

From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ

Seniors 2016



Granbury Street's graduating high school seniors this year are: Logan Frasier, Luke Norman, and Stephanie Saldaña. It has been a joy to watch them grow spiritually.

We congratulate them as they complete this milestone and move on to the next season of life's journey. We wish them well and pray that they might continually strive to be closer to God and grow in service to their Savior.

“Rejoice, O young man, in your youth,
And let your heart cheer you in the days of your youth;
Walk in the ways of your heart,
And in the sight of your eyes;
But know that for all these
God will bring you into judgment.
Therefore remove sorrow from your heart,
And put away evil from your flesh,
For childhood and youth are vanity.
Remember now your Creator in the days of your youth,
Before the difficult days come,
And the years draw near when you say,
‘I have no pleasure in them’”

(Ecc. 11:9-12:1).

Shepherds

Sid Carruth
Jeff Day
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen
Tim Norman

Deacons

Gary Barger
Ryan Cowan
Vince Grinnell
Justin Hewlett
Bill Hughes
Russ Jones

Preacher

Kevin Rhodes

Sunday

Bible Study
9:00 am

AM Worship
10:00 am

PM Worship
5:00 pm

Wednesday

Ladies Class
10:00 am

Bible Study
7:00 pm

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The Feast of Purim

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Haman's plot against the Jews, concocted in hate and malice but exposed through courage and faith, had called for the legal genocide of the Jews at the hand of all those who hated them, wherever they lived throughout the one-hundred twenty-seven provinces of the Persian Empire. So, while the king had executed Haman and authorized the Jews to defend themselves, they still had to fight. As the calendar turned to the thirteenth day of the month, the Jews, helped immensely by the prominence of Mordecai in the Persian government, turned the tables on their adversaries and won a great victory by offering a successful defense and killing their enemies—not only in Shushan but throughout the empire. By the consent of the king, the Jews in Shushan received an extension of a day to complete the necessary defense (Est. 9:1-16). Throughout the provinces, the Jews celebrated on the fourteenth by holding a feast, joined the next day by their brethren in Shushan (Est. 9:17-21). Thus, on the basis of this historic occasion, Mordecai sent letters to establish these two days as a holiday (Est. 9:20-21), "as the days on which the Jews had rest from their enemies, as the month which was turned from sorrow to joy for them, and from mourning to a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and joy, of sending presents to one another and gifts to the poor. So the Jews accepted the custom which they had begun, as Mordecai had written to them" (Est. 9:22-23).

We can only imagine the relief of the

people. To celebrate deliverance from annihilation must certainly have been a natural outburst from the stress they had experienced throughout the year as the day approached. However, it is interesting that they chose to name this feast "Purim" (Est. 9:26-28) after the casting of lots by Haman and his fellow conspirators that began their trouble rather than after Esther, Mordecai, the later decree or something else that figured more into their deliverance (Est. 9:29-32). Their decision reveals a level of reflection often lacking in our own day. They determined to remember the danger they were in as much as the deliverance they enjoyed. This matters because only by a regular consideration of their peril would they appreciate the significance of their deliverance.

So many people in the religious world have turned everything they do into a celebration without meaning. At weddings people celebrate the occasion without considering the seriousness of the covenant entered. At funerals people want to celebrate the person's life but not think about the origin of death and its meaning. Even in worship people seem intent on having a mindless celebration without the burden of any serious spiritual reflection. If we fail to think deeply about our previous sinful situation and its consequence, we will also fail to appreciate the depth of the deliverance made possible through Jesus' blood. Moreover, if we do not consider the death of Christ and the purchase price of Jesus' offered blood, what exactly do we have to celebrate?



News and Notes

Prayer request...

- Karsyn Boroughs will have surgery at 8:00 am on Tuesday, May 31st at the Scottish Rite Hospital to correct her scoliosis.
- Clara Mae Fish is back at Colonial Manor.
- John McGilvray had another shot in his back on Monday.
- Lawrence Sowell will have surgery at Walls Hospital on Monday.
- Laurie McPherson's friend, Dewey West, had aortic replacement last Friday. Surgery went well. Since then he hasn't been able to come off the ventilator; he only woke up some on Wednesday and has been running high fever due to staph bronchitis and pneumonia.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to Larry, Tommy and Pat Thompson and family in the passing of Ida last Friday. The grave side service was Wednesday.

Please note...

- Sunday, May 22nd, there will be a teachers' meeting at 4:30 PM in room 107.
- Sunday, May 22nd, we will have a sandwich supper for the high school seniors. Please bring sandwiches, chips, and dips. Desserts and drinks will be provided.
- Sunday, May 29th, will be our next 5th Sunday. We will have regular morning worship service and a potluck lunch in the annex, then a 1:30 PM service led by the young men of the congregation.
- A summer class for young Christian singles will begin Sunday, June 5th. If you have any questions, Please see Russ Jones.
- Promotion Sunday will take place with the beginning of the new quarter on Sunday, June 5th. Teachers, please pick up your curriculum from the teacher's workroom.

Centurion of Scripture Challenge 2016 (NKJV)

John 1:18

No one has seen God at any time. The only begotten Son, who is in the bosom of the Father, He has declared *Him*.

Luke 9:23

Then he said to *them* all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me.

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 5/22

Front South

Doug Jones
Robert Pennay
Dennis Lane

Front North

Daniel Hughes
Clark Lehtinen
Gavin McGilvray

Back South

Rob Stidolph
Michael Mora
Paul Murphy

Back North

Doug Kilcrease
Jackie Mayden
Larry McWilliams

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Jeff Day

Will Cammack

Sunday PM

Robert Pennay

Jeff McPherson

Wednesday PM

Logan Frasier

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Andrew Collins

Wednesday

Tim Norman

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Russ Jones

Sunday PM

Russ Jones

Wednesday PM

Kyle Day

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

James Hunt

Collection Counting

Andrew Collins / Jeff Day / Kyle Day

Wed. PM Devotional (5/25)

Clark Lehtinen



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Growing Through Church Problems
Justin Hopkins

PM

The Work of The Church
Justin Hopkins

Calendar of Events



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6/1ff

Summer Series: Learning to Love

7/7ff

Family Summer Series:
Why I Love Being a Christian

8/12-14 Apologetics Seminar with Eric Lyons



Our Records

Bible Class 143

AM Worship.....206

PM Worship 167

Wednesday Bible Class 115

Contribution\$6,463

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