

# 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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# Spiritual Motivation

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**T**he assembly should highlight the week of every faithful child of God. This period of worship, study, and devotion provides the much-needed focus and spiritual context for life that the world attacks as dull or meaningless. Every gathering offers yet another opportunity to remind ourselves of the extent of God's interest, the depth of God's love, and the might of God's power—all exercised throughout millennia for our personal and eternal benefit. However, even many Christians fail to appreciate this blessing. Some consider it onerous drudgery; some treat it as ritualistic sacrament. Some attend out of duty and obligation; some cannot even seem to manage that. But those who understand the LORD and think about the LORD will always take time to unite and join their hearts together in worship to the LORD. "Praise the LORD! I will praise the LORD with my whole heart, In the assembly of the upright and in the congregation" (Psa. 111:1). Nevertheless, even those who diligently gather can have trouble concentrating and focusing on their purpose. Dinner plans, the score of the game, relationship problems, and worries of day to day life tend to intrude because people rarely plan and prepare their minds for worship even when their bodies are in attendance. This makes the remainder of Psalm 111 even more relevant. An acrostic psalm, the author weaves through the Hebrew alphabet while offering numerous allusions to the proven character of God, with special attention to the Pentateuch. Thus, pointing to the past, the psalmist pictures the steadfastness of the God of the present, giving all readers a series of recommendations that provide motivation to assemble together and worship the LORD and that offer focus as we bow before His throne. Therefore, in preparing yourself for the assembly, give attention to the message of this brief psalm.

1. Contemplate the power the LORD displayed in creation (Psa. 111:2). Never view the beauty of creation without seeing beyond the physical majesty to the spiritual majesty of the Creator (Psa. 19:1).

2. Consider how the work of the LORD through His providence contributes positively to life (Psa. 111:3). Whether working through Joseph or

Esther, God accomplished great things by using the faithfulness of ordinary people. This should be our goal as those belonging to Him (Phil. 1:21).

3. Think about how the LORD put His grace and mercy on display in making salvation possible in a way worthy to be remembered. Every day should include thanksgiving for God's grace displayed in the cross of Jesus Christ, and every remembrance of that love should bring us back together to remember Him as His people (1 Cor. 11:23-29).

4. Reflect on God's faithfulness in caring for us (Psa. 111:5). Whether physical or spiritual, the Lord has provided what we need the most (Jas. 1:17; Eph. 1:3; Matt. 6:33).

5. Ponder how much God did to make a people HIS people (Psa. 111:6). The LORD took a people enslaved in Egypt and made them the nation of Israel. In Christianity He has taken a mass of unrelated individuals and made them His family (1 Pet. 2:9-10).

6. Study the inspired truth God has revealed (Psa. 111:7-8). The more attention we give God's Word, the more guidance it offers, the more it unites us, and the greater our reward (2 Tim. 2:15; 2 Pet. 3:18).

7. Meditate on His majesty and holiness that have made redemption possible (Psa. 111:9). Regardless of all the evil that goes on in this world, God's plan will prevail; therefore, His will deserves our greatest attention and His Son our every allegiance (Rom. 8:35-39).

If these truths do not motivate us to gather in the assembly and do not help us focus on our Lord while there, we have lost sight of everything God has done. In the end, our motivation to worship should find root in something greater—our motivation to serve and obey the LORD every moment of every day. Therefore, all this reflection should serve as both motivation and means to translate our reverence for God and a knowledge of His will into humble obedience (Psa. 111:10). Many attempt to worship with a passive heart, learn with a passive interest, and live with a passive faith. But a real relationship with God requires more, and that is why God is right to expect more.

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# News and Notes

## Prayer request...

- Mary Reynolds has home health coming in to help her. She has had more shots in her back and is very weak.
- Sue Vaughn is still having a problem with her blood pressure.

## Please remember in prayer

Mary Collins (Tom Collins' mother), Amy Hackler, Bill Massey (Melinda Norman's brother), Carol McGilvray, Brody Nelson, James Pike (Donna York's brother-in-law), Mary Reynolds, Ralph and Rita Rockett, Laura Stephens, Diane Sexton (Austin Habluetzel's mother), Larry Shirley (Betty Rutledge's brother), Sue Vaughn,

## 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration!

Bess Yates will be 90 years old on Saturday, May 26<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is invited to a celebration for her on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup>, after the morning worship service in the annex. There will be finger foods from 12:00-3:00 in the annex.

## Please note...

- Wednesday, May 30<sup>th</sup>, we will have singing in the annex. There will be no classes.
- Sunday, June 3<sup>rd</sup>, is promotion day for all classes.
- Pat and Cheryl McIntosh will be leaving for the Ukraine on Thursday, May 31<sup>st</sup>. They will return on Saturday, June 9<sup>th</sup>.
- Justin Hopkins will be leaving for Uganda on Sunday, May 27<sup>th</sup> and returning on Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep them all in your prayers.

## Centurion of Scripture Challenge 2018 (NKJV)

**Matthew 5:41, 42**

And whoever compels you to go one mile, go with him two.

Give to him who asks you, and from him who wants to borrow from you do not turn away.

# Those who Serve

## Lords' Supper: 5/27

### Front South

Clark Lehtinen  
Mike Hight  
Paul Murphy

### Front North

Joshua Haynes  
Bill Hughes  
Daniel Hughes

### Back South

Rob Stidolph  
Dennis Lane  
Jim Hudgins

### Back North

Michael Mora  
Doug Kilcrease  
James Henslee

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Pat McIntosh

Sunday PM

Ryan Cowan  
Robert Pennay  
Don Crecelius  
Daniel Hughes

Wednesday PM

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Will Cammack

Wednesday

Jeff Day

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Jeff Day

Sunday PM

Jeff Day

Wednesday PM

Singing in annex

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Gavin McGilvray  
Tom Collins

## Collection Counting

Jeff Day / Paul Murphy

**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 every Monday night at 7:30 pm, every Thursday night at 6:00 pm, and every Saturday at 2:30 pm.



## Sermons for Sunday

AM

Mis-Judgments  
Romans 2:1-5

PM

The Purpose of Preaching  
2 Corinthians 13:7-10

## 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.....	106
AM Worship.....	143
PM Worship.....	110
Wednesday Bible Class.....	113
Contribution.....	\$6,359

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