

FROM FAITH TO FAITH

GRANBURY STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

2018 Granbury Street Summer Series

"What Every Congregation Needs"

June 6	A Common Faith (2 Pet. 1:1) Mike Batot, Gordon, TX
June 13	A Heart for the Lost (Acts 8:4) Tim Burroughs, North Main, Weatherford, TX
June 20	Heartfelt Prayer (Psalms, Acts 4) Phil McIntosh, Briar, TX
June 27	A Servant's Mentality (Mark 10:45) Jeremy Sprouse, Dublin, TX
July 4	The Desire to Grow (1 Peter 2:2) Ernie Albrecht, West, TX
July 11	Reverent Communion (1 Cor. 11:23-26) Dewayne Bryant, Arlington, TX
July 18	Zeal for the Work (Titus 2:14) John Haffner, TX
July 25	A Love of God's Word (Psa. 119) Wade Webster, College Station, TX
Aug. 1	A Sense of Community (Rom. 12:9-13) Todd Crayton, Frisco, TX
Aug. 8	Joyful Giving (2 Cor. 9:6-7) Johnny McCaghren, Brownwood, TX
Aug. 15	Soul-stirring Sermons (2 Tim. 4:2) Robert Moss, Fort Worth, TX
Aug. 22	Singing with Meaning (Col. 3:16) Joe Slater, Justin, TX
Aug. 29	Singing

Shepherds

Sid Carruth
Jeff Day
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen
Tim Norman

Deacons

Gary Barger
Ryan Cowan
Vince Grinnell
Justin Hewlett
Bill Hughes

Minister

Kevin Rhodes

Associate

Pat McIntosh
D.J. Stucky

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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What Can Man Do to Me?

Kevin W. Rhodes

As a general rule, people feel sorry for themselves far too much. Self-pity fills social media when people take a break from arguing about mostly meaningless matters. Rather than seeing the challenges of life as regular occurrences and difficult circumstances as the nature of life, people behave as if they have some inherent right to a perfect life free from adversity. We have convinced ourselves that we can rid the world of warfare, eliminate all disease, and quash bad behavior with the wave of a wand. We have turned every possible negative into some kind of cause as if we possess the ability to eradicate all sadness. As a result, rather than accepting the reality of problems in life and rising to meet the challenge with courage, character, and commitment, many respond with an insufferable case of the “Why me?’s.” Modern society has become so soft that people believe they can encourage competition while outlawing losing, challenge children to be their best while complaining when anyone pushes them to improve, and enjoy freedom of speech while maintaining the imaginary right to be free from ever being offended. Ironically, this deplorable state of humanity exists primarily due to placing so much focus on...humanity.

When the psalmist penned Psalm 118, by inspiration he looked far beyond even his own society to describe an attitude regarding life that expresses a perspective that transcends self even in the midst of great hardship to embrace faith to such a degree that it redefined life. From this perspective, challenges and adversity do not dominate but rather the mercy of God, because it demonstrates His care throughout life so consistently for good that the negatives stand out by comparison (Psa. 118:1-4). Therefore, accepting the reality of danger in this life, even under duress (Psa. 118:5) faith remains strong (Psa. 118:7-9) because “The

Lord is on my side; I will not fear. What can man do to me?” (Psa. 118:6). Thus, rather than allowing life’s challenges to overwhelm, faith makes it possible to remain strong and confident even when under attack (Psa. 118:10-12). Life upon this earth faces the ugly reality of death on a daily basis—and sometimes with a fury that demands attention every moment (Psa. 118:13-16), but even then faith conquers fear because, come what may, “I shall not die, but live, And declare the works of the Lord” (Psa. 118:17). God does allow suffering in this life (Psa. 118:18), but He does not abandon us to it (Psa. 118:19) because He has made it possible to deliver the righteous even from the most tragic circumstances, which is why, even when facing death, we can offer Him praise (Psa. 118:20-21).

