

# 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 Wrong Associations Behind - 1

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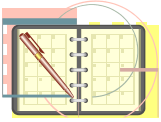
I am not sure why people seem to believe that they should cling to every friendship they develop throughout their lives. People change; therefore, friendships change. The same person that helped you accomplish amazing engineering feats with Legos while you were young probably will not remain your best friend throughout high school. After graduation, many friends separate and make new friends either at work or at college. Relocation then often forces yet more changes in friendship circles. While Facebook has helped people renew acquaintances, the reality remains that our associations shift throughout life based upon our personal interests. Although this sometimes carries regret, for one who wishes to follow Jesus Christ, it often proves necessary. The apostle Paul warned the Corinthians, “Do not be deceived: “Evil company corrupts good habits” (1 Cor. 15:33). Therefore, following Jesus demands that we leave the wrong associations behind to embrace the fellowship of heaven.

Thus, becoming a disciple of Christ may demand a new set of friends, but it also offers you a new set of friends. It offers you a group of friends who see friendship with God as a priority instead of friendship with the world. “Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Whoever therefore wants to be a friend of the world makes himself an enemy of God” (Jas. 4:4b). It encourages friendship among those who reject evil and respond to righteous correction. “And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them” (Eph. 5:11). These provide the foundation for a strong relationship that will benefit all involved. As Paul explained

to the Romans, “Be kindly affectionate to one another with brotherly love, in honor giving preference to one another” (Rom. 12:10). Discipleship teaches us what true friendship offers and what true friendship requires. Far too often people treat friendship like business networking, always looking for some personal return. Christian relationships are built around growing one another spiritually and growing closer to one another spiritually, which will always prove beneficial in the long run.

Therefore, to follow Christ you must make righteousness and holiness the hallmarks of every relationship you have, seeking out the saved and reaching out to the lost. Christianity creates a special bond between God and His people and between His people and one another based on spiritual character. “But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light” (1 Pet. 2:9). Through this individual commitment, repeated multiple times, comes an unparalleled unified association tying individual disciples together in a way that distance and time cannot change (Jn. 17:21). So long as character endures, the relationship can also endure. The world, with its associations of convenience and opportunistic selfishness, cannot approach such beauty in relationships. This explains why relationships built on enduring character and truth will always surpass those built on some momentary alignment of interests that so often characterizes worldly relationships. Thus, the more our character imitates our God, the more our relationships will follow suit.

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# News and Notes

## **Among our sick**

- Jason Doyel, Paul & Sandy's oldest son, has been diagnosed with pre leukemia and will have another bone marrow test in four months.
- Clara Mae Fish is having health problems and is in need of prayers.
- Jay Jackson, Mary Ann's husband, has been placed in hospice care at Ridgeview Rehab. Mary Ann has asked for No Visitors.
- Doug Kilcrease will have double hernia surgery at the Cleburne Surgical Center on Wednesday, July 17<sup>th</sup>.
- Melinda Parrish will see a liver specialist in Dallas on Tuesday, July 23<sup>rd</sup>.
- James Townzen had hernia surgery Monday, July 8<sup>th</sup>, at Walls Hospital.
- Weldon York had surgery to remove a kidney stone on Monday at USMD in Arlington.
- Betty Williams has bronchitis and is not able to be out.

## *Sympathy*

Our sympathy is extended to Melinda and Tim Norman and family in the passing of Melinda's mother, Geraldine Massey. Funeral services were Tuesday in Mansfield and burial in Granbury.

## *Baby Shower*

Sunday, July 14<sup>th</sup>, the ladies are invited to a baby shower for Angel Grinnell from 1:30-3:00 in the annex. Selections are at Babies R Us and Wal-mart. The baby is a boy.

## **Please Note**

- Thursday, July 18<sup>th</sup>, at Briar 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 'The Poor Widow'.
- The next Family Day will be July 13<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup>, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the annex. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite flavor.
- Monday afternoon, July 22<sup>nd</sup>, the teens and their families will be going to Fort Worth for go-karts and to the Fort Worth Cats baseball game. Those interested in going and learning about the available discounts, please meet in room 107 after evening services tonight.

## Those who Serve

### Lords' Supper: 7/14

#### Front South

Russ Jones  
Barry Lehtinen  
Dennis Lane

#### Back South

Jeff McPherson  
Michael Mora  
Jackie Mayden

#### Front North

Clark Lehtinen  
John McGilvray  
Paul Murphy

#### Back North

Casey Lehtinen  
Jay Lehtinen  
Doug Kilcrease

### Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Will Cammack

Sunday PM

John McGilvray

Wednesday PM

Paul Murphy

Paul Doyel

Neil Stidolph

### Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Clark Lehtinen

Wednesday

Jeff Day

### Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Jeff Day

Sunday PM

Jeff Day

Wednesday PM

Jason Hackler

### Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

James Hunt

### Collection Counting

Justin Hewlett / Ken Boroughs / Wayne Gentry

### Wed. PM Devotional (7/17)

Neal Thurman



### Sermons for Sunday

AM

Preparing for Persecution  
Matthew 10:21-33

PM

The Centrality of Faith  
Hebrews 3:12-19



### Notes

July 13 Family Day

July 13 Congregational Ice Cream Supper

July 18 Briar The Poor Widow

July 25 Colleyville Tabitha

August 1 Windmill Epaphroditus

August 3 Congregational Get-together



### Our Records

Bible Class ..... 152

AM Worship.....216

PM Worship ..... 162

Wednesday Bible Class 6/12..... 151

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