

April 19 2026



Interim Pastor Jeff Brown

SUNDAY SCHOOL (for all ages)—9:00am

MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE—10:30am

Prelude No. 39 "Let There Be Praise"
 Welcome|Announcements|Prayer Requests
 Song No. 81 "He Leadeth Me! O Blessed Thought"
 Song No. 554 "As the Deer"
 Scripture Reading—Philippians 3:7-11
 Song "I Will Wait For You"
 Song "What a Beautiful Name It Is"
 Message "Thrust Into the Spiritual Wilderness" Jeff Brown
 The Path Forward . . .
 Job 19:23-29; 23:1-12; 29:1-30:1; 38-42
 Song of Response No. 83 "Be Thou My Vision"
 Benediction

VOLUNTEERS

TODAY	NEXT WEEK
NURSERY (Birth to 2 years of age) SS—Brenda Maloney, Lisa Russell AM—Ashley Osborn, Jill Spalding, Ethan Moss	SS—Hannah Wilkerson, Carol Taylor AM—Megan Moss, Alyssa Long, Anna Russell
CHILDREN'S CHURCH (3 years of age to 1st grade) NO Children's Church	Angel Vollrath, Phyllis Olson, Makenzie Chapman
SOUND TECHNICIAN Greg Cooper	Jeremy Moss
LIVE STREAM Jeremy Moss	Carter McNeill
MEDIA TECHNICIAN Brittany Johnson	Jane Anne Olson
DEACONS OF THE MONTH Jim Dorsey, Ray McCurdy	Jim Dorsey, Ray McCurdy
HOSPITALITY TEAMS Creighton & Amanda Shuck	Joe & Amanda McNeill

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BUDGET GIVING

BUDGET OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$ ACTUAL OFFERING YEAR TO DATE: \$
 WEEKLY GIVING TO MEET BUDGET: \$4,740 APRIL 12: BUDGET GIVING: \$
 SUNDAY SCHOOL ENROLLMENT: 128 ATTENDANCE ON APRIL 12:

Visitors/Ministry Needs—We want to remind us all that there is a Connect card located in pew pockets. This card is for our guests to fill out and drop in the offering plate so we can minister to our guests. It is also possible for members to use it to make known needs that we can minister to.

Offering Plates—The Offering plates are located in the back of the sanctuary on both the left and right side inside the double doors. Please feel free to place your contributions in the plates before/after the morning worship service.

Fragrance-Free Area of the Sanctuary—The far-right section of the sanctuary is dedicated as a fragrance-free area for those who struggle with reactions to fragrance. Feel free to sit on this side of the church if you are not wearing perfume or fragranced products.

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY: 6:00pm—Youth (Grades 7-12)
MONDAY: 5:30pm—Free Community Dinner @ UMC
 6:15pm—BBA Semi-Annual Mtg. @ Emerson
TUESDAY: 6:30pm—Hebrews Bible Study
WEDNESDAY: 6:00pm—Youth (Grades 7-12)
 7:00pm—Choir practice
FRIDAY: Fellowship Hall/Angie Chapman
SATURDAY: 8:00am—Christian Men's Conference @ Calvary

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Summer Mission Trip~July 12-17

Deposit \$25 due May 1st (give to Tracy Shively or Ashley Osborn)

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering

Church Goal: \$3,000 Received: \$ 1,820



Baby Shower for Ross & Maddy Ayers
 May 3 @ 1:30pm
<https://my.babylist.com/maddy-ayers>



Thank You So Very Much . . .

I would like to thank everyone for the prayers, visits, calls, cards, and memorials that you sent to me during my loss of Gary. They were much appreciated throughout the duration. I would also like to give a huge thanks to the ladies for the memorial dinner that was served. It was delicious!

*Thank you for all the trouble endured because of the water circumstances.
 With Love, Bev Curry & family*

NOTES

THRUST INTO THE SPIRITUAL WILDERSON: THE PATH FORWARD . . .

An Overview of Job (Part III)

Main Point: Suffering for a believer requires perseverance. We find a path forward through discernment and seeking God.

I. DISCERN WHAT IS TRUE AND FALSE (19:23-29)

- a. From others
- b. From Scripture (Scripture applied to your context)
- c. From the events that have taken place

Note: With every hero in the Bible, we have those moments of failure. Abraham, Moses, David, and yes, Job. We see even in the NT Peter, and the other Apostles and the dad seeking healing for his son "help my unbelief!" (Mark 9:24) Faith is hard. This is a narrow path and a steep climb.

II. SEE GOD AND REJECT LOSTNESS IN YOUR CURRENT REALITY (23:1-12)

- There is no returning to the "good ole days" (19)
- Assess and mourn what you've lost
- Find hope in God

III. TURN TO GOD WITH WHAT YOU HAVE AND LET GO OF THE PAST (29:1-30:1)

- Open Heart
- Open Hand
- Open Ears

Note: God is always revealing, teaching, guiding and loving His people. Recognize this. Let God do His thing and do your best to soak in all that you can considering your circumstances. There is no quick path out, but there is a path forward.

1. Walk the path in faith and fear
2. Seek wisdom (Job 28:12-28)
3. Give God space and time to work/reveal
4. Draw near to Him and He will draw near to you (James 4:8)
5. Allow room for "Elihu"
6. Don't overpay your "innocence" and play the "blame game"

IV. LET GOD (AND ELIHUS) SPEAK AND PAY CLOSE ATTENTION (38-42)

- Who darkens my wisdom with foolishness? (38:1-7)
- Who has power over everything?
- What can you do in comparison to me?
- What power/wisdom/authority do you have?
 - Repeat the question/demonstrate understanding (40:1-5)
 - Repent (42:1-4)
 - See God (42:5-7)
- God's justice reigns and all gets "sorted" in the end—many parables reiterate this, wheat and weeds, etc.

Note: Why did God let it happen? 42:6 is the key. We see this time and again in Scripture and also in church history and our own lives. Suffering allows us to see God. Paul said it was "fellowship"~Phil. 3:10