

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Ron Davis

Scripture Reading: AM- Hagen Dyer PM- Jess Leonard

Song Leader: Jim Gammon

Opening Prayer: AM- Bob Patterson PM- Caleb Lowry

Closing Prayer: AM- Tyler Thomas PM- Seth Bolstad

To Serve Communion:	Tom Trull	John Dyer
	Ethan Graham	Bob Ewing
	Landry Gammon	Jared Cockrum

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius

AM- Acts 2- 1st Century Evangelism

PM- Psalm 26 –“God, Our Vindicating Judge of Integrity”

Sound: Bo Graham

Greet Visitors: Terry Littlejohn

Count Contribution: Adam Dyer Cooper Dyer

Attendance Cards: Levi Dyer Hayden Dyer

Wednesday, September 9, 2026

Scripture Reading: Aiden Morton /II Corinthians 12:1-10

Devotional: Ayden Samford

Bible Class: Hebrews-“The Lord is My Helper”/Jess Leonard

Records for week of August 30, 2026:

Attendance:	Bible Class: 88	Worship PM: 74
	Worship AM: 108	Wed: 8/26: 82

Contribution: \$6125



September 6, 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
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THE PEACE OF THANKSGIVING

By Anthony Scherffius

We have so many blessings within our world and country today. We have quick and easy access to many resources that many countries do not. We have freedoms and liberties that you cannot find anywhere else in the world. Many of us have great wealth and health compared to some. We all have much to be thankful for, and yet we find ourselves being some of the most ungrateful individuals you will ever find.

If you look at the word “thanksgiving” it is defined as: ***the act of giving thanks; grateful acknowledgment of benefits or favors, especially to God.*** (dictionary.com) The Bible has a lot to say about thanksgiving. The Bible mentions the concept of thanksgiving over 250 times, though the specific word “thanksgiving” appears around 29 to 30 times in various translations. Additionally, phrases like “give thanks” are noted approximately 70 to 102 times depending on the translation used. It is a crucial part of being God’s people. And when we think of the teachings and commands of thanksgiving, our minds may go to different books of the Bible, but typically our minds would not go to the book of Leviticus. You can see the principle of thanksgiving throughout almost every book of the Bible, but Leviticus is the very first time you see the word thanksgiving used, mentioning the “thanksgiving” offering.

“Now this is the law of the sacrifice of peace offerings which shall be presented to the Lord. If he offers it by way of thanksgiving, then along with the sacrifice of thanksgiving he shall offer unleavened cakes mixed with oil, and unleavened wafers spread with oil, and cakes of well stirred fine flour mixed with oil. With the sacrifice of his peace offerings for thanksgiving, he shall present his offering with cakes of leavened bread. Of this he shall present one of every offering as a

contribution to the Lord; it shall belong to the priest who sprinkles the blood of the peace offerings.” (Leviticus 7:11-15)

This was a part of the peace offering. An Israelite could bring a special sacrifice specifically because he desired to thank God. The progression of these sacrifices were significant:

- 1.) Leviticus 1-3 the peace offering is introduced;
- 2.) Leviticus 7:11-21 the regulations of the peace offering are explained;
- 3.) Leviticus 7:12 the “sacrifice of thanksgiving” is explicitly named for the first time;
- 4.) Leviticus 7:15 the thanksgiving offering was to be eaten on the day it was offered.

Leviticus is a good place to begin because it establishes thanksgiving as an intentional act of worship in response to God’s goodness which brought peace to mankind, rather than merely an emotion. So if you truly look at the concept of thanksgiving and want to successfully apply it to your life, we have to understand that something must come before thanksgiving—a peace offering.

If you think about it, it makes perfect sense. How can one be thankful if there is no peace in their life and there is only chaos? Especially when the chaos has been caused by their own actions. And the chaos is specifically the absence of God, and the lack of a relationship with Him. When mankind fell, the bridge was destroyed that connected man and God, obliterating the relationship with Him (Genesis 3). Up until the book of Leviticus mankind struggled to find a way to approach God in a holy way. Leviticus gives a series of questions that are answered through God’s requirements in offerings:

Leviticus 1:1-7:38—**“How do sinful and defiled people approach a holy God?”** — Through specific rituals and sacrifices;

Leviticus 8:1-10:20—**“How will their sacrifices reach God?”** — Through a consecrated mediatory priesthood;

Leviticus 11:1-16:34—**“How will the holiness of God influence and sanctify profane life?”** — Through purification;

Leviticus 17:1-27:34—**“How will people obey God so that holiness will become natural to life?”** — Through practicing holiness.

But yet, these sacrifices were not sufficient (Hebrews 10:4). So how can we find peace and be thankful? Can we have a relationship with God if bulls and goats did not suffice? God offered a sin offering for us so that we may have the chance to offer up a peace offering and do it with thanksgiving: (Philippians 4:6-7; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18; Colossians 3:17; Ephesians 5:20).

Thanksgiving is a natural response from receiving the peace that passes all understanding. Therefore, if you are an ungrateful person, perhaps you do not have any peace or acknowledge the peace that God has given you. And even in a time of chaos walking through storm like the apostle Peter (Matthew 14:22-33), or while a war rages around you like the king David (Psalm 3:1-8), you can find peace and be thankful because of the one who controls the storm, thereby giving you the opportunity to be thankful. And not only can you have peace thereby being thankful, but even in times of chaos you can say “I lay down and slept; I awoke, for the Lord sustains me. I will not be afraid of ten thousands of people who have set themselves against me round about” (Psalm 3:5-6).

Remember in Prayer

Doug Guinn is in Mother Frances Owen & Peaches Heart Hospital, Room 516. He is doing better. Prayers are requested and much appreciated.

Alan Haack’s procedure went well and he is at home recuperating.

Loree Mixon is undergoing testing to address heart palpitations.

UPCOMING Events

September 13- NH Worship/2:00

September 13- Youth Devotional

September 20- Elder/Deacon

Mtg./4:00

September 24- NH Birthday
Party/2:00

September 27- Potluck Luncheon

Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Scott Koehler,
Jim Milam, Rex Parker,
Roger Leonard, Louis Thomas,
Woodard family, Donna Roberts,
Charlotte Whitt, Todd Schultz,
Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Kenneth Otterline, Carey Samford,
Sharon McMillan, Becky Smith,
Charlotte Whitt, Joe David Rogers



Youth Devotional

September 13th after evening services in
annex building

Girls- bring desserts

Boys- bring drinks

RESPONSE

John Hamilton responded to the invitation
requesting prayers for strength and
courage to face worldliness at his job.



FALL GOSPEL MEETING

October 18-21

with Jason Rollo

“Laboring in the Vineyard”