

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 Selfish Ambition Behind - Part 2

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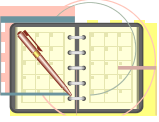
Christianity typically does not require leaving every aspect of your former life behind. For instance, it does not advocate your relocating in a remote compound in Montana—as appealing as that might sound at times! However, becoming a disciple of Jesus Christ does demand abandoning any ambitions or positions that create conflict with Christ. When the apostle Paul wrote his second epistle to the Corinthians, he explained his concern for their souls: “For I fear lest, when I come, I shall not find you such as I wish, and that I shall be found by you such as you do not wish; lest there be contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, **selfish ambitions**, backbitings, whisperings, conceits, tumults” (2 Co. 12:20). He feared that they were clinging to the world’s ambitions instead of adopting God’s as their own. Whether giving up a secular position as Moses did (Heb. 11:24-25) or a spiritual position as the apostle Paul did (Phil. 3:4-8), Christians must let go of the ambitions held in high esteem in the world and instead aspire to pleasing God (1 Th. 4:1).

Following Jesus therefore means giving up personal agendas and individual priorities to seek the whole of God’s cause and God’s will. Paul advised the congregation in Philippi, “Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others” (Phil. 2:3-4). Jesus’ disciples must cheerfully submit the ambitions

they learned from worldly experience to follow the ambitions set before them from heavenly experience. Too easily we follow the world’s ambition for a church because we are out of touch with God’s ambition for us. We can then substitute the world’s ambitions for the church for God’s—failing to realize it at the time because we have lost the proper focus. We must stop reacting only to the needs the world sees and instead begin acting because of the needs God sees, because Jesus lived in such a manner as this (Lk. 19:10).

Therefore, discipleship demands personal action—not personal ambition. It demands that disciples not only follow God’s will but adopt God’s will as their own through faith to the point where it becomes who they are. “For we walk by faith, not by sight” (2 Cor. 5:7). “But someone will say, ‘You have faith, and I have works.’ Show me your faith without your works, and I will show you my faith by my works” (Jas. 2:14-18). Christians can get caught up in the trap of worldly ambition, trying to do big things on a grandiose scale so that all the world will notice. Instead, they need to start doing the right things on an individual scale so that the people they know and love notice.

Moses had a good life in Midian when he saw the burning bush. He gave a lot of personal excuses trying to stay right where he had been. But when he dropped his own selfish ambitions and instead took up God’s ambition, he achieved greatness through meekness (Num. 12:3). Following Jesus offers that same possibility today.



News and Notes

Among our sick

- Kathryn Cashion fell out of her bed Thursday morning. She is bruised but no bones were broken.
- Becky Coleman had out patient foot surgery Thursday and will have rehab at Colonial Manor.
- Jason Doyel, Paul and Sandy's oldest son, has been diagnosed with leukemia.
- Dorothy Hickman was released from rehab on Friday.
- Charles Melton had surgery on his mouth for cancer. They had to put twenty one stitches in his mouth.
- Melinda Parrish will be going to the liver specialist in Dallas on July 23rd.
- James Townzen will have hernia surgery Monday, July 8th, at Walls Hospital.

Sympathy and Prayers

Please pray for the family of Hood county Sheriff Sergeant Lance McLean who died in the line of duty last weekend. He leaves a wife and two special needs children. Also, for Granbury Police Office Chad Davis who continues to recuperate in a Fort Worth Hospital following Friday's Shooting. These are fellow officers of Mike Holly.

Baby Shower

The Ladies of the congregation are invited to a baby shower honoring Angel Grinnell from 1:30-3:00 in the annex. Selections for the baby boy are at Baby's R Us and Wal-Mart.

Please Note

- Saturday, July 6th, 7th- college ages youth devotional will be at the Rhodes' home.
- Sunday, July 7th, will be the Bible Search's kick-off at 3:30 in the annex. All kids and parents who want to participate in Bible Search this year are encouraged to attend. See Russ or Ryan for any questions..
- Tuesday, July 9th, will be the 55 years and older Game Night.
- Saturday, July 13th at 10:30 a.m. is the next Family Day. We will be studying Ezra 3. Bible Search leading opportunities will begin at 10:15 a.m.
- Saturday evening, July 13th we will have an Ice Cream Supper beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the annex. Everyone is invited. Bring your favorite flavor of ice cream!

Those who Serve Lords' Supper: 7/7

Front South

Kenneth Helm
Dewayne Henegar
Jim Hudgins

Back South

Jason Hackler
Joshua Haynes
James Hunt

Front North

Justin Hewlett
Justin Hopkins
Doug Jones

Back North

Bill Hughes
Daniel Hughes
James Henslee

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Clark Lehtinen

Sunday PM

Joseph McPherson

Bill Cashion

Cody Grinnell

Wednesday PM

Colton Allen

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Barry Lehtinen

Wednesday

Andrew Collins

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Russ Jones

Sunday PM

Russ Jones

Wednesday PM

Rob Stidolph

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Wayne Gentry

Collection Counting

Justin Hewlett / Ken Boroughs / Wayne Gentry

Wed. PM Devotional (7/10)

Robert Moss



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Obedience Without Argument

PM

The Scriptures Are Indestructible



Youth Notes

North Texas Family Summer Series

July 9 Hico

Amram and Jochebed

July 18 Briar

The Poor Widow

July 25 Colleyville

Tabitha

August 1 Windmill

Epaphroditus



Our Records

Bible Class 147

AM Worship.....233

PM Worship 142

Wednesday Bible Class 6/26..... 154

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