

From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ

Unsung Heroes

Granbury Street's 2013 Summer Series

June 5 **Luke**

Jeff Jenkins (Lewisville, TX)

June 12 **The Little Maid**

Ken Hope (Garland, TX)

June 19 **Great Woman of Shunem**

Joey Davis (Roanoke, TX)



June 26 **Tabitha**

John Dickison (Gordon, TX)

July 3 **Epaphroditus**

Andy Chavarilla (Corsicana, TX)

July 10 **Paul's Sister's Son**

Robert Moss (Fort Worth, TX)

July 17 **Barnabas**

Neal Thurman (Tyler, TX)

July 24 **Aquila and Priscilla**

Ross Haffner (Colleyville, TX)

July 31 5th Wednesday Singing

Aug 7 **Onesiphorus**

Denny Wilson (DeLeon, TX)

Aug 14 **Phinehas**

Jim Nash (Seagoville, TX)

Aug 21 **Jephthah's Daughter**

Doyle Bruce (Jefferson, TX)

Aug 28 **Demetrius**

Willie Alvarenga (Fort Worth, TX)

Shepherds

Sid Carruth
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen
George Sowell

Deacons

Gary Barger
Jeff Day
Vince Grinnell
Justin Hewlett
Bill Hughes
Tim Norman

Preacher

Kevin Rhodes

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Leaving the Cares of the World Behind

Kevin W. Rhodes

Our Bible Study on Wednesday evening, May 15, 2013, did not seem that different from any other mid-week gathering at the outset. We studied from the Psalms and were reminded, “God is our refuge and strength, A very present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, Even though the earth be removed, And though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea; Though its waters roar and be troubled, Though the mountains shake with its swelling. Selah” (Ps. 46:1-3). We heard one of our deacons, Tim Norman, give an excellent devotional about not fearing death. And then, not long after the closing prayer, we found ourselves under a tornado warning.

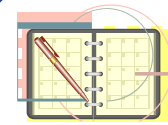
This was not unusual, of course. We DO live in northern Texas. But as people throughout Cleburne huddled in an interior closet, and as several of us here sought shelter in an interior hallway and classrooms, we found that this was not an ordinary tornado warning. As we wait together, we hear that people have died in Granbury as a result of the storm. And then we are told a massive tornado has turned directly toward Cleburne.

I do not know what exactly others were thinking at that moment, but I do know that such moments force us to face certain realities. I know that I was thankful to have my family with me. I was thankful to be surrounded by my brethren. I was thankful to have been reminded—only a couple of hours before—about the extent of God’s

care and the fleeting nature of life. And I was thankful to know God, to be forgiven, and to have hope regardless of what path a tornado might take.

But what did NOT matter at that moment? In the aftermath certain realizations manifested themselves: (1) things can be replaced; lives cannot; (2) you cannot predict when your life may end, and you should not live as you can; and (3) a relationship with Jesus Christ holds more value than everything we have and anything else we could possibly possess.

But why must we wait for catastrophic events to realize this? Why do we not open God’s Word, accept His wisdom, and order our lives accordingly? Because we allow this world to have too much influence on our perspective. The world presents itself as important, its priorities as urgent, and its perspective as dominant. But the prospect of leaving this world has a way of shaking us loose of its grip. However, disciples of Jesus Christ should not only come to this realization but live it daily. Jesus said, “So likewise, whoever of you does not forsake all that he has cannot be My disciple” (Luke 14:33). As the surrounding text shows, Jesus expects us to think about what we must give up to follow Him. Most people do this to some extent, but we tend to focus on what we ARE giving up rather than on what we are NOT giving up. The truth is: we probably do not realize all that we have until we realize the need to let it go. But we must—if we really wish to be Jesus’ disciples.



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Kathryn Cashion remains in Ridgeview Rehab for hospice care.
- Jack Hewlett is home from the hospital.
- Gean McElroy is in room 309-A at Ridgeview Rehab.
- There will be a benefit fund-raiser for Rowdy Allen (22 years) on June 8th at Godley High School. (Blue Mesa Grill has donated the food.) Prices are \$10.00 Adults and \$5.00 children. Rowdy was poisoned with carbon monoxide in a freak accident on April 18th. He is related to Jeff and Laurie McPherson.
- Dorothy Hickman will have surgery on Thursday, June 13th for a hernia.
- Weldon and Donna York have asked for prayers for several members of the family. Gary York, Weldon’s brother, is having heart problems and bleeding in his stomach. Donna Davis’ cancer is growing in her brain and she has fluid on the brain. She was going to have surgery to relieve the pressure. Larry Davis, Donna’s husband, has a hole in his heart that they are going to repair. He has been having several mini strokes that are passing from his heart to his brain. Also, Kathy Shavez, Donna York’s daughter, is having tests to see if she has thyroid cancer.

Wedding

Everyone is invited to the wedding of Nichole Marie Crain and Brandon Ross Doyel on Friday, June 21, 2013 at 7:00 o’clock in the evening at Granbury Street Church of Christ. Reception to follow.

Please Note

- Tuesday, June 11th, 55 years and older game night will be in the annex starting at 6:00 P. M.
- Thursday, June 13th, we will be hosting the first session of the North Texas Family Summer Series at 7:00 P. M. The study this year is “Insignificant Characters of the Bible”. Our study will be on ‘Micaiah’.
- Green Valley Bible Camp is from June 23rd until 29th. Campers will be leaving Saturday 22nd and come home on the 29th. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those that need a ride. We need a count so we can make sure we have a seat for everyone.
- Sunday, June 30th, will be the next 5th Sunday. We will have our regular morning worship services, potluck lunch in the annex, and 1:00 singing in the auditorium.

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 6/9

Front South

Jay Lehtinen
Casey Lehtinen
Doug Jones

Front North

Clark Lehtinen
Barry Lehtinen
Russ Jones

Back South

Dennis Lane
Jackie Mayden
Joseph McPherson

Back North

James Hunt
Doug Kilcrease
John McGilvray

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM	Ken Boroughs Andrew Collins
Sunday PM	Perry Elkins Jeff Day
Wednesday PM	Colton Allen

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:	Jeff Day
Wednesday	Tim Norman

Song leaders:

Sunday AM	D. J. Stucky
Sunday PM	D. J. Stucky
Wednesday PM	Neil Stidolph

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday	Wayne Gentry
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Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

Wed. PM Devotional (6/12)

Ken Hope



Sermons for Sunday

AM	Rearranging Your Priorities
PM	God's Word - Pure Truth Psalm 119:137-144



Youth Notes

We have a meeting concerning **Bible Search** for students, parents, and event leaders on Sunday night. Also, check the calendar as we prepare for the **North Texas Family Summer Series**. This is for all families of any age. However, we will reserve rides in the van solely for those in the youth group. Also, campers, do not forget about registering and preparing for **Green Valley Bible Camp**.



Our Records

Bible Class	167
AM Worship.....	230
PM Worship	166
Wednesday Bible Class 5/29.....	138
Contribution	\$5,703

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