

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Bo Graham

Scripture Reading: AM- Nicolas Lowry PM- Caleb Lowry

Song Leader: Jim Gammon

Opening Prayer: AM- Doug Guinn PM- Chris Lowry

Closing Prayer: AM- Chandler Osborne PM- Dennis Thomas

To Serve Communion:	Scott Samford	Ron Davis
	Ayden Samford	Landry Gammon
	Terry Whitt	Jacob Dyer

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius

AM- God's Armory

PM- Power of the Gospel (2) – Perversion of the Gentiles –Rom. 1:18-32

Sound: John Hamilton

Greet Visitors: Seth Bolstad

Count Contribution: Charlie Thomas Lucas Thomas

Attendance Cards: John Luke Graham Aiden Morton

Wednesday, July 8, 2026

Scripture Reading: Kevin McCarley/II Corinthians 8:8-15

Devotional: John Dyer

Bible Class: Intro to Hebrews – Doug Guinn

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### **Records for week of June 28, 2026:**

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| <b>Attendance:</b> | Bible Class: 72 | Worship PM: 82 |
|                    | Worship AM: 113 | Wed 6/24: 100  |

**Contribution:** \$6381



**July 5, 2026**

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

Tyler Thomas, Tom Trull

Preacher: Anthony Scherffius

## **Bible Study & Worship**

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| <b>Sundays:</b> | Bible Class | 9:00am  |
|                 | Worship     | 10:00am |
|                 | Worship     | 5:00pm  |

**Wednesdays:** Bible Class 7:00

## THE SWORD OF DAMOCLES

By Anthony Scherffius

From ancient Greece, there is a story of man by the name of Damocles who envied the king. He saw how the king would sit on his throne, enjoy great feasts, revel in great wealth, and live a luxurious lifestyle while he did the king's bidding and labored under his rule. One day he had the courage to stand up to the king and said, "Your life is so much better than any of ours. Anyone could do what you do if they had power, money, and time! All you do is sit on your throne and make decisions while everyone else does the hard labor." The king did not get angry or rebuke Damocles. He simply stood from his throne, offered the throne to Damocles, and said, "You are king for a day." Damocles could not believe it. His excitement grew... until the king gave one stipulation: "You are king for a day, but while you sit on the throne, suspended above your head is a sword hanging by a hair. Damocles' joy left him and he was filled with dread and anxiety. All day as he ruled, the sword hung above him. He didn't know if or when it would fall, killing him as he ruled. As the sun set, he was allowed to get up, and the king took his throne back once again.

Power and authority come with a heavy price. All too often we envy and grow hungry for

power and preeminence. We have a King reigning over us, and at times we question and even challenge Him saying, "Anyone can do what You do!" If it were the case that anyone could do what Jesus did, why would God have sent Him on our behalf (John 3:16)? Throughout Scriptures, God makes it clear that mankind falls short of His glory (Romans 3:23) and that there are none who are righteous, no not one (Romans 3:10). There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way of death (Proverbs 14:12).

Jesus is the only one strong enough, powerful enough, and the only one with all authority Who can rule properly and be pleasing to God. We read in the Psalms how men tried to overthrow God and take the crown for themselves. It reads: ***"Why are the nations in an uproar And the peoples devising a vain thing? The kings of the earth take their stand And the rulers take counsel together Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 'Let us tear their fetters apart And cast away their cords from us!' He who sits in the heavens laughs, The Lord scoffs at them. Then He will speak to them in His anger And terrify them in His fury, saying, 'But as for Me, I have installed My King Upon Zion, My holy mountain'"*** (Psalm 2:1-6).

No one can overthrow the King. We may think we can, but

God simply laughs at us when we do. Let us have respect and fear for the true King. Let us thank God for His rule and allowing us to be able to serve Him.

## Remember in Prayer

**Bob Patterson** has an abscessed tooth and is in pain.

**Roger Leonard** is hospitalized with salmonella poisoning.

**Roger Elam's** eye removal surgery was success and he is home recuperating.

**Becky Smith** (friend of Scott Samford) had surgery on her back and neck on Wed., 7/1. The surgery went well.

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## Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Chris Calvin,  
Luanne Patterson, Scott Koehler,  
Trinity McCarley, Jim Milam,  
Donald Johnson Jr.,  
Nancy Underwood, Rex Parker,  
Sharon McMillan, Steven Coates,  
Donna Roberts, Chris Lowry,  
Alan Haack, Ray Duncan,  
Tiffany (friend of Sharon McMillan),  
Louis Thomas, Archie Underwood,  
Woodard family

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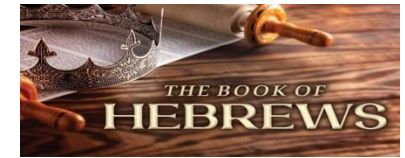
## IMPORTANT DATES

**July 1-** Singing Night  
**July 5-** Bible Class Promotion / New quarter begins  
**July 12-** NH Worship Svc./2:00  
**July 23-** NH Birthday Party/2:00

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*Congratulations*

Congrats to Christian Leonard upon his graduation from fire academy school.



**Men:** If you would like to participate in the Men's Rotation for Wednesday night Bible study, there is a sign-up sheet available. See Chris Lowry. Study books are located on the front pew.

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## JULY/AUGUST FOOD COMMITTEE

\*Marie Osborne

\*Linda Gleaves

Kelley Thomas

Jan Davis

Rebecca Littlejohn

Jana Grimes

Neely Lovelady

Rachelle Gammon

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**If you would like to host a youth devotional, please see Jim Gammon to sign up!**

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## NEEDED: ITEMS FOR NURSING HOME BIRTHDAY PARTIES

\*hand/body lotion  
\*snacks  
\*8 count crayons  
\*small stuffed animals



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## PANTRY ITEMS NEEDED:

**Peanut Butter**  
**Green Beans**  
**Spaghetti Sauce**

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