

# 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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# Focus on the Eternal - 2

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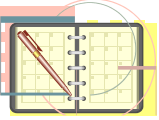
A disciple's eternal viewpoint should also cause him to focus on addressing his own sin more than on correcting others. As Jesus Himself said, "Or how can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove the speck that is in your eye,' when you yourself do not see the plank that is in your own eye? Hypocrite! First remove the plank from your own eye, and then you will see clearly to remove the speck that is in your brother's eye" (Lk. 6:42). Flight attendants tell passengers in the event of an emergency first to secure their own oxygen mask before helping others. Why? Without sufficient oxygen for himself, that passenger can help no one but instead needs help. Jesus simply espoused that principle spiritually long ago. Therefore, this does not eliminate a responsibility to help others out of their sin, but it does emphasize that spiritual reflection and introspection, along with repentance, should precede it (Gal. 6:1).

In today's self-centered society, many people proclaim their desire to have a relationship with Jesus' Christ while seemingly wishing to ignore and avoid practically everyone else. Jesus disciples reject such an attitude and instead follow their Master in reaching out, even to those who have sabotaged the relationship in the first place. In the Sermon on the Mount Jesus said, "Therefore if you bring your gift to the altar, and there remember that your brother has something against you, leave your gift there before the altar, and go your way. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your

gift" (Mt. 5:23-24). Disciples therefore must focus on fixing broken relationships more than on just enjoying solid relationships. They reach out to those who have allowed life to break them down. They reach back to those who have broken faith, spoken hateful words, and acted out of anger. They offer hope and renewal to those brought to shame by their previous behavior. Some might hesitate in pride and resentment, but disciples overcome this temptation too, remembering that "God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8).

With eternity in view, disciples focus on the purity of their character more than on the appearance of their reputation. A man's reputation stems from society, but a man's character emerges from his soul. Thus, Jesus told His disciples, "Blessed are the pure in heart, For they shall see God" (Mt. 5:8). Those who will see God do so because they first realize that God sees them, and this becomes the foundation for how they see themselves. Sadly, many people fail this basic test of discipleship. Rather than focusing on the quality of the soul they pay attention to the imagery of society. They want others to see them as spiritual, and so they prefer the shallow and artificial. "Blind Pharisee, first cleanse the inside of the cup and dish, that the outside of them may be clean also" (Mt. 23:26). Jesus sees us now as He will see us in judgment, and that should motivate all who would choose to become disciples to focus on the eternal.

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# News and Notes

## **Among our sick**

- Ken Boroughs had outpatient knee surgery at Baylor Saints last Thursday.
- Mary Fogarty is home from the hospital doing better.
- Kay Holly's colon surgery has been postponed until September 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Gail Kilcrease's second cataract surgery will be on Monday, August 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Melinda Parrish will see a liver specialist in Dallas on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- Mary Reynolds has a blood clot in her right leg. She is barely able to walk.
- Tom Simpson, a friend of the McPherson's, had his leg amputated just below the knee on Friday.
- Sara Wisialowski has been in ICU at Huguley with dangerously low sodium levels.

## *Response and New Member*

Joe Warlick responded to the invitation Sunday morning confessing sins and asking for prayers. He also wanted to place membership with our congregation. His address is 4012 CR 1018; Joshua, TX 76058; 817-645-2005. We welcome him to our family.

## *Congratulations*

Caleb and Sharon Owens are proud to announce the arrival of their son Caleb Aaron, Jr. He was born at 3:54 PM on Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 7 lbs. 5.7 ozs. 20 ½ inches long. Proud sisters are Kylie, Katie, Kris, and Kimi. Proud grandparents are Melvin and Tammie Owens. Also, Sharon has a new phone number 817-707-6523.

## **Please Note**

- Sunday, August 25<sup>th</sup>, there will be a fish fry after the evening worship service. Please bring side dishes and desserts.
- Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, the fall quarter starts for the new Bible Classes.
- Sunday, September 1<sup>st</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> grade-college youth devotional will be at the Normans' home.
- Wednesday, September 4<sup>th</sup>, Ladies Bible Class will resume at 10:00 AM. We will be studying Acts 13.
- Tuesday, September 10<sup>th</sup>, will be 55 years and older game night in the annex at 6:00 PM.
- Saturday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, will be the next elders, deacons & preachers breakfast and meeting. Breakfast will be at the Sunrise Grill at 8:00 AM with the meeting following at the building.

## Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 8/25

### Front South

Justin Hewlett  
Jim Hudgins  
Weldon York

### Front North

D. J. Stucky  
Ricky Threadgill  
Gene Threadgill

### Back South

Austin Parrish  
Matthew Parrish  
Melvin Owens

### Back North

James Henslee  
Clint Owens  
Larry Owens

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Sid Carruth

Sunday PM

Gary Barger  
Ken Boroughs  
Dewayne Henegar  
Luke Norman

Wednesday PM

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Doug Jones

Wednesday

Paul Murphy

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Jeff Day

Sunday PM

Jeff Day

Wednesday PM

Rob Stidolph

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

J. D. Allen

## Collection Counting

Paul Murphy / Jeff Day / Kyle Day

## Wed. PM Devotional (8/28)

Willie Alvarenga



## Sermons for Sunday

AM

Reassessing Value

PM

Becoming a People of Purpose  
Colossians 4:16-18



## Remember in Prayer

Laurie McPherson's parents

Our Gospel Meeting with David Baker  
(October 11-13)

Bible Search (November 23)

All those mourning the loss of loved ones

Our shut-ins

Lost souls that need the gospel



## Our Records

Bible Class ..... 144

AM Worship.....207

PM Worship ..... 163

Wednesday Bible Class 8/14.....177

Contribution .....\$5,872

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