

From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ

2015 Summer Series

Building to Be Better

June 3	Building a Better Foundation for the Future <i>David McElwain</i>
June 10	Building a Better Missions Program <i>Terry Jackson</i>
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July 1	Building a Better Evangelism Program <i>Robert Dodson</i>
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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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Focused on Eternity - Part Three

Kevin W. Rhodes

Interestingly, at the very moment when thousands of people rejected Jesus as their teacher, Simon Peter, in response, acknowledged Jesus was far more than his teacher, saying, “Also we have come to believe and know that You are the Christ, the Son of the living God” (John 6:69). Rather than accepting the ideas and expectations handed down for centuries in anticipation of the coming Messiah—hopes centering on a political savior rather than a spiritual One—Peter saw beyond the carnal self-centeredness of typical first century Judaism to see Jesus as He had come to know Him. It remains difficult to imagine that the divine Word, existing in eternity (Jn. 1:1), would chose to dwell among His creation (Jn. 1:14) and thus reveal the spiritual character of God in human form (Jn. 1:18). How could God the Father make this part of His plan (Rom. 5:8-9)? How could Jesus sacrifice so much just to bring the opportunity of salvation to His rebellious creation (Phil. 2:5-8)? Just the mental exercise of attempting to reach back with the mind into eternity before creation and imagine such a possibility should cause us to bow down in great humility and adoration.

But then, returning our thoughts first to that scene of desertion and then to the present, where so many try to place conditions on the Lord as part of agreeing to “follow Him,” the chasm between such two mindsets becomes unfathomable. Yet, “living in the present” is probably part of the problem. As long as we live in the moment, we easily can forget our past sin. When we focus only on present pleasure, we do not concern ourselves with future consequences. If we were simply passing through time, “If the dead do not rise, ‘Let us eat and drink, for

tomorrow we die!’” (1 Cor. 15:32b). But we are not simply temporal beings, living as animals and passing into nothingness. We are eternal; therefore, so our perspective must be eternal. But there remains a far greater perspective that surpasses even this. Discipleship is about eternity because our Master is of eternity (Jn. 8:58).

The question Jesus posed to the twelve deserves consideration by all who consider discipleship: “Do you also want to go away?” When you find that discipleship requires more than you originally expected, will you turn your back on Jesus? When Jesus requires not only your passing allegiance but your complete obedience, will you stand with Him or follow the crowd? When Christianity demands that you change your life, change your friendships, and change your entire worldview, will you accept it with humility and work on it diligently or will you walk away, blaming Jesus for what He requires? They may walk back to a former religion. They may return to blatant immorality. They may just compromise and try to have it both ways.

But Jesus only offered one option. He said, very simply, “Follow Me.” Despite what some would tell you, that offer was not extended through a variety of entrances but through one (Jn. 10:9). He did not offer a set of soft standards for salvation; He offered the truth (Jn. 8:31-32). He did not come to show everyone how to remain satisfied with their lives as they presently existed; He came to offer a better life (Jn. 10:10)—eternal life (1 Jn. 2:25). Jesus said, “I am the way, the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through Me” (John 14:6). As Peter recognized, there is no other place to go (Acts 4:12).



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Beverly Carter had out patient gallbladder surgery on Tuesday, July 7th.
- Brie Kilpatrick, niece of Charlotte's daughter, Amy Martin, will remain in Cook Children's Hospital for at least five more weeks. She is improving but it will be slow.
- Shirley Korte is having tests on her heart and needs prayers.
- John McGilvray is having trouble with his back beside other health issues.
- Laurie McPherson will have out patient surgery on Friday, July 10th at Walls Hospital.
- Betty Williams is back at Santa Fe Trails.

Remember in prayers

Shannon Barron and baby; Ken Boroughs; Lonnie Burk (Laurie McPherson's father); Darla Dill; Angel Grinnell and baby; Amy Hackler and baby; Ola Mae Heffley; Judy Kirby; Don Manning; Pat McIntosh; Janice Redden; Betty Rutledge.

Prayers for military personnel

Please keep all of our men and women that are serving in the armed services for our country. There are several that are in harm's way.

Directory update

Shannon and Donald Bannon have moved to Burleson.

12436 Hunters Cabin Ct. Shannon's cell 817-526-1018
Burleson, TX 76028

Responses

Braden Sweet confessed sins and asked for prayers. He also placed membership with us. His address is 151 Private Road 1204; Kopperl, TX 76652; 903-267-6878. God Bless him in his decision.

Baby Shower

Sunday, July 26th, we will host a baby shower for Amy Hackler and baby Emma. It will be from 1:30-3:00 in the annex. Selections or at Wal-mart.

Please Note...

- Sunday, July 12th, we will have a Lads 2 Leaders kick-off lunch in the annex after the morning worship.
- Tuesday, July 14th, will be Senior Game Night starting at 6:00 PM in the annex.
- 2015 North Texas Family Summer Series will be July 16th at Highland church of Christ at 7:00 PM. We will be leaving for Highland at 5:00 from the building.

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 7/12

Front South

Colton Allen
J. D. Allen
Don Crecelius

Back South

Rob Stidolph
Weldon York
Larry Owens

Front North

Will Cammack
Bill Cashion
Sid Carruth

Back North

Neil Stidolph
James Hunt
Melvin Owens

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Larry McWilliams

Sunday PM

Tim Norman

Paul Murphy

Wednesday PM

Clint Owens

Joseph McPherson

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Jeff Day

Wednesday

Paul Murphy

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Dale Ash

Sunday PM

Dale Ash

Wednesday PM

Dale Ash

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

James Hunt

Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

Wed. PM Devotional (7/15)

Todd Crayton



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Gossips and Busybodies

PM

God Keeps His Promises

Genesis 20:1-21



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Granbury Street's Worship

LIVE every Sunday Morning at 10:00 am on
KnowTheTruthRadio.org

Luis and Mike in the Mornings

(Monday - Friday) from 7:00 am - 9:00 am cst on
KnowTheTruthRadio.org

Biblical Foundations with Pat McIntosh

(Monday - Friday) 7:00 am or 11:00 am
btradio.net



Our Records

Bible Class	140
AM Worship.....	225
PM Worship	154
Wednesday Bible Class 7/1.....	141
Contribution	\$7,923

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