Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Ray Duncan

Scripture Reading: AM-Brad Trull PM- John Hamilton

Song Leader: Jim Gammon

Opening Prayer: AM- Chris Lowry PM- Bo Graham

Closing Prayer: AM- Terry Littlejohn PM- Chandler Osborne

To Serve Communion: Tom Trull, Kevin McCarley, Lawson Lovelady, Scott Samford, Ayden Samford, Adam Dyer

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM- "Mastering Our Prayer Life"-1 Thessalonians 5:17
PM- Psalm 26

Sound: Tyler Thomas

Greet Visitors: Landry Gammon

Count Contribution: Joel Ray Charlie Thomas

Attendance Cards: Tommy Scherffius Brody Lovelady

Wednesday, September 30, 2026
Scripture Reading: Seth Bolstad/II Corinthians 13:9-14
Devotional: Nicolas Lowry
Bible Class: SINGING NIGHT

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Records for week of September 20, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 84 Worship PM: 76
Worship AM: 118 Wed: 9/16: 86

Contribution: $6331



September 27, 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
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FAILURE IS NOT THE END

By Anthony Scherffius

A young David Lipscomb was scheduled to preach in a schoolhouse near McMinnville, Tennessee. He had carefully prepared what he thought was a sermon. When the time came, however, he read his selected passage—and discovered that his prepared sermon didn't fit the text at all. He kept reading, hoping something would come to him. Nothing did.

Finally, he turned to the older preacher accompanying him and essentially said, "Brother Stroud, you will have to preach." Stroud got up, but the situation was so awkward that he himself became overwhelmed and couldn't really preach either. Another preacher eventually had to finish the service. On the ride home, Stroud eventually told the young Lipscomb: "Brother David, I hope you will not let this discourage you."

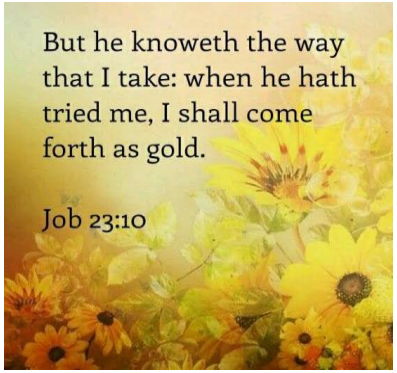
This was David Lipscomb's first sermon. He fell flat on his face for his first time preaching the Gospel, but he did not let it define him. He would go on to be one of the most effective evangelists, preachers, and teachers during the restoration movement along with Alexander Campbell, Walter Scott, J. W. McGarvey, Barton W. Stone, Raccoon John Smith, and many other giants in the faith.

Failure does not mean God is finished with you. A bad beginning does not have to determine the rest of your ministry for the LORD. Preachers are students before they are teachers and humility is necessary for growth. If you look at the apostles, every one of them fell before they became great in the Kingdom of God. Consider what Scripture says about this principle.

Paul would tell young Timothy that being a student of the Word takes great diligence and discipline in study*: "Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth" (2 Timothy 2:15)*. He would also go on to tell the church at Philippi, *"Brethren, I do not regard myself as having laid hold of it yet; but one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and reaching forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus" (Philippians 3:13–14).*

We will not learn to do better if we do not fail at times. It is part of growing. The wisest man to walk the earth, besides Jesus the Christ, would say this, *"For a righteous man falls seven times, and rises again, But the wicked stumble in time of calamity" (Proverbs 24:16).* Its not about how many times you mess up or even how grand of scale your failure is, it is about if you get back up.

Do not let your failures define you, let them refine you. For as one wise man once said: gold is most pure when gone through the fire.



Remember in Prayer

Doug Guinn remains in Mother Frances Heart Hospital. Please continue prayers for his improvement in all areas.
Charlotte Whitt will have hip replacement surgery on November 9th.
Deborah Parker had two stents placed on 9/21 and is doing well.
Louis Thomas is now on hospice care. He fell and hit his nose on 9/22 and went to the emergency room to be checked out, but is home now. If you would like to schedule a visit, please get in touch with Marie.
Alan Haack had tests done to detemine if more physical therapy is needed. Results pending.
Archie Underwood will see his oncologist next month to discuss further treatments.
Loree Mixon had a doctor's appointment 9/22 to review the results from her heart monitor. Plans are being discussed to undergo a procedure recommended by her doctor.
Scott Samford is sick with upper respiratory issues.
Bo Graham had retina surgery on Monday, Sept. 21st. He is doing well.
Sharon McMillan has had several doctor appointments this week. She is waiting for results from testing, and discussing next steps.

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UPCOMING *Events*

September 24- NH Birthday Party/2:00
September 27- Potluck Luncheon
September 30- End of Quarter Singing
October 4- 1st class of new quarter
October 11- NH Worship Svc./2:00
October 18-21- Gospel Meeting

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Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Scott Koehler, Rex Parker, Louis Thomas, Charlotte Whitt, Alan Haack, Gracie Stanley, Loree Mixon, Archie & Nancy Underwood, Kenneth Otterline, Sharon McMillan, Becky Smith, Joe David Rogers, Branden Skinner, Angie Lake, Deborah Parker, Atkinson family, Schultz family



DISCOVERY MAGAZINES FOR JULY, AUGUST & SEPTEMBER ARE IN THE INFORMATION ROOM!

Potluck LUNCHEON

September 27th

(after morning services)

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Hosts needed for the October Youth Devotional. Please see Jim if you can help with this!