

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Scott Samford

Scripture Reading: AM- Caleb Lowry PM- Kevin McCarley

Song Leader: Doug Guinn

Opening Prayer: AM- Chris Lowry PM- Jim Gammon

Closing Prayer: AM- Tyler Thomas PM- Larry Clamon

To Serve Communion:	Robert Osborne	Chandler Osborne
	Terry Littlejohn	Seth Bolstad
	Adam Dyer	Charlie Thomas

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM- "Hands of an Artist"
PM- Psalm 25

Sound: Alan Haack

Greet Visitors: Joel Ray

Count Contribution: John Dyer Adam Dyer

Attendance Cards: Tommy Scherffius Braxton Marcum

Wednesday, July 29, 2026

Scripture Reading: Ayden Samford/II Corinthians 9:8-15

Devotional: Dennis Thomas

Bible Class: Hebrews- "A Better Hope"- TBA

Records for week of July 19, 2026:

Attendance:	Bible Class: 90	Worship PM: 71
	Worship AM: 118	Wed: 7/15: 81

Contribution: \$6403



July 26, 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

The Emperor Who Sold His Palace Goods

By Anthony Scherffius

During a financial crisis in Rome during the second century AD, it is said that Marcus Aurelius did not raise taxes immediately. Instead, he auctioned off imperial treasures—even items from the palace—to support the state. He ruled as a philosopher-king, believing he existed to serve, not indulge. Whenever a ruler or king demonstrates an attitude to serve, not be served, the nation and people thrive. This is why Jesus is the greatest King to ever rule.

Jesus, the all-powerful creator of the universe (John 1:1-3), deity in the flesh (John 1:14), the one who is all-powerful and has all authority (Matthew 28:18) did something no other god would do in the myths of man. Rather than using His creation as pawns to abuse them for His own benefit, *“He existed in the form of God, yet did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross”* (Philippians 2:6-8). Jesus became a Servant Leader, not just a Leader of servants.

Peter would say, *“For you have been called for this purpose, since Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example for you to follow in His steps, who committed no sin, nor was any deceit found in*

His mouth; and while being reviled, He did not revile in return; while suffering, He uttered no threats, but kept entrusting Himself to Him who judges righteously; and He Himself bore our sins in His body on the cross, so that we might die to sin and live to righteousness; for by His wounds you were healed” (1 Peter 2:21-24).

So how do we apply this to our own lives? Jesus being the first fruits of what is to some (1 Corinthians 15:20-23) and the forerunner for us (Hebrews 6:20ff), Jesus expects us to mimic His example (1 Corinthians 11:1; John 15:12-15). Jesus does not sit on His throne and bark orders at us, He instead, took on the form of a servant, and showed us how to do it. He taught us to pick up a towel and put down the title. The reason Jesus can tell us what we need to do, what we must do, is because He did it first. He understood what responsibility means. Responsibility means bearing the cost yourself before passing it to others.

Let us recognize that Jesus has gone to royal treasury and given up the best of the best for us—Himself. Now, let us do the same in return and offer up ourselves as a living sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is our spiritual service of worship. (Romans 12, Galatians 2:19-20, Colossians 3:1-4; 16-17).



Remember in Prayer

Sharon McMillan is having issues with her blood pressure and has several appointments in the near future.

Archie Underwood will have a radiation treatment on July 27th.

Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Chris Calvin,
Luanne Patterson, Scott Koehler,
Trinity McCarley, Jim Milam,
Donald Johnson Jr.,
Rex Parker, Steven Coates, Roger
Leonard, Roger Elam, Alan Haack,
Louis Thomas, Woodard family,
Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Donna Roberts, Becky Smith,
Tiffany-friend of Sharon McMillan,
Kenneth Otterline, Carey Samford

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IMPORTANT DATES

July 23- NH Birthday Party/2:00

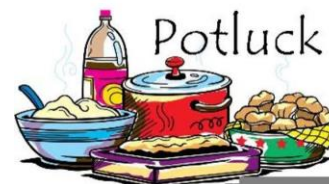
July 26- POTLUCK LUNCH

August 9- NH Worship/2:00

August 16- Elder/Deacon Mtg./4:00

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**July 26<sup>th</sup>**



**August**  
CALENDARS

are available in the  
information room.



### Available Dates for Men's Rotation

### Hebrews

July 29- “A Better Hope”

August 12- “Mediator of the New  
Testament”

September 2- “Ye Are Come Unto  
Mt. Sion”

Study books and sign-up sheet are  
located on the front pew.

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

Available Months:

**August**  
**September**  
**November**  
**December**

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**church  
directory  
update**

### Birthdates Needed:

Chesney Cockrum  
Jared Cockrum  
Flora Hicks  
Colt Rollins  
Gracie Stanley

### Photos Needed:

Janet Drummond  
Margrie Holloway