



The Spirit of Freedom



Thomas H. Allen
Senior Pastor

"Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."
2 Corinthians 3:17

One of the things that has struck me most in our sermon series, "The Holy Spirit: God With Us," is how big the Holy Spirit is. Countless books, songs, and poems have been written to attempt to describe the mystery of God the Spirit. I've found that breaking it down into 7 sermons is a Herculean task.

But as big as the Holy Spirit is, his purpose isn't to overwhelm or paralyze us. Go back and read our scripture again. "Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom."

That's a powerful statement. There is freedom in the Spirit because through the Spirit, we are no longer limited to our own strength. There is freedom in the Spirit because we find guidance, encouragement, and correction to make wise choices. There is freedom in the Spirit because the power of God is with us.

But how can we tell if we're full of the Holy Spirit or just full of ourselves?

In his book, *The Challenge of the Disciplined Life*, Richard Foster listed "7 Marks of Spiritual Power" to help us discern the difference between our power and the Spirit's power. Foster says that to see these things in our lives is to affirm the work of the Spirit within us.

1. Love - "Love demands that power be used for the good of others."
2. Humility - "To really know the power of God is to be keenly aware that we have done nothing more than to receive a gift. Gratitude, not pride, is our only appropriate response."
3. Self-limitation - "Those who live and move in God know that there is a time to withhold the hand of power just as there is a time to use it."
4. Joy - "To see the kingdom of Christ break into the midst of darkness and depression is a wonderful thing."
5. Vulnerability - "We are not in control, and we know it. But the normal reactions of anger and resignation do not need to be ours."
6. Submission - "Submission is power because it places us in a position in which we can receive from others. We are impoverished people indeed if our world is narrowed down to ourselves."
7. Freedom - "Jesus never used his power to exploit or to control others...he freed them to be themselves, fully and uniquely."

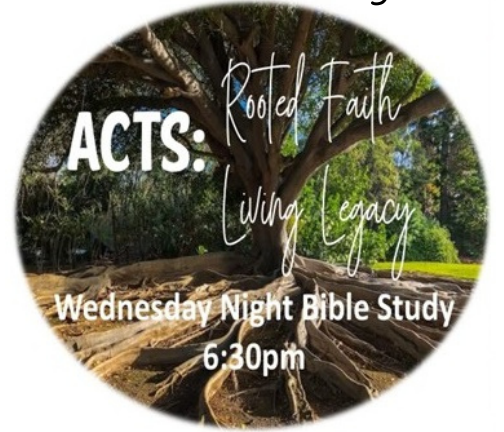
My prayer is that we would cultivate a deep, ongoing relationship with the Spirit so that we will find the freedom of the Spirit at work in our lives.

Pastor Thom

SUNDAY MORNING SERMON SERIES



Join us for
Wednesday Night
Adult Bible Study



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thank you to the Chancel Choir, Praise Team, Evelyn King Johnson Memorial Handbells, ABC Kids Praise Group, Lee, Andrew, and Everyone else who shares their musical talents with the congregation throughout the year. Your time and effort do not go unnoticed or unappreciated. Our worship experiences would not be the same without the music you all so willingly share with the congregation.

Sincerely, Michele Gardner

Thank you, Angier Baptist Church, for allowing the Angier Police Department to utilize ya'lls property for Angier's First Responder Night Out! It works so wonderfully there!

Angier PD



Max Lucado's Bible Study
"Grace" (chapter 7)
on Tuesday, May 12 at 6pm
in the Fellowship Hall.
Contact Allison Allen if any
questions: 919-696-7758

Bible Study
"Don't Give The Enemy A
Seat At Your Table"
on Thursday, May 14 at
9am in the Fellowship
Hall. Contact Yvonne
Gregory if any questions:
919-422-3484



Baptist Men

All Baptist Men are invited to meet
Sunday, May 17 at 6:30 pm in the
Fellowship to discuss The Purpose
Driven Life. Join the fellowship.



PLEASE CONTINUE to bring diapers
(all sizes) and wipes to help support
NC Partnership for Children.

DEACONS On Call

DEACONS Meeting

Monday, May 11 @ 7pm

Week of 5/3/2026



Michele Gardner (919) 413-4284
Randall Johnson (919) 906-8523

Week of 5/10/2026



Christina Harrelson (919) 604-7867
Chris Hedges (919) 427-7983

Week of 5/17/2026



Stephanie Fox (919) 880-1973
Ethan Gardner (919) 669-6289

Week of 5/24/2026

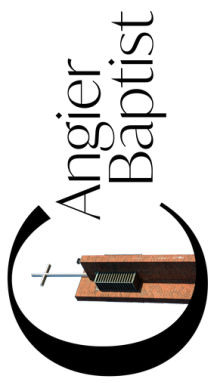


Myra Fulmer (919) 518-6887
Howard McLaurin (919) 795-2244

Week of 5/31/2026



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Keith Blalock (919) 285-8047



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MAY 2026

Our mission is "To lead religious and non-religious people to become fully devoted followers of Christ through teaching, worship, and service."