If such faith and perspective seems impossible, what follows in the psalm should help tremendously. “The stone which the builders rejected Has become the chief cornerstone. This was the Lord’s doing; It is marvelous in our eyes. This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it” (Psa. 118:22-24). The perspective offered throughout the psalm is Christ’s. Despite the rejection of the Jews, the humiliation of the trial, and the excruciating pain of crucifixion, Jesus never asked, “Why me?” He understood. And when we not only appreciate His attitude but also adopt it, it makes it possible for us to see life in terms of God’s mercy and goodness too, for even through our suffering and death, He has not abandoned us (Psa. 118:25-27). He is still our God, and He still deserves our praise (Psa. 118:28). Therefore, whatever adversity, whatever hardship, whatever pain, whatever grief, let us also respond with eternity in view and cry out to heaven, “Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good! For His mercy endures forever” (Psa. 118:29).



News and Notes

Prayer request...

- Debbie Boroughs is home from the hospital.
- Sid Carruth had tests today. The results were good, but he has additional tests on Tuesday.
- Amy Hackler should have been released from the hospital Thursday. She has a PICC Line and strong antibiotics. We are collecting money for the family during this difficult time. If you would like to help, please give your money to one of the elders.
- Joyce Ogden, Donna York's sister, is on life support. Donna has gone to be with her.
- Caroline Force, a 17 year old granddaughter of the Day's neighbors, was very ill after swimming in a lake. The doctors have done several tests but have no results yet.
- Don Walker continues to have fluid taken off. They are now looking at the possibility of a temporary LVAD to test whether he will need one or two permanent LVADs. Please keep Don and Jackie in your prayers, as well as everyone at Southwest.

Remember in prayers...

Barbara Burnett, Olivia Carson (15 years old from College Station), Henry and Nan Homan, Janie Frausto (Georgia Haynes' mother), Brody Nelson, Don Walker, Lynnde Williams, Tom and Maureen Jackson

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Dede and Mike Hight in the passing of Dede's father, Joe Miller. The funeral service was Wednesday.

We extend our sympathy also to Alice Hochdorf and family in the passing of Norm, a former member. Norm passed away Tuesday.

Please note...

- The Wednesday night summer series speaker for July 18th will be John Haffner. The lesson will be: ***Zeal for the Work.***
- Saturday, July 21st, the elders, preachers and deacons will have breakfast at the Sunrise Cafe at 8:00 AM with a meeting at the building following the meal.
- Thursday, July 19th, Family Summer Series will be at the Briar church of Christ. Brandon Ferguson will present a lesson entitled ***Serve With Joy.***
- Sunday, July 29th, will be our next fifth Sunday. We will have our regular morning worship services, lunch in the annex and at 1:00 PM Pat McIntosh will give a report on his trip to Ukraine.

Centurion of Scripture Challenge 2018 (NKJV)

John 12:49, 50

For I have not spoken on My own authority; but the Father who sent Me gave Me a command, what I should say and what I should speak. And I know that His command is everlasting life. Therefore, whatever I speak, just as the Father has told Me, so I speak.

Those who Serve

Lords' Supper: 7/15

Front South

Jeff Day
Luke Norman
Caleb Norman

Front North

Kenneth Helm
Justin Hewlett
Vince Grinnell

Back South

Perry Elkins
Royce Gorman
Cody Grinnell

Back North

Jason Hackler
Wesley Hackler
Conner Hackler

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Larry McWilliams

Sunday PM

Don Crecelius
Joshua Haynes
Sid Carruth

Wednesday PM

Logan Frasier

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Clark Lehtinen

Wednesday

Jeff Day

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Kevin Rhodes

Sunday PM

Kevin Rhodes

Wednesday PM

Kyle Day

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

J. D. Allen
Will Cammack

Collection Counting

Andrew Collins / Joshua Haynes

Beacon of Truth, Pat McIntosh's internet radio program will be on Monday thru Friday at 7:00 AM.

Expositions, Kevin's television program, airs on GBN Monday nights at 7:30 pm, Thursday mornings at 10:30 am, Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm, and Saturday afternoons at 12:30 pm.



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Speak the Truth in Boldness
1 Kings 22:1-28

PM

Suffering for His Sake
Phil. 1:27-30

Calendar of Events



6/6-8/29 Granbury Street Summer Series

7/5-8/9 Family Summer Series

9/7-8 Marriage and Parenting Seminar
with Neal and Kathy Pollard

10/21-24 Gospel Meeting
with Todd Clippard



Our Records

Bible Class.....	124
AM Worship.....	185
PM Worship.....	136
Wednesday Bible Class.....	97
Contribution.....	\$6,398

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