

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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June 24	Building a Better Home Life <i>Heath Stapleton</i>
July 1	Building a Better Evangelism Program <i>Robert Dodson</i>
July 8	Building a Better Pattern for Congregational Growth <i>Tom Wacaster</i>
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July 22	Building a Better Environment <i>Kris Groda</i>
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August 26	Building a Better You <i>Robert Moss</i>

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 Two

Kevin W. Rhodes

What a scene it must have been to witness throngs of people turning their backs on Jesus because He would not do what they wanted. They wanted Him to perform miracles to please them. They expected Him to provide food for them all the time. They imagined a relationship where He would feel honored that they would follow at all. They remained focused on this world and its rewards. In other words, they left because Jesus did not conform to their ideas of a Messiah and leader. Yet, it is sadder still that, despite this and many other examples, some people today attempt to fashion Jesus into their own image.

Peter, on the other hand, understood what was at stake. When Jesus asked if the twelve would go with the crowd, “Simon Peter answered Him, ‘Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life’” (Jn. 6:68). This fact lies at the essence of true discipleship. Anyone can make outrageous promises, offer worldly incentives, and tell you that you do not have to change a thing. But Jesus refuses to play that game. Jesus did not come to live a life of ease, and discipleship makes no promise of that sort either. As Jesus said, “Foxes have holes and birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head” (Lk. 9:58). The Jews expected an earthly kingdom, but Jesus instead died to offer a kingdom that “is not of this world” (Jn. 18:36).

Sadly, many organizations masquerade as spiritual people, holding a Bible up but not upholding the Bible. They sell a religion of, by, and for this world but fail to recognize that its hope does not offer anything beyond this world. Why do people do this? Why would

people follow a seriously flawed and compromised version of Christianity considering the perfection of the One who paid for it with His own blood? Because we so easily believe the lie that we can serve the Lord while also serving ourselves. Satan works desperately to have us accept worldly rewards and sacrifice heavenly beauty, just as Jesus warned in the Sermon on the Mount, “No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon” (Mt. 6:24).

Temptation’s allure does not always come in the form of sexual sin, a lying tongue, or domestic violence. It often takes the form of counterfeit discipleship sold to the masses as religion by simply validating their worldliness.

For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works (2 Cor. 11:13-15).

Jesus refused to stroke the egos and justify the opinions of the crowd. Instead, He called them to sever their ties to worldliness and seek after true godliness. In doing so, He established an enduring principle: discipleship for the sake of earthly prominence and physical wealth is nothing; discipleship for the sake of eternal life is everything.



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Ken Boroughs had another chemo treatment on Wednesday. He will have 6-8 more treatments after this one.
- Ola Mae Heffley is having problems with her back. She requests no visitors or phone calls please.
- John McGilvray's surgery on his shoulder has been postponed for 2-3 weeks.
- Janice Redden has pneumonia. Her tests are postponed.
- John Sian is in room 304 at Forest Park Hospital in Fort Worth.
- Donna York's sister, Joyce Ogden, is having tests to see if she has bladder cancer.

Remember in prayers

Shannon Barger Barron and baby; Ken Boroughs; Lonnie Burk (Laurie McPherson's father); Darla Dill; Angel Grinnell and baby; Amy Hackler and baby; Justin Hewlett; Brie Kilpatrick, niece of Charlotte's daughter, Amy Martin; Don Manning; John McGilvray; Pat McIntosh; Janice Redden; Betty Rutledge; Billie Shaw; Betty Williams.

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.

Please Note...

- Saturday, July 4th, at 7:30 PM, everyone is invited to J. D. and Jeri Allen's home to watch the fireworks. Please bring ice cream, fruit, drinks, and desserts.
- Sunday, July 5th, the Rhodes will host the youth devotional in the annex immediately after the evening worship service. Bring \$3.00 per person for pizza. Guys bring drinks. Girls bring desserts.
- Don't forget the Lads to Leaders lunch Sunday, July 12th. Everyone is invited to come learn more about Lads to Leaders and the many ways to be involved.
- Tuesday, July 13th, Senior Game Night will meet at 6:00 PM in the annex. Please bring your favorite games and food.
- Saturday, July 18th, Family Day will start at 10:30 AM in the annex.
- The cookbooks are in. Each family gets one free. Each additional cookbook is \$7.00 each. Give your money to Sherry Carruth or Darla Grinnell.

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 7/5

Front South

Doug Jones
Larry McWilliams
Dennis Lane

Back South

Tim Norman
Luke Norman
Jackie Mayden

Front North

Russ Jones
Clark Lehtinen
Joseph McPherson

Back North

Paul Murphy
Clint Owens
Michael Mora

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Rob Stidolph
Joseph McPherson

Sunday PM

Bill Cashion
Andrew Collins
Clint Owens

Wednesday PM

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Tim Norman

Wednesday

Clark Lehtinen

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Jeff Day

Sunday PM

Jeff Day

Wednesday PM

Sid Carruth

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Wayne Gentry

Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

Wed. PM Devotional (7/8)

Tom Wacaster



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Family Matters

PM

El-Olam
Gen. 21:22-34



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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	143
AM Worship.....	214
PM Worship	129
Wednesday Bible Class 6/24.....	171
Contribution	\$6,551

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