

## *Privileged To Serve In Public Worship*

Announcements: Caleb Lowry

Scripture Reading: AM- Ron Davis PM- Bo Graham

Song Leader: Jess Leonard

Opening Prayer: AM- Seth Bolstad PM- Dennis Thomas

Closing Prayer: AM- Chandler Osborne PM- Jared Cockrum

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| To Serve Communion: | Chris Lowry    | Terry Littlejohn |
|                     | Kevin McCarley | Landry Gammon    |
|                     | Adam Dyer      | John Hamilton    |

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius  
AM- "What Must I Do To Be Saved?"  
PM- Mastering Grief

Sound: Jim Gammon

Greet Visitors: Blake Grimes

Count Contribution: Tom Trull Caden Thomas

Attendance Cards: John Luke Graham Aiden Morton

### **Wednesday, August 26, 2026**

Scripture Reading: Charlie Thomas /II Corinthians 11:10-15

Devotional: Chris Lowry

Bible Class: Hebrews: "By Faith"- Dennis Thomas

### **Records for week of August 16, 2026:**

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|--------------------|-----------------|---------------|
| <b>Attendance:</b> | Bible Class: 86 | Worship PM:70 |
|                    | Worship AM: 120 | Wed: 8/12: 88 |

**Contribution:** \$5180



**August 23, 2026**

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Elders: Doug Guinn, Chris Lowry, Robert Osborne

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  |

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| <b>Wednesdays:</b> | Bible Class | 7:00 |
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# YOU CAN LEAD A METHODIST TO WATER, BUT YOU CAN'T MAKE HIM BE BAPTIZED

*by Anthony Schierffius*

There were many restorations and conversions during the time of the restoration in America with Alexander Campbell, Barton Stone, Raccoon John Smith, and many others. Though there were many, many conversions, there were some who resisted the truth and practiced false doctrine.

One account is recorded for us that one day (Raccoon) John Smith came upon a Methodist camp meeting where a young preacher was sprinkling a screaming, struggling infant. After the service, Smith walked up, took the preacher firmly by the arm, and started leading him toward the creek. "What are you trying to do?" the startled preacher demanded.

"I am going to baptize you by immersion into the death, burial, and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to His commandment," Smith replied. The preacher protested that he had no desire to be immersed and that it would be wrong to baptize him against his will. Smith answered, "Only a few minutes ago you baptized a helpless baby against its will, although it screamed and kicked. Did you get its consent first? Come along, sir." He then released the man amid

laughter from the crowd—but the point about consent and biblical baptism was made unforgettably.

Baptism, along with every other commandment by Christ, is a choice. Yes, God has all power and all authority, but He is also **all** just, **all** righteous, and **all** loving, and allows us to make a choice: Him or the world. Jesus said "If you love Me, keep my commandments" (John 14:15). Notice how Jesus starts that command, "If." Even though it is a small two letter word, it packs a very powerful punch in its meaning.

Jesus tells us in that conditional command that we can choose to do whatever we want, but if we so desire to live with Him, we must do as He says. What are some of those things we are to do? We must hear the word preached (Matthew 9:35), we must believe with all of our heart (John 20:24-29), repent of our sins (Luke 13:3), we also must be born of water and the Spirit, born again a new creature (John 3:3-16), and continue to be faithful unto death (John 15:12ff).

One cannot be forced to worship God, and in the same way we cannot force God to accept us. We must come to Jesus on His terms for we are in no state to bargain. Jesus is the one with the bargaining power, for He bought us with a price (1 Corinthians 6:20) and we are in much debt (Romans 6:23; Matthew 5:3).

## Remember in Prayer

**Doug Guinn** remains in Christus' Louis & Peaches Owen Heart Hospital in Tyler, Room 304, following his heart surgery. He will need to have rehab services to help with building his strength back before returning home.

**Joe David Rogers** had back surgery on 8/17. He is now home and doing well.

**Todd Schultz**, grandson of Loree Mixon, has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Louis Thomas** received a platelet transfusion today (8/19).



**August 27-** NH Birthday Party/2:00

**August 30-** Potluck Luncheon

**September 13-** NH Worship/2:00

### In Sympathy

Steven Coats, brother-in-law of David Tapp, passed away on Monday, August 17<sup>th</sup>. Visitation will be Friday, August 21<sup>st</sup> from 9:30-10:30 at Cottle Funeral Home in Troup, TX with the funeral service following at 10:30.

### WELCOME

Cindy Byrd placed membership on August 16<sup>th</sup>. We welcome her and look forward to working together.

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## Remember Also:

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



### September/October Food Committee

\*Patti Leonard    \*Karon Mason  
Charla Bolstad & girls  
Loree Mixon    Becca Thomas  
Sarah Andrews    Charlotte Whitt  
Tadym Langley



September calendars are ready and located in the information room!



August 30th  
Potluck Lunch