

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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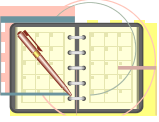
Focus on the Eternal - 3

Kevin W. Rhodes

Despite Christianity's obvious spiritual emphasis, disciples can allow the world to color their thinking and change Christ's emphasis to a less noble cause. As a result, many people end up evaluating others, especially those in higher profile positions, using worldly standards. Sadder yet, some of those in these positions (Did someone say "preachers"?) have developed aspirations more in line with these worldly aspirations than with what Jesus desires. Indeed, whether regularly working in the public eye or typically behind the scenes, a disciple of Jesus Christ always should focus on personal purity more than on public service. In the context of determining who should teach (Jas. 3:1ff), James emphasized that "the wisdom that is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality and without hypocrisy" (Jas. 3:17). A person can have an amazing skill set outwardly, but that means nothing to Jesus if he does not give diligence to purity inwardly. A great speaker is nothing if he does not preach the truth. A great voice is meaningless if used without regard for God's plan. Holding hands with an elderly widow as she mourns the loss of her husband of sixty years is robbed of its spiritual value if done in hopes of being added to her will. As Paul taught in his first epistle to the Corinthians, "Though I speak with the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I have become sounding brass or a clanging cymbal. And though I have the gift of prophecy, and

understand all mysteries and all knowledge, and though I have all faith, so that I could remove mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. And though I bestow all my goods to feed the poor, and though I give my body to be burned, but have not love, it profits me nothing" (1 Cor. 13:1-3). A disciple's focus depends not only on following Christ in the actions people can see but also in the internal and eternal-looking purity that people can not necessarily see.

Every step of the way through life Jesus demonstrated a focus that transcended His existence on earth to focus on who He ought to be to return to His Father in heaven. At the tender age of twelve, He was about His Father's business (Lk. 2:49). As He accepted the responsibilities of preaching and training others, He did so to "fulfill all righteousness" (Mt. 3:13-17). When He preached in Nazareth, He focused on God's message rather than their acceptance of Him (Lk. 4:23-24). Even in the garden, He prayed with eternity in view, "Not as I will, but as You *will*" (Mt. 26:39). And thus, after a life lived for eternity, the Father raised Him from the dead, and then after only a few short days, Jesus ascended to join His Father in heaven once more, the eternal home for which He longed all along (Lk. 24:51). Christ's disciples, following in their Savior's footsteps, must give up the guarantee of certain physical blessings now in order to enjoy the guarantee of certain spiritual blessings in eternity (Eph. 1:3). Such a step proves no obstacle at all—for those focused on eternity.



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Amy Jo Ray, Dennis Crecelius' granddaughter and Sophie Bailey's oldest daughter, is in critical condition and on life support at Baylor A. Webb Hospital in Dallas.
- Ken Boroughs had outpatient knee surgery and will be on crutches for two weeks.
- Gail Kilcrease had her second cataract surgery on Monday.
- Austin Parrish has been having tests.
- Mary Reynolds has a mass in her leg. She will have an MRI done soon and be spent to a specialist.
- Ida Thompson fractured her back and is still in a lot of pain.
- Sara Wisialowski will be moved to Life Care for rehab hopefully this week.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to James and Helen Henslee and Steve and Carla Baze in the passing of James' brother-in-law Henry "Buddy" Moore. Funeral services were Saturday.

Congratulations

Cody and Angel Grinnell are proud to announce the arrival of their son Corbin Ray. He was born at 6:45 PM Thursday, August 22nd. He weighed 8 lbs. 8 ozs and measured 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Vince and Darla. Great grandparents are Randy and Glenna Grinnell. Proud aunt and uncle are Sarah and Jacob.

Please Note

- Sunday, September 1st, the fall quarter starts for the new Bible Classes.
- Sunday, September 1st, 7th grades—college youth devotional will be at the Day's home.
- Wednesday, September 4th, Ladies Bible Class will resume at 10:00 AM in the annex. We will be studying Acts 13.
- Family Day will be Saturday, September 7th. Bible Search activities start at 10:00 AM. The study will cover Ezra 5.
- Tuesday, September 10th, 55 years and older game night will start at 6:00 PM in the annex.
- Saturday, September 14th, the EDP's breakfast will be at 8:00 AM at Sunrise Grill and the meeting at the building will be afterwards.
- Saturday, September 21st, will be the younger youth service project for ages 10 years and younger or anyone interested. Meet at the building at 9:00 AM.

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 9/1

Front South

J. D. Allen
Colton Allen
Gary Barger

Back South

Steve Baze
Bill Cashion
Ryan Cowan

Front North

Ken Boroughs
Will Cammack
Dale Ash

Back North

Sid Carruth
Andrew Collins
Jordan Collins

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Barry Lehtinen
Ryan Cowan

Sunday PM

Doug Jones
Perry Elkins

Wednesday PM

Caleb Norman

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Russ Jones

Wednesday

Tim Norman

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

D. J. Stucky

Sunday PM

D. J. Stucky

Wednesday PM

D. J. Stucky

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Wayne Gentry

Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

Wed. PM Devotional (9/4)

Andrew Collins



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Problems of a Worldly People

PM

God's Word - Worthy of Our Time
Psalm 119:145-152



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KnowTheTruthRadio.org

Biblical Foundations with Pat McIntosh

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



Our Records

Bible Class	135
AM Worship.....	213
PM Worship	162
Wednesday Bible Class 8/21.....	149
Contribution	\$5,280

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