

# From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ

## 2014 Summer Series

Improving My Christianity

June 4	Improving My Prayer Life <i>Richard Massey</i>
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### Shepherds

Sid Carruth  
Kenneth Helm  
Clark Lehtinen

### Deacons

Gary Barger  
Jeff Day  
Vince Grinnell  
Justin Hewlett  
Bill Hughes  
Tim Norman

### 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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# Bearing Burdens - Part Two

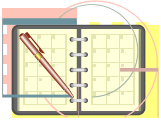
Kevin W. Rhodes

**D**isciples of Jesus Christ must bear the burden of newfound responsibilities. This begins with the recognition that whatever the gospel requires, we, as disciples, do. “But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves” (Jas. 1:22). Therefore, rather than cowering in fear at the thought of talking to others about the gospel, we reach out in faith (2 Cor. 5:7). Instead of sitting idly while others work, we volunteer and offer a helping hand (1 Cor. 15:58). At the beginning, we may not realize just how much our Lord expects of us, but as we grow in this understanding, it will not seem difficult at all when we remember and come to appreciate even more how much our Lord has done for us.

As a disciple of Jesus Christ, you will, at times, be required to bear the burden of other people’s problems, especially their sin. If this seems difficult, just remember whose sins Jesus bore on the cross (Isa. 59:2; Rom. 5:8). You may have to endure the misbehavior, selfishness, pettiness, and unprovoked attacks of worldly family members and friends who resent the way you live. Jesus did. The quality of His life did not make Him immune to the problems created by others. In fact, as John records, the light of righteousness can create such a contrast with the unrighteousness of the world that conflict becomes inevitable: “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved dark-

ness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen, that they have been done in God” (Jn. 3:18-21). You may have to endure the mockery of others. Jesus did. The prophet Jeremiah spoke of how his service to the Lord led to contempt among his fellow man: “O LORD, You induced me, and I was persuaded; You are stronger than I, and have prevailed. I am in derision daily; Everyone mocks me” (Jer. 20:7). Yet he wrote this not as a discouragement to others but as a record of the reality that the faithful will face. The truth is: you may have to endure persecution. Jesus did. In fact, the apostle Paul told Timothy, “Yes, and all who desire to live godly in Christ Jesus will suffer persecution” (2 Tim. 3:12). It can take many forms, from ridicule and scorn to financial hardship to imprisonment to death, but Satan’s minions will not accept your discipleship without a fight. You may have to endure even disciples not behaving as disciples should—directly or indirectly. Just remember: Jesus did. Paul wrote the Galatians about such behavior, “But if you bite and devour one another, beware lest you be consumed by one another!” (Gal. 5:15). Sadly, some disciples will allow unchristian behavior to follow them into the Lord’s church, and this becomes a burden to all those around them. As such, we should expect these things and prepare to deal with them rather than allowing such burdens to discourage us in our faith.

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# News and Notes

## **Among our sick**

- Kenneth Boroughs will have radiation treatments in a few weeks. His liver cancer is back.
- Nan Oliver will have rotator cuff surgery on her shoulder Monday, August 11<sup>th</sup>, at the surgical center.

## *Sympathy*

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Dorothy Dossey. She passed away Sunday. The funeral was this week.

## *Bridal Shower*

The ladies are invited to a bridal shower honoring Abby Ash, bride-elect of Ethan Adams, on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, from 1:30-3:00 PM in the annex. Their selections are at Accents; Bed, Bath & Beyond; Target; and Wal-mart.

## **Please Note...**

- We are hosting a Game Night Thursday, August 7<sup>th</sup>, starting at 7:00 PM here in the annex for all the congregations involved in the Family Summer Series.
- There will be a workday over at the new property on Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>.
- A teacher's workday is scheduled for Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, from 9:00—12:00. This is for all teachers—not just those teaching this fall. Justin Hopkins will be explaining the new Bible class material.
- We will combine these workdays and have lunch together. Please bring sandwiches, chips, dips, and desserts.
- The youth devotional will be Saturday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at Larry and Ginger Owens' home. Please see Ginger for details.
- The next Bible Search Training will be on Sunday, August 10<sup>th</sup>, at 3:30 PM for speaking, singing, and teaching the text.
- The senior game night will be Tuesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, starting at 6:00 PM in the annex.
- The youth and families are invited to Highland church of Christ Friday, August 15<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 for movie night.
- Family Day will be Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, starting at 10:30 in the annex. Esther 3 is the text.

## Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 8/10

### Front South

Colton Allen  
J. D. Allen  
Rob Stidolph

### Back South

Larry Owens  
Austin Parrish  
Gene Threadgill

### Front North

Andrew Collins  
Ken Boroughs  
Weldon York

### Back North

Melvin Owens  
Matthew Parrish  
Ricky Threadgill

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Russ Jones

Sunday PM

Don Crecelius

Joshua Haynes

Wednesday PM

Dale Mullen

Joseph McPherson

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Justin Hewlett

Wednesday

Dale Ash

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Dale Ash

Sunday PM

Dale Ash

Wednesday PM

Jeff McPherson

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

James Hunt

## Collection Counting

Paul Murphy / Jeff Day / Kyle Day

## Wed. PM Devotional (8/13)

Dan Flournoy



## Sermons for Sunday

AM

Return to the LORD  
Hosea 14:1-9

PM

Liberty, Equality, Fraternity  
Ephesians 3:1-7



## Listen to the Gospel!

### 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

(Tuesday - Thursday) 7:00 am or 11:00 am  
btradio.net



## Our Records

Bible Class .....	162
AM Worship.....	231
PM Worship .....	150
Wednesday Bible Class 7/30.....	144
Contribution .....	\$8707

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