Privileged To Serve In Public Worship

Announcements: Bob Patterson

Scripture Reading: AM- Nicolas Lowry PM- Landry Gammon

Song Leader: Chris Lowry

Opening Prayer: AM- Scott Samford PM- Tom Trull

Closing Prayer: AM- Tyler Thomas PM- Jess Leonard

To Serve Communion: Ray Duncan, Ron Davis, Charlie Thomas, Bob Ewing, Lucas Thomas, Terry Whitt

Sermons: Anthony Scherffius
AM- "Do You Love God?"- Malachi
PM- "God, Our Salvation Whom We Seek"- Psalm 27

Sound: Bo Graham

Greet Visitors: Seth Bolstad

Count Contribution: John Dyer Adam Dyer

Attendance Cards: Bennett Thomas Ryder Thomas

Wednesday, November 4 2026
Scripture Reading: Aiden Morton/Galatians 2:1-10
Devotional: Chandler Osborne
Bible Class: Anthony Scherffius/Joshua

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Records for week of October 25, 2026:

Attendance: Bible Class: 84 Worship PM: 69
Worship AM: 119 Wed: 10/21: 94

Contribution: $6257



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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 KING WHO PLANNED HIS LIFE AWAY

By Anthony Scherffius

King Pyrrhus of Epirus was preparing for a military campaign in Italy. His adviser Cineas asked what he intended to do after conquering the Romans. Pyrrhus described further conquests, including Sicily, Africa, and eventually Greece. Cineas kept asking what would come after each victory. Finally, Cineas asked what they would do once all these wars were finished. Pyrrhus answered that they would relax, feast, and enjoy themselves. Cineas pointed out that they could enjoy a peaceful life now, without first risking years of warfare and danger. The king's ambitions, however, continued.

Even hundreds of years later, humanity still has this materialistic tunnel-visioned mindset. This world always wants "the next thing." How many people postpone peace, family, service to God and contentment in Christ Jesus until they have achieved the next thing? They spend their lives pursuing the very freedom they could enjoy today. The Scriptures warns of this poisonous mindset. In fact, one of the inspired writers fell into the trap of instant gratification and the pursuit of pleasure — King Solomon. He would say:

***"I said to myself, "Come now, I will test you with pleasure. So enjoy yourself." And behold, it too was futility. I said of laughter, "It is madness," and of pleasure, "What does it accomplish?" I explored with my mind how to stimulate my body with wine while my mind was guiding me wisely, and how to take hold of folly, until I could see what good there is for the sons of men to do under heaven the few years of their lives. I enlarged my works: I built houses for myself, I planted vineyards for myself; I made gardens and parks for myself and I planted in them all kinds of fruit trees; I made ponds of water for myself from which to irrigate a forest of growing trees. I bought male and female slaves and I had homeborn slaves. Also I possessed flocks and herds larger than all who preceded me in Jerusalem. Also, I collected for myself silver and gold and the treasure of kings and provinces. I provided for myself male and female singers and the pleasures of men—many concubines"* (Eccl. 2:1–11).**

Solomon had everything needed to experiment and find out if there was anything else besides God that would make one happy: time, money, and power. Solomon's conclusion was that all of it was empty and worthless, and that if you wanted true fulfillment, you need to ***"Fear God and keep His commandments"* (Eccl. 12:13-14).**

Even Jesus the Christ warned about this vain way of thinking. He told a parable of a rich farmer who had so many possessions that rather than thanking God, he glorified Himself:

***"The land of a rich man was very productive. And he began reasoning to himself, saying, 'What shall I do, since I have no place to store my crops?' Then he said, 'This is what I will do: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have many goods laid up for many years to come; take your ease, eat, drink and be merry…"'* (Luke 12:16–21)**.

The man was only focused on his own pleasures and trying to get the next big thing. God rebukes Him:

"But God said to him, 'You fool! This very night your soul is required of you; and now who will own what you have prepared?' So is the man who stores up treasure for himself, and is not rich toward God."

We must be careful not to be like the king who planned his life away. Rather than than trying to make happiness the meaning of life, pursuing it through man made pleasures and plans concocted through fleshly desires, we should realize we can enjoy peace and and tranquility now. As Paul said to the young Timothy:

"But godliness actually is a means of great gain when accompanied by contentment. For we have brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either." (1 Tim. 6:6–10).

Peace can only come through our Good Shepherd. (Psa. 23:1ff). Our plans must God-centered (Jas. 4:12-17.) Enjoy the peace that passes all understanding through Christ, rather than the pleasures of sin for a season (Phil.4:7, Heb. 11:25).

Remember in Prayer

Sharon McMillan will have surgery on December 2nd for kidney stones.
Charlotte Whitt will have hip replacement on November 9th.
Frances Clark is now in the Mabank Nursing Home, Room 208.
Donna Mengel is awaiting test results and requests the prayers of her brothers and sisters in Christ.
Gerald Vines, uncle of Scott Samford, is waiting for a report from his oncologist.
Deborah Parker's daughter, Linda, is also waiting for a report from her oncologist.

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

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

Remember Also:

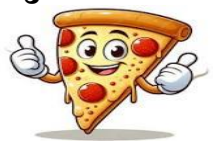
Joy Tull, Scott Koehler,
Rex Parker, Alan Haack,
Archie & Nancy Underwood,
Kenneth Otterline, Becky Smith,
Joe David Rogers, Branden Skinner,
Angie Lake, Via Jamison,
Raymond Hamilton,
Jennifer Adams, Seth Atkins

UPCOMING *Events*

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



Ladies Day

North Jefferson Church of Christ
Mt. Pleasant Texas
November 14
More details in the information room.