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
					1 9:30AM ABCC PRAISE & WORSHIP 7pm AA Meeting (CHC)	2 9am-2pm CCCC @MPB
3 (CHC) 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship 12pm Homecoming Comm Mtg 4-6pm Ladies Tea Party & Silent Auction	4 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 5:45pm Praise Group 7pm AA Meeting Chancel Choir	5 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 10am ABCC Chapel JOY Crafters	6 Mother Read 9-1:30pm (CHC) 9:30AM ABCC PRAISE & WORSHIP 5:45pm Wednesday Dinner Special Events Serving 6:30pm Adult Bible Study Youth & Kids Bible Study	7 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 10am Prayer Group 6pm Girl Scouts	8 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 9am ABC Packing BBP in MPB 7pm AA Meeting	9 9am-2pm CCCC @MPB
Mother's Day 9:45am Sunday School 10am ABC Kids "Muffins with Mom" 11am Worship - Evelyn Johnson Memorial Handbells Parent Child Dedication	11 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 5:45pm Praise Group 7pm Deacon Meeting AA Meeting Chancel Choir	12 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30AM ABCC PRAISE & WORSHIP 10am ABCC Chapel 6pm Wiley Curin Group	13 Mother Read 9-1:30pm (CHC) 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 5:45pm Wednesday Dinner Stewardship Serving 6:30pm Business Meeting Youth & Kids Bible Study	14 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 9:30am Golden Threadsss 10am Prayer Group	15 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 7pm AA Meeting	16 9am-2pm CCCC @MPB
17 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship - 5 th Grade 3-5pm Family Fishing Day @ The Wimberly's 6:30pm Baptist Men's Study	18 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 10am Chrismon Workshop 6:30pm Young Adults (Coy & Macie's) 7pm AA Meeting Chancel Choir	19 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 10am ABCC Chapel	20 Mother Read 9-1:30pm (CHC) 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 5:45pm Wednesday Dinner VBS Serving 6:30pm Adult Bible Study Youth & Kids Bible Study	21 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 10am Prayer Group 6pm Girl Scouts	22 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 11am Leave ABC for Hudson Bay & The Scoop Last Day of School HCS	23 9am-2pm CCCC @MPB
24 (CHC) 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship - Pentecost	25 Church Office and Child Care CLOSED on Monday, May 25 7pm AA Meeting	26 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 10am ABCC Chapel	27 Last Day of School JCS 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 6-8pm ABC Kids, Youth, Families End of The Year Dinner & Games 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	28 Mother Read 9-1:30pm 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 10am Prayer Group Last Day of School CCA	29 9:30am ABCC Praise & Worship 11am Graduation in sanctuary 7pm AA Meeting	30 9am-2pm CCCC @MPB
31 (CHC) 9:45am Sunday School 11am Worship - Graduation	SUNDAY NIGHT 5:30pm Youth vs Young Adults Kickball @ Dupree Field					Angier Baptist Child Care meets for Praise and Worship at 9:30am in the Children's Department everyday except Tuesday because the Prek Children have ABCC Chapel with Thomas Allen or Kim East.

WORSHIP ASSISTANTS

May 3, 2026	May 10, 2026	May 17, 2026	May 24, 2026	May 31, 2026
GREETERS: Dewey Blalock Junior Price Kathy Wallat	Brian Fox Susan Holbrook Gordon Springle	Keith Bullock Howard McLaurin Amy & Rick Tudor	Randall Johnson Hugh Surles	Hunter Blackburn Mary Lois Saffin
USHERS: Dewey Blalock Max Hennes Tyson Messer Grant Rosser	Pam Benson Courtney Blackburn Mack McLeod Gordon Springle	Chris Hendges Howard McLaurin Jason Nesbit Richard Wallace	Barry Bailey Randall Johnson Hugh Surles Donald Young	Hunter Blackburn Don Harop Jenny Harop Rick Tudor
SCREEN OPERATOR: Mitzi Springle	Michele Gardner	- Need Volunteer -	Linda Young	Michele Gardner
SOUND OPERATOR: Patrick Springle	Don Ed Wilberly	Larah Tripp	Eric Springle	Eddie Wilberly
CAMERA OPERATOR: Jason Nesbit	Jason Nesbit	Dusty Wilton	Jason Nesbit	Dusty Wilton
WORSHIP CHIMERS: Joseph & Dorothy Johnson	Laney Wilton	Sh Grates	Gabriel & Stormy Lucero	Avette & Chad Barton
CHILDRENS CHURCH: Liz Johnson	Kelly Wilton	TEB	Hannah Lucero	Emily Barton
SAFETY: Don Ed Wilberly	Nicholas Dupree	Keith Bullock	Gerald Tripp	Jason Nesbit
LOCK-UP DEACON: Randall Johnson				

Staff: **Thomas Allen**, Senior Pastor **Kim East**, Associate Pastor of Children and Families
Pam Benson, Operations & Communications Assistant **Wayne Langness**, Custodian **Lee McLean**, Interim Music Minister
Kaitlyn Finch, Child Care Director **Andrew Whitley**, Organist **Lynne Wilkerson**, Admin Assistant

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