

FROM FAITH TO FAITH

GRANBURY STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

2018 Granbury Street Summer Series

“What Every Congregation Needs”

June 6	A Common Faith (2 Pet. 1:1) Mike Batot, Gordon, TX
June 13	A Heart for the Lost (Acts 8:4) Tim Burroughs, North Main, Weatherford, TX
June 20	Heartfelt Prayer (Psalms, Acts 4) Phil McIntosh, Briar, TX
June 27	A Servant's Mentality (Mark 10:45) Jeremy Sprouse, Dublin, TX
July 4	The Desire to Grow (1 Peter 2:2) Ernie Albrecht, West, TX
July 11	Reverent Communion (1 Cor. 11:23-26) Dewayne Bryant, Arlington, TX
July 18	Zeal for the Work (Titus 2:14) John Haffner, TX
July 25	A Love of God's Word (Psa. 119) Wade Webster, College Station, TX
Aug. 1	A Sense of Community (Rom. 12:9-13) Todd Crayton, Frisco, TX
Aug. 8	Joyful Giving (2 Cor. 9:6-7) Johnny McCaghren, Brownwood, TX
Aug. 15	Soul-stirring Sermons (2 Tim. 4:2) Robert Moss, Fort Worth, TX
Aug. 22	Singing with Meaning (Col. 3:16) Joe Slater, Justin, TX
Aug. 29	Singing

Shepherds

Sid Carruth
Jeff Day
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen
Tim Norman

Deacons

Gary Barger
Ryan Cowan
Vince Grinnell
Justin Hewlett
Bill Hughes

Minister

Kevin Rhodes

Associate

Pat McIntosh
D.J. Stucky

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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Short and Sweet

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Though the shortest chapter in the Bible, Psalm 117 is far from short on content. Beginning and ending with “Hallelujah,” including the Gentiles in the call for praise, and then combining the power of God’s love with the perseverance of God’s truth, the depth of meaning contained within this psalm far exceeds the natural expectations for two brief verses. And yet, even then, a consideration of the likely timing and focus of this psalm shines new light that proves worthy of reflection and deep meditation. Therefore, consider these words: “Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!” (Psa. 117:1-2).

Three times the psalm mentions the covenant name of God, Yahweh, which makes the opening appeal to Gentiles all the more interesting. Why would the psalmist, by inspiration, connect the covenant name of the LORD with the Gentiles with whom He had no such covenant? Why refer to “us” in verse two, which would have included the Jewish psalmist and therefore the Jews in a psalm calling on Gentiles to praise the LORD? What relationship would the truth of God’s revealed will have to the Gentiles who had no written revelation? When considered in its own time, the beauty of the psalm takes on a puzzling nature. However, its placement in the canon adds yet another dimension. This psalm occurs within the general framework of psalms associated with the return from captivity. Therefore, the attention given to Gentiles proves all the more striking. While some might consider these questions reasons to doubt the inspiration of the psalm, they actually shed light on its meaning.

This psalm acts as a perfect response to Judah’s return from captivity because it focuses on God’s greater purpose and the reason

underlying their return in the first place. Therefore, as the Jews returned to their homeland after seventy years, as promised, the LORD once more demonstrated His faithfulness to the covenant despite Judah’s own failure. But that covenant had implications far beyond Judah, as God told Abraham, “And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed” (Gen. 12:3). The covenant made with Abraham was designed not only for Israel, but for all. Therefore, the covenant name of Yahweh stands as an important reminder of God’s intent to bless all nations. Thus, God included even those peoples who could not trace their physical origin back to Abraham in the blessing of peoples, as Paul would later emphasize to the Galatians (Gal. 3:26-29). The postexilic date puts the second verse in greater relief as well. The LORD extended His merciful kindness, His steadfast love, to His people. It indeed prevailed “toward us.” His love brought them back to fulfill their purpose as a people when their conduct alone would never have warranted it. But the LORD had promised not just to return them from captivity but to use them to bless others, and that truth endured in the mind and heart of God despite the sins of Judah and all mankind. The covenant thus pertained to all people—not just to the Jews. And their return from captivity proved that God had not forgotten His promise nor turned away from that established purpose. Imagine then, as Judah left Babylon after the decree of Cyrus, the psalm calling out to their former captors to praise the LORD! What a scene! But it was appropriate because He was also doing it for them. Even more, it is only because of the enduring character of Jehovah God that salvation is possible for us today. “Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, And the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!” (Psa. 117:1-2).



