Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Seth Bolstad

Scripture Reading: AM- Adam Dyer PM- Chandler Osborne

Song Leader: Dennis Thomas

Opening Prayer: AM- Chris Lowry PM- Charlie Thomas

Closing Prayer: AM- Alan Haack PM- Larry Clamon

To Serve Communion: Caleb Lowry, Ray Duncan, Larry Calvin, Terry Littlejohn, Joel Ray, Ayden Samford

Sermons: Ronnie Scherffius/Texas School of Preaching
Bible Class- "Sons of the Prophets" & TSOP Update
AM- "God's Immutable Laws"
PM- "WHY serve the Lord?"

Sound: Bo Graham

Greet Visitors: Nicolas Lowry

Count Contribution: Ron Davis Lawson Lovelady

Attendance Cards: Brayden Marcum Braxton Marcum

Wednesday, October 28, 2026
Scripture Reading: Ethan Graham/Galatians 1:18-24
Devotional: Jim Gammon
Bible Class: Joshua/Speaker TBA

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Records for week of October 18, 2026:
Attendance: Bible Class: NC Worship PM: 87
Worship AM: 108 Wed: 10/14: NC

Contribution: $6093



October 25, 2026

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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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EXAMPLE OF EPAPHRODITUS: Messenger & Soldier of Sincerity

(Philippians 2:25-30)
By Anthony Scherffius

Last week looked at the example of Timothy and how he demonstrated the mind of Christ—submitting to God's will, genuinely loving the brethren, and proving himself to be a son in the Gospel. In this article we will continue reading the text and examine the third example Paul gives. In Philippians 2:25-30, Paul brings up another "fellow worker" of the Gospel who like Timothy has proven himself to be one who is worthy of honor for his service.

(Vs 25-26a) **Enduring Soldier** — Paul begins by describing Epaphroditus and his "credentials" as a christian; Paul says he *"is my brother and fellow worker and fellow soldier, who is also your messenger and minister to my need…"* (vs 25). Epaphroditus had shown himself to be one who was in 1) fellowship with Christ (brother), 2) a farmer for Christ (fellow worker), 3) one who fought for Christ (fellow soldier), 4) a footman for Christ (messenger), and 5) one who was a friend of Christ (minister). In verse 26 Paul shows why Epaphroditus has these credentials: *"because he was longing for you all…"* Epaphroditus had a mind like Christ because he had compassion for the brethren.

(Vs 26b-27) **Epaphroditus Sick** — Paul continues to explain another reason why Epaphroditus longed for the brethren in the second half of verse 26*: "…and was distressed because you had heard that he was sick."* We see not only that Epaphroditus had compassion for the brethren, but we see just how deep his compassion was. In verse 26 we see that even when facing sickness he thought of comforting. Epaphroditus was selfless and thought of others. Because of this, we see that everyone wanted to fellowship with the servant of comfort (vs 27): "*For indeed he was sick to the point of death, but God had mercy on him, and not on him only but also on me, so that I would not have sorrow upon sorrow."*

(Vs 28-30**) Eagerly Sent** — And so, because of the character and fruits of Epaphroditus, Paul had a great desire to send him to the brethren. Notice how Paul concludes this section of examples. In verse 28 Paul sent Epaphroditus to bring joy and eliminate concern: *"Therefore I have sent him all the more eagerly so that when you see him again you may rejoice and I may be less concerned about you."* Epaphroditus was one who Paul could count on to bring joy and eliminate concern and anxiety. Because of the efforts, the labors, the toil, and the sacrifices Epaphroditus made for the cause of Christ, Paul urges the brethren in Philippi to receive him for Epaphroditus was worthy of honor for his service (29-30): *"Receive him then in the Lord with all joy, and hold men like him in high regard; because he came close to death for the work of Christ, risking his life to complete what was deficient in your service to me."*

What can we learn from Epaphroditus? Paul gives us very valuable lessons concerning this brother in Christ: 1) Make sure your credentials are Christ-centered and Christ-focused 2) Even in times of struggle, keep God and His people at the forefront of your mind. 3) Be one who the brethren can count on to bring joy and a breath of fresh air, eliminating anxiety rather than being the one who causes distress. 4) Be one worthy of honor by proving yourself to be a disciple of Christ through your labors and sacrifices.

Remember in Prayer

Robert and Marie Osborne are recuperating from COVID.
Sharon McMillan will have surgery on December 2nd for kidney stones.
Charlotte Whitt will have hip replacement on November 9th.
Blake Grimes is recovering from hernia surgery.

Remember Also:

Joy Tull, Scott Koehler, Rex Parker, Alan Haack, Charlotte Whitt, Archie & Nancy Underwood, Kenneth Otterline, Becky Smith, Sharon McMillan, Joe David Rogers, Branden Skinner, Angie Lake, Atkinson family, Schultz family, Lawrence family, Via Jamison, Raymond Hamilton, Jennifer Adams

Nursing Home Items Needed:
Small lap blankets, men's socks, and mini tissue packets

UPCOMING *Events*

October 22- NH Birthday Party-2:00
October 31- Daylight Savings Ends
November 8- NH Worship Svc./2:00
November 15- Elder/Deacon Mtg./4:00
November 15- Youth Devotional

November Youth Devotional
Sunday, November 15th
After evening services/Annex Building



Girls- bring cookies
Boys-bring drinks

NOVEMBER/DECEMBER FOOD COMMITTEE

*Robin Lowry *Jennifer Graham
Jane Lewis Charity Lowry
Autumn Lowry Hailey Scherffius
Debra Thomas

Reminder: November/December Nursing Home parties are combined.
Party will be December 3rd



November calendars are in the information room.