

# 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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# The LORD is Your Keeper

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In modern America few people show concern over their safety when traveling. Oh, many still say a quick prayer before an airplane takes off, and some might express concern for the reckless drivers they encounter at an ever-increasing rate, but the nature of travel has changed so dramatically that people generally feel safe and secure within the confines of a temperature controlled motorized vehicle capable of great distances and averting problem areas via instructions on a smartphone. Contrast all this with the weary Israelite traveler, returning to Jerusalem to attend a feast, who faced many perils in the process of his journey to worship. Especially after the captivity carried large populations away from Judea to settle in areas far away from the epicenter of their faith, faithful Jews would leave their homes and cover many miles to return to their homeland. Such a pilgrimage included a vast number of dangers inherent in ancient travel. The odyssey itself required physical endurance. The route also could take them through hostile territory, including to some degree Samaria, and areas of pagan influence. More than that, they would find it necessary to watch carefully as they traveled due to the marauders and thieves that camped in strategic locations along major roads, often hiding in the caves within the mountainous countryside. Thus, the concern expressed in the opening of Psalm 121 came from a very real place: “I will lift up my eyes to the hills— From whence comes my help?” (Psa. 121:1). Faith initiated the journey, as Psalm 120 implies. However, the people would also need great faith to sustain their travels and ensure that they arrived in Jerusalem as planned, and the remainder of the psalm captures this faith in God’s providential role in their safety perfectly.

The psalmist makes an unequivocal statement of faith: “My help comes from the LORD Who made heaven and earth” (Psa. 121:2). Yahweh, as implied by His name, will be there, and He will help. Moreover, the help He can offer comes with the power of creation

behind it. Such a declaration moves far beyond fear and passes timidity to embrace confidence and security. At this point in the psalm, the wording takes an interesting turn. Abandoning the first person declaration of faith, the psalm now moves to third person. While some consider this someone else’s response to the original question, I believe it better represents the psalmist’s faith that the same confidence He has in God should characterize others when they remember His character. The LORD provides the steadiness to secure a defense against any foe’s attack (Psa. 121:3). He remains ever alert and cognizant of His covenant with Israel and all its attendant promises (Psa. 121:4). “The Lord is your keeper” (Psa. 121:5a). He is more than able to care for you, protect you, and guide you, offering constant protection whether from the heat of the sun or the perils that strike at night (Psa. 121:5b-6). He always acts with our best interest at heart. Thus, if there are any doubts remaining, the final two verses surely dispel them. “The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; He shall preserve your soul. The Lord shall preserve your going out and your coming in From this time forth, and even forevermore” (Psa. 121:7-8). God extends His protection to cover “all evil.” No evil exists that He cannot counter. His protection addresses your very “soul.” This likely refers to His commitment to protect the whole of our being, but its spiritual implications remain and are indeed profound. Moreover, the protection provided suffers no lapses in time. Every moment you live, God is there for you.

Jews arriving safely in Jerusalem after a potentially treacherous journey surely had reason to give thanks to God—but really no more than what His people enjoy each and every day. When you place yourself in His hands, the LORD is your keeper. And while that surely offers peace in the midst of a chaotic and sometimes cruel world, it provides even more when considered in terms of “even forevermore.”



# News and Notes

## Prayer request...

- Travis Daniel, brother-in-law of Deanna Lewis, is in Harris ICU with multiple blood clots in his legs, lungs and an infection.
- Amy Hackler was admitted to Harris Methodist Hospital on Thursday with a bad infection. She is in Harris tower room 807.
- Doug Kilcrease saw a doctor Wednesday for the circulation in his legs. He goes back in 6 weeks and will probably require surgery.
- Sandy Rhodes, Kevin's mother had surgery Thursday on her wrist.
- Meredith Sowell is home from the hospital. She is doing better but still very weak.

## Remember in prayer...

Pauline Bishop, Debbie Boroughs, Janie Duffield, Amy Hackler, Tom and Maureen Jackson (Barbara Burnett's parents), Blakelea (18 months old) Ledingham, Charles and Dianne Melton, Mary Reynolds, Don Walker

## Please note...

- The youth devo will be Sunday after evening services at the home of Kevin and Tracy Rhodes. Boys bring drinks and girls bring desserts.
- The Wednesday night summer series speaker for August 8<sup>th</sup> will be Johnny McCaghren from Brownwood. The lesson will be: *Joyful Giving*.
- Family Summer Series will be Thursday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, at the North Main church of Christ in Weatherford. The speaker will be Tim Burroughs, and the lesson will be *Serve with Humility*.
- Game night will be Tuesday, August 14<sup>th</sup> in the annex.
- The 99 Program is coming! Stay tuned for more details!

## Centurion of Scripture Challenge 2018 (NKJV)

**Matthew 6:16, 17** "Moreover, when you fast, do not be like the hypocrites, with a sad countenance. For they disfigure their faces that they may appear to men to be fasting. Assuredly, I say to you that they have their reward.

"But you, when you fast, anoint your head and wash your face.

# Those who Serve

## Lords' Supper: 8/5

### Front South

Justin Hewlett  
Gavin McGilvray  
Perry Elkins

### Front North

Andrew Collins  
Don Crecelius  
Michael Mora

### Back South

Larry Owens  
Clint Owens  
Melvin Owens

### Back North

Howard Newberry  
Michael Hunt  
James Hunt

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Larry McWilliams

Sunday PM

Joshua Haynes

Tom Collins

Wednesday PM

Rob Stidolph

Luke Norman

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Will Cammack

Wednesday

Clark Lehtinen

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Kyle Day

Sunday PM

Kyle Day

Wednesday PM

Sid Carruth

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

J. D. Allen

Colton Allen

## Collection Counting

Don Crecelius /Johnny Walker

**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

Overcoming Anger and Wrath

PM

Our Sovereign God  
Revelation 4:1-11

## 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.....	120
AM Worship.....	203
PM Worship.....	102
Wednesday Bible Class.....	119
Contribution.....	\$6,679

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