

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Ron Davis

Scripture Reading: AM- Terry Littlejohn PM- Caleb Lowry

Song Leader: Dennis Thomas

Opening Prayer: AM- Doug Guinn PM- Chris Lowry

Closing Prayer: AM- Brad Trull PM- Chandler Osborne

To Serve Communion: Jess Leonard Charlie Thomas
 Larry Clamon Larry Calvin
 Bo Graham Ethan Graham

Sermons: Joshua Kingston- Texas School of Preaching

Sound: Jim Gammon

Greet Visitors: Landry Gammon

Count Contribution: Adam Dyer Keaton Dyer

Attendance Cards: Brayden Marcum Braxton Marcum

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**Wednesday, May 13, 2026**

Scripture Reading: Seth Bolstad/II Corinthians 5:9-15

Devotional: Bo Graham

Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

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Records for week of May 3, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 87 Worship PM: 73
 Worship AM: 114 Wed.4/29: 70

Contribution: \$6694



May 10, 2026

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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 TO ENTER THE PROMISED LAND

(Joshua 3:1-17)

By Anthony Scherffius

One amazing thing about the Old Testament is the many lessons that we can learn from it, not only in principle but also in foreshadowing of the New Covenant. Paul would say, *“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope”* (Rom. 15:4). He also said to the church at Colossae referring to the old Law of Moses and things in the Old Testament: *“Therefore no one is to act as your judge in regard to food or drink or in respect to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath day—things which are a mere shadow of what is to come; but the substance belongs to Christ”* (Col. 2:16, 17). Although the Old Law is fulfilled by Christ and done away with, we can still learn from it and have a better knowledge the Perfect Law of Liberty (Jas. 1:25).

There are many examples we can turn to in Scripture, seeing parallels, contrasts, types and antitypes, but one unique example is found in Joshua 3. For context, chapter one begins with God encouraging Joshua and the people to be strong and courageous in the face of difficulty. After receiving this encouragement, they send in two spies, mirroring the two faithful spies during the time of their fathers. Immediately being tested by God to solely rely on Him by facing Jericho’s guard, they were successful and return with a good report with the help of a harlot—Rahab. In chapter three Joshua is told by God the requirements the people of Israel *must* follow in order to cross into the Promised Land. Here we see foreshadowing of the requirements for us to enter the ultimate promised land—Heaven.

(Vs 1-4) You Must Faithfully Follow the LORD’s Covenant to Cross—As they begin to ready themselves to take the promised land, God gives them requirements for entering. The first thing for them to do is faithfully follow God’s Ark of the Covenant according to His standard. He says *“When you see the ark of the covenant of the Lord ... then you shall set out from your place and go after it. However... Do not come near it, that you may know the way by which you shall go...”* The Ark represented God’s presence, ordinances, priesthood, and provision. God made sure to go before them and told them to follow Him *His* way.

(Vs 5-6) You Must Clean and Consecrate Yourselves to Cross—The next requirement they had was to be pure and set apart in order to pass over into the Promised Land. The text says: *“Then Joshua said to the people, ‘Consecrate yourselves, for tomorrow the Lord will do wonders among you.’”* The word for *consecrate* here in the Hebrew means *“to be holy, clean, removed from common use; subject to special treatment, forfeit to the sanctuary”* (Exo. 19:10, 11; Josh. 7:13). God required them to be set apart and cleansed ceremonially so they would be fit to enter the land.

(Vs 7-13) You Must Lean on the LORD to Cross—Another crucial requirement for them to enter the land of promise was that they had to *lean* on the LORD. God says, *“This day I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that just as I have been with Moses, I will be with you.”* Through Joshua, God informed the Israelites of this message: *“By this you shall know that the living God is among you, and that He will assuredly dispossess from before you the Canaanite, the Hittite, the Hivite, the Perizzite, the Girgashite, the Amorite, and the Jebusite.”* They had to understand that it was not by their own

strength they would gain the victory, but rather by God’s mirth and strength.

(Vs 14-17) You Must Obey the Ordinances of the LORD to Cross—Finally, the last requirement was to *obey*. Joshua records for us the Israelites’ response to all of God’s requirements: *“And the priests who carried the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firm on dry ground in the middle of the Jordan while all Israel crossed on dry ground, until all the nation had finished crossing the Jordan.”* Both the priests and the people obeyed the instructions of God and successfully crossed the Jordan.

If we desire to enter *our* promised land, we must follow the requirements He has set before us: we must faithfully follow Him (Rev. 2:10), we must clean and consecrate ourselves (1 Pet. 3:21-22), we must lean on the LORD and not our own understanding (Prov. 3:5-6), and we must obey His ordinances (John 14:23).

Remember in Prayer

Sharon McMillan will have her medicine adjusted following a recent angiogram.

Robin Lowry is in UT Southwestern in Tyler undergoing tests to determine the cause of her ongoing problems.

Trinity McCarley had a cyst successfully removed from her ear. She will have another surgery in 6 months to try to rebuild her hearing bones.

Remember Also:

Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Joy Tull, Judy Mitchell,
Alan Haack, Chris Calvin,
Rex Parker, Luanne Patterson,
Roger Elam, Scott Koeler,
Larry Calvin, Vonda Thomas,
Louis Thomas, John Dyer,
Charlotte Whitt, Loree Mixon

IMPORTANT DATES

May 10- NH Worship Svc./2:00
May 17- Elder/Deacon Mtg./4:00
May 17- Senior Dinner
May 28- NH Birthday Party/2:00
May 31- 5th Sunday Q&A



Senior Dinner Honoring
Graduates Lillian Garcia and
Cooper Dyer
Sunday, May 17th
Please bring your
favorite mexican food dish.

****SAVE THE DATE****
FAMILY BIBLE SCHOOL
JUNE 22-26
**“God Wants You
To Know About...”**

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sheets soon!*



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