Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Chris Lowry

Scripture Reading: AM- Scott Samford PM- Ayden Samford

Song Leader: Jess Leonard

Opening Prayer: AM- Jim Gammon PM- Tom Trull

Closing Prayer: AM- Jared Cockrum PM- Nicolas Lowry

To Serve Communion: Ron Davis Charlie Thomas
Blake Grimes Terry Littlejohn
Dwayne Lovelady Caleb Lowry

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM- "Lessons from the Leaders"
PM- Psalm 26

Sound: Bo Graham

Greet Visitors: John Dyer

Count Contribution: Seth Bolstad Chandler Osborne

Attendance Cards: Tommy Scherffius Jason Graham

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
Scripture Reading: Brad Trull/Galatians 1:1-10
Devotional: Ray Duncan
Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius

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Records for week of September 27, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 90 Worship PM: 79
Worship AM: 121 Wed: 9/23: 88

Contribution: $5905



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Bible Study & Worship

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

Wednesdays: Bible Class 7:00
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MOVING FORWARD WITH COURAGE AND STRENGTH
By Anthony Scherffius
(Joshua 1:1-9)

When George Washington passed from this world in 1799, Americans mourned the death of a leader who had become enormously important to the young nation. Yet the United States continued. Washington's leadership had been significant, but the nation could not stop simply because Washington was gone. "The work had to move forward."

In 1901, At the age of 42 years old, Theodore Rosevelt found himself facing the responsibility of being president of the United States of America after the fall of William McKinley. Roosevelt later described the moment as one in which he felt the enormous weight of the responsibility that had fallen upon him. He had not expected to become president so soon, but circumstances demanded that he step forward and continue governing. President Roosevelt knew "The work must go on."

In Joshua chapter one, we see a similar situation with Israel at the loss of a great and honorable leader, Moses. For forty plus years Moses served God by leading and shepherding His people. Now, Moses has gone on to his reward while Joshua and all of Israel and her leaders are faced with a weight of responsibility: "How do we move forward?"

Imagine working and wandering for forty years and finally you get to the edge of the promised land, ready to fight and work for the LORD, and then a pillar of strength falls. What must one do? God gives the answer. Notice the instruction and encouragement God gives to Joshua and the people of Israel in His speech.

Vs 1-2—Have Courage To Lead God's People And Be A Servant—God reminds Joshua that being a true leader is being a servant. Although Moses was a great leader, he was first a great servant to God and His people. Although Moses was gone, God was the ultimate Leader over Israel. He encourages Joshua to be a servant and lead by example.

Vs 3-4—Have Courage Because God Has Already Given You The Victory—Although it felt like Israel had lost because Moses was no longer there, God reminds them that the victory was already theirs! All they had to do was go take what God had given them. Moses prepared them; now they must act!

Vs 5—Have Courage Because God Is With You—How could they have the victory when such a great pillar of faith was no longer there with them? How could they have strength and courage when they now feel alone? God reminds them: "I am with you." Although a great leader was gone, The Greatest Leader was still with them. And He gives the strength, courage and victory.

Vs 6-7a—Have Courage To Help Others Obtain the Promise Land—Joshua was in a more difficult situation than all of them. Moses was a mentor and dear friend to him. How could Joshua fill such tremendous shoes? God tells him how: "Help others enter the promised land." One of the best ways to work through grief and loss is rallying together and helping one another obtain the reward that God has promised.

Vs 7b-8—Have Courage To Follow All The Law Of The LORD—The only way they were going to get through this difficult time is by simply following the pattern. Moses warned them in the book of Deuteronomy, telling the new generation of Israel to not be like their ancestors before them who strayed from the pattern and lost the promised land. Rather, they needed to focus on God and His Law. If they would do that, it would not matter who was against them. Even if their were giants before them, God was bigger than any giant in their lives.

Vs 9—Have Courage Because God Is With You—And finally, God repeats Himself: "Be strong and courageous for I am with you." IF we simply just remember that God is with us, through the good times and the bad times, we can gain the victory.

Much like us today, Joshua did not choose the timing of Moses' death and time of loss. God simply told him: "Moses My servant is dead; now therefore arise, cross this Jordan…" (Joshua 1:2). There are a few lessons God teaches Joshua that we must also learn, although they are difficult to receive: 1.) The death of a previous leader does not mean the mission has died. It simply means God has a plan, and perhaps it is not what we thought it was going to be. 2.) The servant may be gone, but God's work continues. 3.) A change in leadership does not change the promises or presence of God, and 4.) There is a time to mourn, but there is also a time to arise.

Remember in Prayer

Rex Parker received a good report on his latest scans. The x-rays and CT scan were normal.
Loree Mixon is not feeling well and went to the ER this morning. She has upper respiratory symptoms.

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UPCOMING *Events*

September 30- End of Quarter Singing
October 4- 1st class of new quarter
October 11- NH Worship Svc.-2:00
October 18-21- Gospel Meeting
October 18- Potluck Luncheon
October 18- Elder/Deacon Mtg.-4:00
October 22- NH Birthday Party-2:00

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Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Scott Koehler,
Rex Parker, Alan Haack,
Charlotte Whitt, Loree Mixon,
Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Kenneth Otterline,
Sharon McMillan, Becky Smith,
Joe David Rogers, Branden Skinner,
Angie Lake, Deborah Parker,
Atkinson family, Schultz family,
Lawrence family

Save the Date
23rd Annual Ladies Day
November 14th @ 9:00 a.m.
North Jefferson Church of Christ
Mount Pleasant, TX
"Fearless in a Shaken World"

In Sympathy

Our hearts are saddened by the loss of Louis Thomas & Doug Guinn. Services were held on 9/29 for Louis and are tentatively planned for 10/3 for Doug. Please keep these families in your thoughts and prayers, and support them in any way possible.



Youth Devotional
October 11th (after evening services)
At the Leonards' home

Chili, hot dogs, frito pies, and S'MORES!
Hosted by: Charlie & Kelley Thomas and Jess & Patti Leonard

