

Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Scott Samford

Scripture Reading: AM- Nicolas Lowry PM- Ethan Graham

Song Leader: Dennis Thomas

Opening Prayer: AM- Tom Trull PM- Bo Graham

Closing Prayer: AM- John Dyer PM- Landry Gammon

To Serve Communion: Robert Osborne
Jess Leonard
Joel Ray
Chandler Osborne
Kevin McCarley
Charlie Thomas

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM & PM- "Evangelizing Like the 1st Century Church"

Sound: John Hamilton

Greet Visitors: Chris Lowry

Count Contribution: Larry Clamon Caleb Lowry

Attendance Cards: Brayden Marcum Braxton Marcum

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Scripture Reading: Jess Leonard /II Corinthians 12:11-21

Devotional: Anthony Scherffius

Bible Class: Hebrews 11:1-22 - Ron Davis

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### **Records for week of September 6, 2026:**

**Attendance:** Bible Class: 85 Worship PM: 67  
Worship AM: 119 Wed: 9/2: 82

**Contribution:** \$8168



**September 13, 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

# MADE SUITABLE BY THE HELPMEET: “TILL DEATH WE NEVER PART”

by Anthony Scherffius

Marriage is the most unique and beautiful covenant ever instituted by God, second only to the church. It is the very first institution given in human history as well as the most sacred (Genesis 2:18:24). And yet our world treats it like a trial period to see if that person would be compatible or not, living with them, recklessly making vows only to break them within a couple of years. According to the CDC, the most recent marriage and divorce rates in the United States are as follows: Marriage rate: 6.1 per 1,000 total population; Number of divorces: 672,502 (45 reporting States and D.C.); Divorce rate: 2.4 per 1,000 population (45 reporting States and D.C.). If you compare these rates of divorce for the past 20 to 50 years, the divorce rate has gone down significantly which sounds wonderful. But the reason for that is because rather than getting married, people are just living together avoiding the “headache” of formal legalities and the frustration of divorce if it does not work out. Rather than seeing marriage as something sacred, people are now seeing it as a tax deduction and financial convenience if they are able to “make it work.”

What happened to marriage? What ever happened to “till death do us part”? How did it get to this? And even some Christians will ask, “What is the point? If and when we die, we will not be married anyway” (Matthew 22:30). In order to answer these questions, let us look at the marriage between Jesus and His bride—the church. In our culture, we use the phrase “till death do us part” in alot of our vows on the wedding day. As was mentioned, this is a biblical teaching (Matthew 22:30; Romans 7:1-13). Have you ever wondered why no one will be married after this life? The question is a valid one—“what is the point of marriage?” And have you ever considered why Jesus does not and will not say that to His bride? Let us consider this by looking throughout Scripture

and receiving the answers from God’s Word. First, let us answer the question “what is the point of marriage?” We see the answer in (Genesis 2:18-34; Ephesians 5:22-33):

- 1.) Provide a help meet;
- 2.) To help name the creation;
- 3.) To provide companionship;
- 4.) To not be alone;
- 5.) To be a demonstration of Christ and the church.

The Proverb writer even says “He who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.” (Proverbs 18:22). Marriage is a very good thing, something God instituted. Only God can give laws and ordinances concerning what we can and cannot do within a marriage, and demands that it remain sanctified (Matthew 19:9ff; Hebrews 13:4ff). The point of marriage can truly be seen in what is said by God when seeing Adam in (Genesis 2:18): “*Then the Lord God said, “It is not good for the man to be alone; I will make him a helper suitable for him.”*” Man was lacking and needed a “suitable” helpmeet in order to be made complete. When the marriage works properly, when the man loves and provides for the woman and the woman respects and submits to the man, the woman is sanctified and purified and the husband is honored (Ephesians 5:25-30; Proverbs 31: 29-31).

So what about Christ? Was Christ lacking? Is that why He received a bride from the Father? If God is all powerful and all knowing, and Jesus, who is God, is receiving a bride, why would He “**need**” a helpmeet? What is it that God needs help with? The answer is **nothing**. God does not need a helpmeet, man does: “*It is not good for man to be alone.*” Spiritually we needed a helpmeet. We were lacking and it was not good for mankind to be alone, so God made us a helpmeet - Christ, making us complete in Him if we so choose to be in Him.

In the same way as Adam named creation (giving identity), and cared for the garden (which was his home), he needed help or a **helpmeet**, which came from his side after he fell asleep and awoke from the sleep of death, that was bone of his bones and flesh of his flesh, the same yet different. So too is Christ who became man, humbled himself to give names to the creation in God’s image (Christian), gave them an identity in Christ,

cared for the home (the church), and was given a bride that was taken out of His side through blood after He fell asleep in death, awoke and was given in marriage to the bride (church). However, in the same way that Eve was made so that Adam would have a suitable helper in Christ, we are made suitable so that we can be a helper/laborer. Where Adam was lacking and Eve was made as a helper completed him, humanity (spiritual Eve) was lacking and Christ was sent (spiritual Adam) completing humanity. Where Adam failed, Christ succeeded (1 Corinthians 15:22).

In being made suitable to be a helper, we help carry out God’s will and great commission to give names, repopulate, give identities, comfort, and have companionship with our HELPMEET - Christ, recognizing His authority SO THAT His bride could carry out His authority. The reason Jesus does not say “until death do us part” is because He died first, before receiving His bride, never to die again, and therefore has a marriage with His church forever.

## Remember in Prayer

**Doug Guinn** had a procedure today (9/9) to receive a pacemaker. He continues to fight the infection in his leg, and will have additional dialysis treatments to help with fluid retention.

**John Hamilton’s father** has been hospitalized with stomach issues.

**Sharon McMillan** has bronchitis.

**Deborah Parker**, sister of Lawrence McMillan, will have a procedure to place a stent on 9/21.

## 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

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## Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Scott Koehler,  
Jim Milam, Rex Parker,  
Louis Thomas, Charlotte Whitt,  
Todd Schultz, Alan Haack,  
Archie & Nancy Underwood,  
Kenneth Otterline, Carey Samford,  
Sharon McMillan, Becky Smith,  
Joe David Rogers, Loree Mixon,  
Branden Skinner



## Youth Devotional

September 13<sup>th</sup> after evening services in  
annex building  
Girls- bring desserts  
Boys- bring drinks



## FALL GOSPEL MEETING

**October 18-21  
with Jason Rollo**

(flyers are available in the info room)

CAST  
ALL YOUR  
*anxiety*  
ON HIM  
BECAUSE  
*He cares*  
FOR YOU  
1 PETER 5:7