

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

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Leaving Materialism Behind - Part 2

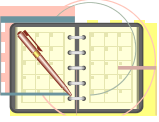
Kevin W. Rhodes

If you truly seek to be a disciple of Jesus, you will not cling to your possessions; you will cling to your Savior. In a poignant event, a rich young ruler approaches Jesus desirous of being counted among the saved. He assumes that he should be, given his record of keeping the Law; however, in his zeal to have Jesus declare him righteous, he asked, “What do I still lack?” At this point, as Matthew records, “Jesus said to him, ‘If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me.’ But when the young man heard that saying, he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions” (Mt. 19:21-22). How sad that a man with the opportunity to speak with Jesus, to learn from Jesus, and to know Jesus personally, chose his possessions over following Jesus. Sadly, many others fall into the same category today because they make a similar choice.

Ultimately, our attitude will manifest itself by how we treat the possessions we have—whatever they might be. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal; but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Mt. 6:19-21). For example, we will give to help others instead of keeping to help ourselves. From the very beginning, such giving characterized the church. Luke recorded for our benefit that “all who believed were together, and had all things in common, and sold their possessions and goods, and divided them among all, as anyone had need” (Acts 2:44-45). When this develops into a the natural state of our heart, we will anticipate others’ needs instead of focusing on our own wants. People in need should not have to ask; Christians should give because they see the need. “Now the multitude of those who believed were

of one heart and one soul; neither did anyone say that any of the things he possessed was his own, but they had all things in common. And with great power the apostles gave witness to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And great grace was upon them all. Nor was there anyone among them who lacked; for all who were possessors of lands or houses sold them, and brought the proceeds of the things that were sold, and laid them at the apostles’ feet; and they distributed to each as anyone had need” (Acts 4:32-35). As this example well illustrates, the better we understand our blessings, the easier giving up “things” becomes. Following Jesus, faithful Christians will always be “as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing all things” (2 Cor. 6:10).

Remember, what this world offers is temporal; what God offers is eternal. “Therefore we do not lose heart. Even though our outward man is perishing, yet the inward man is being renewed day by day. For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, is working for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory, while we do not look at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen. For the things which are seen are temporary, but the things which are not seen are eternal” (2 Cor. 4:16-18). We read this, and we believe it. But do we live it? Following Jesus in this world requires us to avoid the materialistic entrapments of this world. But this does not imply either a monastic life of austerity or even the avoidance of prosperity. You do not need to be wealthy for wealth to keep you from following Jesus; you just have to be materialistic. Jesus, as usual, exposed the heart of the matter: “Take heed and beware of covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of the things he possesses” (Lk. 12:15). Materialism is not having material things; it is a heart whose identity depends on what it does or does not have.



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Gail Kilcrease will have gallbladder surgery on June 27th at Walls Hospital.
- Amy Hackler had tests at Huguley on Monday.
- Joe Hooten, Janie Duffield's nephew, had brain surgery. The doctors found fluid on his brain that was leaking. He has been moved to rehab.
- Wanda McGowan has an upper respiratory infection and is on oxygen.
- Melinda Parrish's MRI showed that the cysts on her liver are growing. She had an upper GI Tuesday and will see a liver specialist in Dallas.
- James Townzen will have hernia surgery Monday, July 8th, at Walls Hospital.

Responses

Aaron Balderas and Juanita Baxter both responded to the invitation asking for prayers and confessing sins. Please keep them and their families in your prayers.

Birthday Celebration

Everyone is invited to join the family to celebrate Betty Williams' 90th birthday on Saturday, June 29, from 2:00-4:00 PM. Your presence is your gift.

Please Note

- Sunday, June 30th, will be our 5th Sunday services. We will have our regular morning worship services, potluck lunch in the annex and 1:00 PM singing in the auditorium.
- Saturday, July 6th, 7th- college ages youth devotional will be at the Rhodes home.
- Tuesday, July 9th, at Hico will be the next session of the North Texas Family Summer Series at 7:00 P. M. The study this year is "Insignificant Characters of the Bible". Our study will be on 'Amram and Jochebed'.
- Tuesday, July 9th, will be the 55 years and older Game Night.
- The next Family Day will be July 13th at 10:30 a.m. We will be studying Ezra 3. Bible Search leading opportunities will begin at 10:15 a.m.
- We will have an Ice Cream Supper on Saturday evening, July 13th, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the annex. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite flavor!

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 6/23

Front South

Ken Boroughs
Dale Ash
D. J. Stucky

Front North

J. D. Allen
Colton Allen
Steve Baze

Back South

Gary Barger
Larry Thompson
Gene Threadgill

Back North

Ricky Threadgill
Perry Walker
Weldon York

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Paul Murphy
Tim Norman

Sunday PM

Dewayne Henegar
Dale Mullen

Wednesday PM

Clint Owens

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Doug Jones

Wednesday

Ken Boroughs

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Paul Doyel

Sunday PM

Paul Doyel

Wednesday PM

Sid Carruth

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Gary Barger

Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

Wed. PM Devotional (6/26)

John Dickison



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Justin Hopkins

PM

Justin Hopkins



Youth Notes

North Texas Family Summer Series

July 9 Hico

Amram and Jochebed

July 18 Briar

The Poor Widow

July 25 Colleyville

Tabitha

August 1 Windmill

Epaphroditus



Our Records

Bible Class 129

AM Worship.....215

PM Worship 150

Wednesday Bible Class 6/12.....167

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