed, and then he said,
'We're just too far behind.
I warned you many years ago,
But you paid me no mind.'

"And so another soul is lost
That once was white as snow.
He would have gone to Sunday school,
But Mary wouldn't go."

Although this is just a poem, there are hundreds, even thousands of stories like this in just our country alone. There are so many innocent souls who are not given the proper time and attention. And by not having the attention needed in the home, they find it in the world. For the past couple of months we have been considering "The Family and the Home" series on Sundays, looking at the first institution created by God. If the patterns and instructions given by God are followed correctly, the family thrives and prospers. But if the family is divided, broken, and perverted in structure, consequences of astronomical proportions will transpire.

God gives instruction on how parents ought to teach their children the Law of LORD in every aspect of their life. Moses would say, by the command of God, **"*Now this is the commandment, the statutes and the judgments which the Lord your God has commanded me to teach you, that you might do them in the land where you are going over to possess it, so that you and your son and your grandson might fear the Lord your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged"*** (Deut. 6:1-2).

By teaching your children the commandments of God and how to apply them properly, you prolong the life of your child. Moses would go on to say, ***"You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up. You shall bind them as a sign on your hand and they shall be as frontals on your forehead. You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates"*** (Deut. 6:7-9). Parents are not only to "show attention" to their children, but they are to be involved in every aspect of their lives so they can teach them about God and His expectation of them.

So what will happen if parents neglect the responsibility of teaching their children and the next generation about the commandments required of God? The book of Judges records for us that very scenario: ***"The people served the Lord all the days of Joshua, and all the days of the elders who survived Joshua, who had seen all the great work of the Lord which He had done for Israel… All that generation also were gathered to their fathers; and there arose another generation after them who did not know the Lord, nor yet the work which He had done for Israel"*** *(Judges 2:7-10).*

When parents fail to teach their children about God, that generation grows up not knowing God. They find their gods elsewhere. Their soul goes from white, to dingy gray, to ugly black. We need to learn from lessons like these before it is too late. Teach your children the Law of the LORD; teach them about Christ and His commandments; teach them to know God.

Remember in Prayer

Larry Clamon has been sick.
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.
John Dyer will have a knee replacement at the end of April.
Alan Haack is having lung issues and continues to be monitored by his physician.

Remember Also:

Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell,
Louis Thomas, Jimmie Ivey,
Brent Fisher

IMPORTANT DATES

April 5- New Class Quarter Begins
April 12- NH Worship Svc./2:00
April 12- Youth Devotional
April 19- Elder/Deacon Mtg./4:00
April 23- NH Birthday Party/2:00
April 24-26- Lectureship

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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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April 12th
Home of Karon Mason
after evening services
Boys- bring drinks
Girls-bring corn chips

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NEEDED

It's that time! We need **many** cases of soft drinks and water for the Lectureship. You can bring those any time and put them on the pew in the foyer. Thanks!!

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Just in…

Pick up your copy of Christian Courier in the information room.