

## *Privileged To Serve In Public Worship*

Announcements: Bo Graham

Scripture Reading: AM- Tyler Thomas          PM- Brad Trull

Song Leader: Jess Leonard

Opening Prayer:    AM- Bob Patterson          PM- Doug Guinn

Closing Prayer:    AM-Chandler Osborne      PM- Nicolas Lowry

To Serve Communion:    Charlie Thomas      Ray Duncan  
   Larry Calvin          Bob Ewing  
   Joel Ray              John Hamilton

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius

AM- "Jesus, the Infallible & Formidable King"

PM- "Laodicea- The Indecisive & Lukewarm Church"

Sound Room: Jim Gammon

Greet Visitors: Blake Grimes

Count Contribution: Caleb Lowry                  Landry Gammon

Attendance Cards:    John Luke Graham      Aiden Morton

### **Wednesday, January 28, 2026**

Scripture Reading: Aiden Morton /I Corinthians 15:50-58

Devotional: Caleb Lowry

Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

### **Records for week of January 18, 2026:**

**Attendance:**          Bible Class: 93                  Worship PM: 92  
   Worship AM: 119              Wed. 1/14: 93

**Contribution:** \$ 6104



January 25, 2026

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Deacons: Seth Bolstad, Jim Gammon, Terry Littlejohn, Charlie Thomas,  
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

# HOW DO I WORSHIP IN THE CHURCH?

By Anthony Scherffius

One of the most important things a Christian needs to know in order to be acceptable unto God is how to properly approach Him. God desires to have a relationship with His creation. He desires it so much that He provided a system of faith and commandments to follow and gave His only begotten Son to die for all men so they may have that relationship the proper way (John 3:1-16). However, in order to have a relationship with God, it must be on His terms. Even in the time of Moses, God gave instructions on how to approach Him — “Then Moses said to Aaron, “It is what the Lord spoke, saying, ‘By those who come near Me I will be treated as holy, And before all the people I will be honored.’” So Aaron, therefore, kept silent” (Lev. 10:3).

God would give His people laws and rules to make sure they were approved and found blameless so they could approach Him. In the same way, God has done that for His people under the new dispensation—the Law of Liberty (Jas. 1:25; 2:12). God wants us to have a relationship with Him; God is love after all (1 John 4:7-21). His desire is for all men to come to the knowledge of the truth, repent and be saved (1 Tim. 2:4; Acts 17:30). For us to do that correctly, we must have instruction on how to approach Him in holiness, being spotless, sanctified, and approved to go before Him. He would tell us we are to worship Him in spirit and in truth, for He is spirit (John 4:24). So the question stands: how do I worship and approach God in the church, the correct and God-approved way?

As we have already noted, God determines how He is worshiped (Deut. 12:4–8, 29–32). God also says sincerity alone is insufficient; worship must align with God’s instruction (Exo. 25:9, 40). With that being said, God provides the method, attitude, and object of worship. These three principles, if we understand and apply them to our lives and our worship to God, will sanctify our efforts and approve our worship to God.

**1.) Worship With The Correct Pattern**—Throughout the Bible, Old and New Testaments, God makes it clear that there is a

pattern to follow. If one follows the pattern, they shall bear fruit (John 15), if they stray away from he pattern, they will be plucked up and cast out into eternal darkness (Psa. 1; Matt. 15:13-14). God warns us by recording for us examples of those who did not follow the pattern: Nadab and Abihu (Lev. 10:1-3); Saul (1 Sam.13:8–14); Uzzah (2 Sam. 6:6–7); Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:26–33). Although we have examples of failure to follow the pattern, God shows what happens when we do follow the pattern. The early church devoted to the apostles’ teaching, to fellowship, to the breaking of bread, and to prayer. Because they followed the pattern, the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved (Acts 2:42, 47). The Lord warns us, not just in the Old Testament, but in the New Testament as well, of false or self-made worship: (1) Col. 2:22–23—“Self-made religion” lacks value; (2) Rom. 10:1–3—Zeal without knowledge rejected (3) Heb. 12:28–29—Worship offered “with reverence and awe.” In order for us to be approved of by God and approach Him according to His will, we must follow the pattern.

**2.) Worship With The Correct Attitude**—There are many people who follow the pattern correctly! However, their hearts are not in it. Jesus even had to rebuke a congregation , though known for being a pillar and example of strength and soundness, for their lack of love and incorrect attitude (Rev. 2:1-7). The prophet Isaiah would records for us the requirements God has for us in our attitude toward Him and in worship to Him: “Thus says the Lord, ‘Heaven is My throne and the earth is My footstool. Where then is a house you could build for Me? And where is a place that I may rest? For My hand made all these things. Thus all these things came into being,’ declares the Lord. ‘But to this one I will look, to him who is humble and contrite of spirit, and who trembles at My word’” (Isa. 66:1-2). Isaiah defines God’s evaluation of worship. He identifies the correct attitude: Three essential inner dispositions: (1) Humility – recognizing God’s absolute greatness (2) Contrition – awareness of sin and feeling remorseful and penitent (3) Reverence for God’s Word – submission, not negotiation. In order to have God’s love and compassion, we must offer our up to Him according to the pattern.

**3.) Worship With The Correct Object**—Throughout all of history, mankind has had zeal to worship and even follow a pattern of some sort. However, mankind also has a tendency to have zeal for worshipping the wrong things while also following the wrong pattern. Humanity wants to worship their own way with their own pattern, lifting up and glorifying their own gods. Jehovah makes it clear what and who the object of worship is supposed to be: “Hear, O Israel! The Lord is our God, the Lord is one! You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might... You shall fear only the Lord your God; and you shall worship Him...You shall not follow other gods, any of the gods of the peoples who surround you, for the Lord your God in the midst of you is a jealous God; otherwise the anger of the Lord your God will be kindled against you, and He will wipe you off the face of the earth” (Deut. 6:4-5, 13-15). God says He is to be the object of worship, nothing else, and no one else. Paul would say “Many so-called gods exist, but for us there is one God, the Father... and one Lord, Jesus Christ” (1 Cor. 8:5–6).

If we desire to worship God correctly, we must follow the correct pattern, have the correct attitude, and worship the correct God. Let us strive to please God rather than man so that we can be approved of by God and hear Him say, “Well done, good and faithful servant.”

## Remember in Prayer

**Loree Mixon’s grandson Junior** had a toe amputated. He is diabetic.

### Remember also:

Melva McManus, Archie & Nancy Underwood, Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell, Samuel & Diana Ramirez, Steven Coats, Sharon McMillan, Loree Mixon, Donna Roberts

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**Contribution Tax Statements**  
If you would like a contribution statement for 2025, please sign up in the information room.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- January 22- NH Birthday Party/2:00
- January 25- Pot Luck Luncheon
- February 8- NH Worship/2:00
- February 15- Elders/Deacons Mtg./4:00
- February 22- Pot Luck Luncheon
- February 26- NH Birthday Party/2:00

## Rejoice!

We have a new sister in Christ. **Gretchen Gifford** was baptized Monday. She is a friend of John Hamilton. Welcome to our family, Gretchen!

## NEW TO THE INFORMATION ROOM DISCOVERY MAGAZINE

### Nursing Home Items Needed:



Small blankets Women’s socks

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The Lord’s church at Wylie is hosting the Mighty Men’s Mentoring Conference on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. The cost is \$37.73 per person. To register, please visit the Wylie congregation’s website at [www.wcoc.org](http://www.wcoc.org). Seats are limited.