

## Prayerful, Courageous Faith

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**Our Five-Year Vision:** *Outreach, Inreach, Upreach!*

**Our Previous Themes:** *Revival, Rejoicing and Reaching Out Faithful Christ Followers*

**Our Theme for 2020:** *Prayerful, Courageous Faith — Hearing and Following God’s Direction*

### Our Focus for 2020

- Our themes for the year will be prayer and courage.
- We will study the great worshipper & warrior, King David.
- We will be reminded that a true believer must have a heart of courage and yet the humility to call upon the Lord.

### Sermon Series This Year

January	— <i>The Life of David</i>	1 Samuel 16
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Peter gives us four consuming priorities that should characterize the life of every faithful Christ-follower, namely, a continual priority on prayer, a committed love for fellow Christians, a consecrated love for the church, and a contagious zeal for God’s glory.

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### 2. A Committed Love for Fellow Christians.

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- Galatians 5:15

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*“Hatred stirs up strife, But love covers all sins.”*

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