News and Notes

Prayer request...

- Debbie Boroughs' heart catheterization had to be postponed because of low heart rate. She has been in the Harris SW Hospital.
- Barbara Burnett fell on slick rocks in the waterfalls and has an impacted fracture of the radius.
- Amy Hackler is home from the hospital but still is not feeling very well.
- Gwen Martin had a heart catheterization last week. She had a stint put in and is doing well.
- Makaria Rhodes had an endoscopy on Friday, July 6th.
- Don Walker has returned to Austin and will be fitted for a heart pump.
- Sasha Howell, the Lehtinen's granddaughter, has asked for prayers for one of their members at the College Station congregation. Olivia Carson, 15 years old, fell breaking her arm. Her arm would not heal, and they found out she has a rare form of bone cancer.
- Mary Reynolds had to go to the ER this week. The arthritis in her back is spreading throughout her neck and body. She is in a lot of pain.
- Lynnde Williams will have her tonsils and adenoids removed on Monday, July 9th, at Cooke Children's Hospital.

Remember in prayers...

Henry and Nan Homan, Lynda Howell (Morris Jewett's sister), Pat Thompson, Janie Frausto (Georgia Haynes' mother), Brody Nelson, Johnny Parrish (Johnnye and Helen Ann's uncle), Richard McKinley (father of Caprice the caregiver to Johnnie Daugherty),

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Mary Ann Jackson in the passing of her sister-in-law, Jo Ann Frizzell. The funeral service was last Saturday.

Please note...

- The Wednesday night summer series speaker for July 11th will be Dewayne Bryant from the New York Avenue church of Christ in Arlington. The lesson will be: ***Reverent Communion.***
- Game night will be Tuesday, July 10th, starting at 6:00 PM in the annex.
- Saturday, July 21st, the elders, preachers and deacons will have breakfast at the Caddo Street Grill Cafe at 8:00 AM with a meeting at the building following the meal.

Those who Serve

Lords' Supper: 7/8

Front South

Larry McWilliams
Will Cammack
Tom Collins

Front North

Andrew Collins
Don Crecelius
Joshua Haynes

Back South

Colton Allen
Steve Baze
Weldon York

Back North

J. D. Allen
Logan Frasier
Glenn Frasier

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Justin Hewlett

Sunday PM

DeWayne Henegar

Jeff McPherson

Wednesday PM

Tim Norman

Kyle Day

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Jeff Day

Wednesday

Ryan Cowan

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Kyle Day

Sunday PM

Kyle Day

Wednesday PM

Sid Carruth

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Gavin McGilvray

Jim Hudgins

Collection Counting

Andrew Collins / Joshua Haynes

Beacon of Truth, Pat McIntosh's internet radio program will be on Monday thru Friday at 7:00 AM.

Expositions, Kevin's television program, airs on GBN Monday nights at 7:30 pm, Thursday mornings at 10:30 am, Thursday evenings at 6:00 pm, and Saturday afternoons at 12:30 pm.



Sermons for Sunday

AM

How to Avoid a Failed Marriage

PM

Meaningful Perspective
Isaiah 38:1-22

Calendar of Events



6/6-8/29 Granbury Street Summer Series

7/5-8/9 Family Summer Series

9/7-8 Marriage and Parenting Seminar
with Neal and Kathy Pollard

10/21-24 Gospel Meeting
with Todd Clippard



Our Records

Bible Class.....125

AM Worship.....196

PM Worship.....137

Wednesday Bible Class.....132

Contribution.....\$7,359

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