

# 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 1

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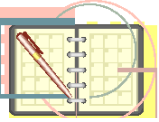
People embrace contradictions so readily sometimes that they fail to see obvious disparities between what they say they want and how they actually live. Many a person has claimed to want all the spiritual blessings heaven offers while still clinging to all the carnal offerings the world places before them. Satan has sold the idea that you can have it all—that you never have to make choices about which deserves greater priority, the spiritual or the physical. Sadly, many people also buy it. And while we inhabit this world as physical beings, we should never let this world define us or our perspective. Luke records one incident that drew Jesus' attention to this very subject: "And He looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the treasury, and He saw also a certain poor widow putting in two mites. So He said, 'Truly I say to you that this poor widow has put in more than all; for all these out of their abundance have put in offerings for God, but she out of her poverty put in all the livelihood that she had'" (Luke 21:1-4). While we necessarily have and use a number of material objects in life, we must leave materialism and all its trappings behind to embrace spiritual blessings.

Therefore, those who follow Christ must demonstrate a willingness to give up the potential of and desire for physical wealth in exchange for the blessings of spiritual wealth. In a very brief parable, Jesus illustrates this principle: "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and hid; and for joy over it he goes

and sells all that he has and buys that field" (Mt. 13:44). Sadly, many people will never know the beauty and joys of the kingdom of heaven because they refuse to give up what they already have. Many a person remains so attached to this world and the quest for wealth that giving up time to worship on Sunday, contributing to the Lord's cause, and spending greater attention on spiritual development always remain on the edges of his interest but never receive the focus of his life. He may claim Christ and even worship too, but wealth has a greater claim to him, and thus he fails the test of a disciple.

Moreover, those who follow Jesus also must sometimes sacrifice what a job may provide to seek what God alone can provide. In the early days of Jesus' ministry, He gave a very specific call to twelve of his followers. In just one example, Luke records, "After these things He went out and saw a tax collector named Levi, sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, 'Follow Me.' So he left all, rose up, and followed Him" (Lk. 5:27-28). Levi gave up a good-paying job simply because Jesus had something better for him to do. In some cases, however, a person may have to leave an occupation behind in order to follow Jesus at all. Dealing cards at a casino or working at a brewery promote many things, but Christianity is not among them. Thus, despite how well a given occupation might pay or the benefits and retirement already invested in a certain company, those who truly trust Jesus will sacrifice that job on the altar of obedience to Jesus Christ.

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# News and Notes

## **Among our sick**

- Charles Chandler (a former preacher here) is scheduled for surgery on his esophagus on June 17<sup>th</sup>. He's hoping that after the surgery he will be able to have his feeding tube removed.
- Helen Henslee had a shot in her shoulder and is having problems with her hip.
- Jack Hewlett got a good report in Houston. Cancer is still in remission.
- Dorothy Hickman had surgery on Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> for a hernia.
- Gail Kilcrease saw the surgeon on Monday to get the results of her tests on her gallbladder.
- Carol McGilvray is not feeling well.
- Laurie McPherson's parents are both having health problems. Her father had surgery this week.
- Melinda Parrish had an MRI and tests on Tuesday.
- Bill Williams, Jo Ann's husband, has had two mini strokes and has asked for prayers.

## *Wedding*

Everyone is invited to the wedding of Nichole Marie Crain and Brandon Ross Doyel on Friday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013 at 7:00 o'clock in the evening here at the building. A reception will follow in the annex.

## *Responses*

Barbara Burnett responded to the invitation Sunday morning asking for prayers for her and her family. Please keep Barbara and the family in your prayers that her family members will turn their lives back to God.

## *Baptism*

We rejoice that Daniel Hughes was baptized into Christ Sunday afternoon after services. We welcome him in his new life as a brother in Christ. God Bless you Daniel for your decision.

## **Please note...**

- Green Valley Bible Camp is from June 23<sup>rd</sup> until 29<sup>th</sup>. Campers will be leaving Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> and come home on the 29<sup>th</sup>. There is a sign up sheet in the foyer for those that need a ride. We need a count so we can make sure we have a seat for everyone.
- Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup> will be our 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday services. We will have our regular morning worship services, potluck lunch in the annex and 1:00 PM singing in the auditorium.

## Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 6/16

### Front South

Tim Norman  
Paul Murphy  
Caleb Norman

### Front North

Rob Stidolph  
Neil Stidolph  
Luke Norman

### Back South

Larry Owens  
Clint Owens  
Melvin Owens

### Back North

Michael Mora  
Matthew Parrish  
Austin Parrish

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Casey Lehtinen

Sunday PM

Bill Cashion

Wednesday PM

Sid Carruth  
Jim Hudgins  
Joseph McPherson

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Justin Hewlett

Wednesday

Jeff Day

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Dale Ash

Sunday PM

Dale Ash

Wednesday PM

Dale Ash

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

James Hunt

## Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

## Wed. PM Devotional (6/19)

Joey Davis



## Sermons for Sunday

AM

That's What Fathers Say

PM

The Historical Jesus



## Youth Notes

### North Texas Family Summer Series

June 13	Granbury Street	Micaiah
June 18	Gordon	Jethro
July 9	Hico	Amram and Jochebed
July 18	Briar	The Poor Widow
July 25	Colleyville	Tabitha
August 1	Windmill	Epaphroditus



## Our Records

Bible Class .....	135
AM Worship.....	216
PM Worship .....	165
Wednesday Bible Class 6/12.....	182
Contribution .....	\$7,456

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