

FROM FAITH TO FAITH

GRANBURY STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST



THE WORDS OF JESUS CHRIST

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October 21-24

Granbury St. church of Christ

With Todd Clippard



SUNDAY

9am Jesus: Never One Like Him

10am Sermon On The Mount

5pm Baptism and The
New Testament

MON-WED

7pm An Irreconcilable Difference

7pm Saved By Grace

7pm If Any Man Be A Doer

WED AM

10am Today, If You
Will Hear



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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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Personal Peace in an Age of Discontent

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No one is happy anymore, and that includes those who profess Christianity. On various social media outlets, complaining has risen to an art-form as people who previously had little or no voice now find a reason to speak about anything and everything, and mostly things of which they know little. As a people, we have reached the summit of grumbling, finding fault with everyone and everything while having no solutions to offer. We see it most in the realm of politics, where the common citizen feels qualified to complain—as his right—about anything negative that occurs and to place blame as his or her own personal preferences dictate. In the church, members treat their leaders as the complaint department, as if they exist solely to absorb the negativity of others and bow to individual whims. We are living in an age of discontent. The simple has become unsatisfying. The moral has become unmoving. The profound has become unpopular. Today, everyone is a movie critic, everyone is a food critic, and everyone is a critic's critic. The democratization of information made possible by Google, Wikipedia, and various digital assistants have built an illusion in our hearts that we know more than we do, that we are wiser than our years, experience, and decisions indicate, and that everyone needs to hear our opinion on everything. The pseudo-celebrity afforded us by social media has bled into daily life because we have allowed it to retrain our hearts. And because we have numbed ourselves to deeper thought in exchange for the gratification of instant information, we fail to feel the ominous undercurrent of social and spiritual danger lurking beneath the surface.

The answer to our predicament lies in the brevity and simplicity of Psalm 131, a psalm attributed to David, though perhaps more likely written with an appreciation for him, included among the songs of ascents. Its placement in the canon of psalms reflects the personal need to respond to what God has done with a new perspective and, indeed, a new type of life. “Lord, my heart is not haughty, Nor my eyes lofty. Neither do I concern myself with great matters, Nor with things too profound for me. Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul, Like a weaned child with his mother; Like a weaned child is my soul within me. O Israel, hope in the Lord From this time forth and forever” (Psalm 131:1-3).

In three short verses, this psalm paves the

way to personal peace by encouraging humility, contentment, and hope in life within the framework of God's purpose and will. Humility, according to the psalm, does not consist of underselling yourself but of having a proper understanding of the role you play in God's plan. See yourself as God sees you, weak and needy (Phil. 2:5-8) rather than exalted and deserving (1 Pet. 5:6). Therefore, aspire to serve—not to be served—just like our Savior (Mk. 10:45). Then, focus on what you can do and can change—not on what you cannot—as Jesus Himself recognized in His own instruction (Matt. 13:3-23). Humility requires that you recognize your limitations (Rom. 12:3-8). The “fake it till you make it” attitude so prevalent in society stands on the shaky pillars of pride and fear. Humility knows its own self and thus appreciates others, and God most of all (Jas. 4:10). The second challenge, finding contentment in the midst of a discontented world, may be difficult to achieve, but it offers great peace in the end because it creates an important distinction between what happens around you and what is happening within you. Therefore, embrace contentment as a worthy goal and you can find your way to greater peace (1 Tim. 6:6). Accept how circumstances change and get past self-pity to embrace the possibilities instead of dwelling on adversity (Phil. 4:11-13). In conjunction with this, move beyond selfishness to service (Phil. 2:4), because a person serving has little time to complain or realize his lack. And, as a child must let go of the safety net his mother's milk provides, so we must develop a desire to mature and take responsibility ourselves in order to find true peace (2 Pet. 3:18). Finally, the psalm ends with hope—true, meaningful, divine hope. The best thing for a nation, and the best thing for everyone in that nation, regardless of the age, is to turn to God and follow His will. But to do that, you must make your expectations match the Lord's expectations instead of expecting the world to provide the answers (1 Jn. 2:15-17). Refresh your thinking by retraining yourself to think about life in spiritual terms—no matter what the problem (Col. 3:1-2). And, most of all, see yourself in the broad scope of eternity rather than the immediacy of the moment (2 Cor. 4:16-18). This renewed mindset can bring you peace personally regardless of the age, regardless of the circumstances, and regardless of your station in life, because it comes from God, focuses on God, and leads you back to God.



News and Notes

Prayer request...

- Doug Kilcrease is having problems with angina. He will have vein ablation surgery on October 18th.
- Amy Martin, Charlotte Moulder's daughter, is having tests.
- Bryan Edwards, Caroline Mora's nephew-in-law, had surgery on his arm.
- Vicki McWilliams mother, Shirley Parker, fell off a ladder and was hospitalized. She is home doing better.
- Laura Stephens moved to Brookdale Broadway; 5301 Bryant Irvin Rd. Room 1235, Ft. Worth 76132.
- Rob Stidolph was admitted to Harris Southwest Sunday night for tests. He is home.
- Sandra Jones, Rohan's wife, is having tests. They have asked for prayers.

Remember in prayers...

Debbie Boroughs, Sydney Ann Birchfield, Burnice Gentry, (Wayne's Dad), Mike Harding, Amy Hackler, Mike Harding, Henry Homan, Nan Oliver, Mary Reynolds.

Congratulations

Charlotte Moulder is proud to announce the arrival of her great grandson. Jayden was born October 9th weighing 8 lbs, 5 ozs; 21 in. long. Proud grandparents are Ky and Amy Martin.

Please note...

- We will have a combined class on Wednesday, October 24th at 10:00 am. There will be a potluck lunch after class.
- The Ephesus Group—Jeff Day will meet Sunday, October 14th, in the annex after the morning worship services. There is a sign up sheet for food.
- Elders, Deacons and preachers' breakfast and meeting will be Saturday, October 20th.
- We will meet at 11:00 am on Saturday, October 20th in the annex to go door knocking.

Centurion of Scripture Challenge 2018 (NKJV)

Isaiah 6:8

Also I heard the voice of the LORD, saying: "Whom shall I send, And who will go for Us?" Then I said, "Here am I! Send me."

Exodus 19:5

And if you offer a sacrifice of peace offering to the LORD, you shall offer it of your own free will.

Those who Serve

Lords' Supper: 10/14

Front South

J. D. Allen
Colton Allen
Rob Stidolph

Front North

Tim Norman
Caleb Norman
Luke Norman

Back South

Gene Threadgill
Steve Baze
Jeff McPherson

Back North

Cody Grinnell
Logan Frasier
Glenn Frasier

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Kenneth Helm

Sunday PM

Don Crecelius

Clark Lehtinen

Wednesday PM

Joshua Haynes

Luke Norman

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Andrew Collins

Wednesday

Andrew Collins

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Jeff McPherson

Sunday PM

Jeff McPherson

Wednesday PM

Jeff Day

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

James Hunt

Jim Hudgins & 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 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

Guest Speaker

PM

Guest Speaker

Calendar of Events



10/14/18 Guest Speaker

10/21-24 Gospel Meeting
with Todd Clippard

12/9/18 Congregational Christmas Dinner
following evening services



Our Records

Bible Class.....	126
AM Worship.....	179
PM Worship.....	113
Wednesday Bible Class.....	105
Contribution.....	\$8,359

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