

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Doug Guinn

Scripture Reading: AM- Ron Davis PM- Bo Graham

Song Leader: Jim Gammon

Opening Prayer: AM- Jess Leonard PM- John Dyer

Closing Prayer: AM- Larry Clamon PM- Caleb Lowry

To Serve Communion: Chris Lowry Nicolas Lowry
Adam Dyer Caden Thomas
Colt Rollings Hagen Dyer

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius

AM & PM - Proverbs Chapter 3 – The Benefits of Wisdom

Sound: Alan Haack

Greet Visitors: Dennis Thomas

Count Contribution: Jess Leonard Terry Littlejohn

Attendance Cards: Brody Lovelady Lucas Thomas

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Scripture Reading: Tom Trull /II Corinthians 4:1-6

Devotional: Chris Lowry

Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

Records for week of April 5, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 88 Worship PM: 70
Worship AM: 127 Wed.4/1: 72

Contribution: \$ 7120



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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

“A DIFFERENT SPIRIT”

***By Anthony Scherffius
(Numbers 14:24)***

During World War II, an American bombardier named Louis Zamperini crashed his plane into the Pacific Ocean. He and two crew members survived 47 days adrift on a life raft facing starvation, sharks, storms, and exposure. Eventually, he was captured by the Japanese and spent two brutal years in POW camps enduring torture, disease, and constant humiliation. Many would have given up hope, despairing in the face of these “giants”—the ocean, the enemy, and the human cruelty around him. But Zamperini clung to faith, remembering promises and the hope that God was bigger than his circumstances. Even in his despair, he kept his inner resolve alive, which gave him courage to endure. After the war, he attributed his survival not only to his physical resilience but to the spirit of endurance and trust that God gave him.

There are many who break at the first sign of difficulty and hardship. Although we may face challenges of our own, we can remain unbroken and stand strong against our giants with a different spirit. We read of this in the book of Numbers with the example of Caleb, one of the twelve spies. The passage reads, ***“But My servant Caleb, because he has had a different spirit and has followed Me fully, I will bring into the land which he entered, and his descendants shall take possession of it”*** (Num. 14:24). As the twelve spies surveyed the promised land, only two came back with a good report—Caleb and Joshua. The other ten were focused on the giants of the land and how it would be “impossible” for them to take it. Caleb had another outlook on it, and because of this, God said he had a different spirit. What kind of spirit did he have?

1.) He Had A Faithful Spirit That Trusted God’s Power—While the other spies focused on the giants and obstacles (Num. 13:31–33), Caleb said: ***“Let us go up at once and take possession, for we are well able to overcome it”*** (Num. 13:30). Caleb was dealing with the exact

same situation as the other spies were. The only difference was his outlook. Caleb remained faithful and trusted in the power of God. He saw the giants with his own eyes, but he also saw what God could do and the phenomenal miracles God could work.

2.) He Had An Optimistic Spirit That Believed God’s Protection—Caleb (along with Joshua) told the people: ***“If the Lord delights in us, then He will bring us into this land...”*** (Num. 14:8). He did not deny the danger, but he believed God was greater. He not only trusted in God’s power to overcome the giants, he had a good attitude. He saw the silver lining in the midst of a clouded day and knew there was hope even when most saw doom.

3.) He Had A Submissive Spirit That Followed God Fully—Throughout Numbers 14, there is a message repeated over and over again: ***“he has followed Me fully*** (14:24); ***“because he has wholly followed the Lord”*** (14:8–9 contextually reinforced). The only way Caleb could have this faithful and optimistic spirit, was because he submitted to God and leaned not on his own understanding (Prov. 3:5-6). We see the result of leaning on your own understanding with the twelve spies—They were weak, lacked power, were unable, and could not gain victory. Caleb had what they were lacking because he had God they did not.

4.) He Had A Courageous Spirit That Stood For God’s Word—Even when the whole congregation wanted to rebel and return to Egypt (14:1–4), Caleb remained faithful and spoke truth. He did not follow the multitude (Ex. 23:2). He heard God’s promise: ***“I will also walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people. I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt so that you would not be their slaves, and I broke the bars of your yoke and made you walk erect”*** (Lev.26:12-13).

When we face giants in our life, we need to have the mindset that Caleb did, one spoken of in the New Testament by our Lord and Savior: ***“All things are possible to him who believes”*** (Mark 9:23).

Remember in Prayer

Luanne Patterson is scheduled for knee surgery on 4/10.

John Dyer will have a knee replacement on April 30.

Archie Underwood is having some health issues and will see an oncologist on 4/15.

Remember Also:

Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell,
Louis Thomas, Brent Fisher,
Sharon McMillan, Alan Haack



Our beloved brother Jimmie Ivey passed away Monday evening. Services will be at Beacon church of Christ, Friday, April 10. Visitation is at 1:00. Funeral is at 2:00. Interment will be at Elm Grove Cemetery.



We are so thankful for the recent baptisms of Lillian McCarley and Jared Cockrum. Welcome!

IMPORTANT DATES

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

YOUTH DEVOTIONAL REMINDER

April 12th

Home of Karon Mason
after evening services

**Boys- bring drinks
Girls-bring corn chips**



38th Annual Mabank Lectures April 24-26

“Resume of a Christian”
Schedules are located in the information room. Please take some copies to share!

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!!

UPDATE: The office building flooded on Sunday. Work to repair the damage is underway, but for now, the building will be closed. We will announce when the bathrooms are back open.