

From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ

2014 Summer Series

Improving My Christianity

June 4	Improving My Prayer Life <i>Richard Massey</i>
June 11	Improving My Listening Skills <i>Russ Jones</i>
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July 23	Improving My Friendships and Friendliness <i>Don Hatch</i>
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Shepherds

Sid Carruth
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen

Deacons

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

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 Value of Training - Part One

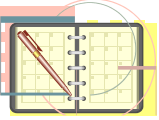
Kevin W. Rhodes

Considering the real value of our previous training is essential for our future success. By this I do not mean that we should toss aside all that we have learned but rather that we should grow to have a greater appreciation for spiritual training—at least when it truly follows the model of Jesus Christ. In today's society, people value schooling more than perhaps any other time in human history. Following the Great Depression, pushing children to attend college became a much promoted solution to economic woes was considered the key to success. But training and education encompasses far more than preparing for a particular career. The education and training that proves most valuable is that which prepares you for life, of which your career can only be a part. However, few people give significant thought to the spiritual training they receive for life, and that is truly a shame because it is the foundation for every other part of life. More than that, it is the preparation for life beyond this life. It matters. But it will only accomplish great things when we begin valuing it as we should.

Spiritual training determines the faithfulness and abilities of the next generation. The apostle Paul understood this. Writing to his own protege, Timothy, he said, "You therefore, my son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus. And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men who

will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:1-2). All of us needed someone to take the time to teach us, guide us, correct us, mold us, and point us in the direction of further study and growth. We need someone to show us the flaws in our reasoning, to lead us to a greater understanding of scripture, and to challenge us when we begin to plateau. These are essential for growth; therefore, they should be essential parts of our training. Yet we rarely appreciate them at the time. We get comfortable with our assumptions, with our ignorance, and with our immaturity because we do not recognize them for what they are. Therefore, we must recognize the value of solid training and reflect on its power to remake us in the image of God's Son (Rom. 8:29).

But sometimes disciples grow lax, insisting that others learn and grow while forgetting to do so themselves. If disciples focus on the ignorance of the world and the immaturity of young Christians, these can quickly become a standard by which they measure themselves. However, Jesus' own words offer a gentle reminder: "A disciple is not above his teacher, but everyone who is perfectly trained will be like his teacher" (Lk. 6:40). A Christian's training will have the appropriate impact only when he continually looks to Christ as his model. Thus, assessing the value of our training is not simply the reflection on what we learned in the past but also the consideration of how well we are prepared to grow in the future.



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Juanita Baxter had thyroid surgery on Wednesday, July 2nd.
- Georgia Haynes requests prayers for her cousin Robert Gonzales. He has been in the hospital with pneumonia since last week. He now has a swollen right leg, and they are having a hard time keeping his blood pressure under control.
- Mike Hewlett had brain surgery on Monday, June 23rd, at Johns Hopkins Medical Center in Baltimore, Maryland to relieve pressure on the brain and stop slow bleeding.
- Natasha Lehtinen will have to undergo another spinal tap in about six weeks to determine a diagnosis for her headaches.
- Lois Thompson fell last week breaking her hip and had surgery on Thursday. She was moved to Grandview Rehab Center on Monday for rehab.

Sympathy

- We extend our sympathy to the family of James Mayden who passed away in his sleep Sunday morning. The memorial service will be announced in the near future.
- We extend our sympathy to the family of George Sowell who passed away Saturday about noon. Funeral services were Monday.

Please Note...

- The Family Summer Series will begin on Thursday, July 3rd, at 7:00 PM at the Briar church of Christ with a lesson on Purity in the Christian Life.
- J. D. and Jeri Allen are hosting the youth devotional on Friday, July 4th, at 6:00 PM. Boys bring chips and girls bring drinks.
- All members are invited to the Allen's home at 8:00 PM to watch Cleburne's "4th of July" fireworks presentation. Bring lawn chairs and ice cream if you can, homemade or otherwise.
- Senior game night will be Tuesday, July 8th, at 6:00 PM.
- Vacation Bible School will be Saturday, July 12th, from 8:00 AM—2:00 PM. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer if you can help.
- We will have Bible Search Training on Sunday, July 13th.
- Family Day will be on Saturday, July 19th starting at 10:30 AM.
- The Elders, Deacons and Preachers' meeting will be on Saturday, July 26th.

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 7/6

Front South

Paul Murphy
Luke Norman
Clint Owens

Front North

Tim Norman
John McGilvray
Larry Owens

Back South

Melvin Owens
Austin Parrish
Matthew Parrish

Back North

Rob Stidolph
D. J. Stucky
Doug Kilcrease

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Clark Lehtinen
Joseph McPherson

Sunday PM

Bill Cashion
Cody Grinnell

Wednesday PM

Clint Owens

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Tim Norman

Wednesday

Doug Jones

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Dale Ash

Sunday PM

Dale Ash

Wednesday PM

D. J. Stucky

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Wayne Gentry

Collection Counting

Justin Hewlett / Ken Boroughs / Wayne Gentry

Wed. PM Devotional (6/9)

Richard Stevens III



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Responsibilities in Marriage
1 Peter 3:1-7

PM

Christianity, The Way to Peace
Ephesians 2:11-22



Listen to the Gospel!

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

(Tuesday - Thursday) 7:00 am or 11:00 am
btradio.net



Our Records

Bible Class	163
AM Worship.....	232
PM Worship	145
Wednesday Bible Class 6/25.....	138
Contribution	\$5964

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