

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Seth Bolstad

Scripture Reading: AM- Keaton Dyer PM- Ethan Graham

Song Leader: Jim Gammon

Opening Prayer: AM- Tom Trull PM- Terry Littlejohn

Closing Prayer: AM- Caleb Lowry PM- Jess Leonard

To Serve Communion: Bob Patterson Scott Samford
Jared Cockrum Adam Dyer
Ayden Samford Bo Graham

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius

AM- "Lying to God" - Acts 5:1-16

PM- Character Study: Naaman & the servant girl

Sound: Tyler Thomas

Greet Visitors: Ron Davis

Count Contribution: Robert Osborne Chris Lowry

Attendance Cards: Brody Lovelady Jason Graham

Wednesday, August 19, 2026

Scripture Reading: Chandler Osborne/II Corinthians 11:1-9

Devotional: Robert Osborne

Bible Class: Hebrews: "One Sacrifice for Sins" - Jim Gammon

Records for week of August 9, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 89 Worship PM: 80
Worship AM: 113 Wed: 8/5: 79

Contribution: \$6771



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Preacher: Anthony Scherffius

Bible Study & Worship

Sundays: Bible Class 9:00am
Worship 10:00am
Worship 5:00pm

Wednesdays: Bible Class 7:00

THREE GREAT WISHES

by Anthony Scherffius

Alexander the Great was one of the greatest military strategists and trusted leaders in world history. He was so successful in fact, that he believed he had divine heritage. His conquests of the Mediterranean states, the Persian empire, and parts of India spread Hellenistic culture across these regions. He led a calvary charge that helped Philip win the great conflict, just at the age of 18 years. After Philip died, Alexander rose to power and conquered all of the known world by the age of 25. On his way home from conquering many countries, he fell ill and became mortally sick. At that moment, his captured territories, powerful army, sharp swords, and wealth all had no meaning to him. He realized that death would soon arrive and he would be unable to return to his homeland.

He told his officers: ***"I will soon leave this world. I have three final wishes. You need to carry out what I tell you."*** His generals, in tears, agreed. His final three requests were: (1) The best doctors should carry my body; (2) all the wealth he had accumulated—money, gold, precious stones—should be scattered along the procession to the cemetery; and (3) his body should be covered in a shroud with only his hands visible, swinging in the wind, palms up, carrying dust.

A strange request, but it was his dying wish so it was carried out. One of his generals who was surprised by these unusual requests asked Alexander to explain. Here is what Alexander the

Great had to say: ***"I want the best doctors to carry my coffin to demonstrate that in the face of death, even the best doctors in the world have no power to heal. I want the road to be covered with my treasure so that everybody sees that material wealth acquired on earth, stays on earth. I want my hands to swing in the wind, so that people understand that we come to this world empty handed and we leave this world empty handed after the most precious treasure of all is exhausted, and that is TIME."***

We read in the Gospel account of Luke that ***"Someone in the crowd said to Him 'Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me'"*** (Luke 12:13). A man desired more materialistic things and tried to use Jesus as the mediator for selfish desires. Jesus responded by saying ***"Man, who appointed Me a judge or arbitrator over you?"*** Then He said to them, ***"Beware, and be on your guard against every form of greed; for not even when one has an abundance does his life consist of his possessions... the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God"*** (Luke 12:14-21). Jesus warns against the sin of covetousness and greed. In his parable to the brother who desires more wealth, He tells him that no matter what you get in this life, no matter how much you accumulate, it will always be divided up to strangers and others after you die. So, be careful what you invest in, for where your treasure is there will your heart be also.

The Psalmist says something similar, for he says, ***"Do not be afraid when a man becomes rich, When the glory of his house is increased; For when he dies he will carry nothing away; His***

glory will not descend after him. Though while he lives he congratulates himself—And though men praise you when you do well for yourself—He shall go to the generation of his fathers; They will never see the light. Man in his pomp, yet without understanding, is like the beasts that perish" (Psalm 49:16-20).

Although Alexander conquered the world, he left the world and everything in it behind, only taking his soul. And even then, the soul was returned to God, as it is written, ***"then the dust will return to the earth as it was, and the spirit will return to God who gave it"*** (Ecclesiastes 12:7). Let us be careful how we spend our time, money and materials, because in the end we will be judged on how we used the blessings God gave us (Matthew 25:14-30).

Remember in Prayer

Doug Guinn had a triple bypass and possible valve repair heart surgery on 8/12. He is in Mother Frances hospital in Tyler.

Charlotte Whitt had an emergency room visit on 8/10 to put her knee back in place. She is home and doing some better, and will meet with her doctor on 8/25.

Anthony & Hailey Scherffius were involved in a car accident on 8/11, but are doing well.



August 16- Elder/Deacon Mtg./4:00
August 16- Youth Devotional
August 27- NH Birthday Party/2:00
August 30- Potluck Luncheon

Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Chris Calvin,
Scott Koehler, Jim Milam,
Rex Parker, Steven Coates,
Roger Leonard, Alan Haack,
Louis Thomas, Woodard family,
Donna Roberts, Cindy Byrd
Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Kenneth Otterline, Carey Samford,
Sharon McMillan, Becky Smith,
Gracie Stanley

Lessons from Naboth

1 Kings 21

- *Serve the Lord even in times of great idolatry and wickedness
- *Stand strong in your convictions and faith even when faced with potential harm
- *God will punish evil, and has promised eternal life to those who obey Him.



A free sample of House to House and Heart to Heart is available in the information room!



YOUTH DEVOTIONAL

August 16th after evening services

Annex building

Girls- bring desserts

Boys- bring drinks