

# 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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# Have Mercy

Kevin W. Rhodes

**I**t hurts when I hear people, including some Christians, use the phrase “Have mercy” so cavalierly. After all, it is essentially an appeal to God, whether they realize it or not. And no appeal to God should be made vainly or regarding silly matters of no consequence. Few probably appreciate the origin of the phrase or its true character, but it is important for us to move beyond the loose exclamatory use of these two words and to see them in their true context. Following the Babylonian captivity, an unnamed Jew wrote a series of psalms, each with the heading “A Song of Ascents,” for the children of Israel to sing together as they traveled back to Jerusalem to worship. Each tends to build on the psalms before it, creating a collection that helps transition the mind from the situation back home to preparation for worship in Jerusalem. In the midst of these psalms lies Psalm 123, a brief offering filled with emotion and meaning because it captures how God’s people of all ages live between two worlds—the materialistic world dominated by the prince of the power of the air and the kingdom of heaven in which God Himself reigns. Therefore, this psalm expresses faith in an important way. It looks to the Lord above with a renewed perspective of deep need and with gratitude for His patience, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, and love all the while keenly aware of the world’s enmity toward God’s people and all things spiritual.

The psalmist opens with purposeful longing for God’s attention and protection, but also with an eye to see beyond the earth’s horizon to engage God who is spirit in his cause: “Unto You I lift up my eyes, O You who dwell in the heavens” (Psa. 123:1). He remains all too cognizant of his own position upon the earth, and this is essential for any who appeal to heaven. The recognition of the distinction between heaven and earth and the need of man and the power of God lies at the heart of prayer and all appreciation for the attention God offers in listening to His people’s petitions (1 Pet. 3:12;

1 John 5:14-15). But the relationship between man and God matters as we look to Yahweh for help. Indeed, to approach Him as anything other than humble servants who realize that every appeal depends on the gracious character of a loving Master is to miss the essence of what makes the relationship possible. “Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their masters, As the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, So our eyes look to the LORD our God, Until He has mercy on us” (Psa. 123:2). There is such longing in this description, a patience and perseverance that only faith can maintain, and this precisely fills the hearts of those dedicated to the LORD with full confidence in His mercy along with the recognition of their great need for it. The world is fraught with trials and tribulation, dangers and difficulties, hostilities and heartache. Nevertheless, God’s mercy abounds. And our confidence in this should permeate our existence to the point of eliminating all doubt. This is essential because of the constant pressure the godless and the faithless of this world will often apply against us. The worldly will despise the spiritual; those who value luxury will ridicule those who value sacrifice; the disdain of the proud in this world will rise up to humiliate those already humbled for their need for God. “Have mercy on us, O LORD, have mercy on us! For we are exceedingly filled with contempt. Our soul is exceedingly filled With the scorn of those who are at ease, With the contempt of the proud” (Psa. 123:3-4).

Have mercy. Two simple words. Placed in their context, they express such faith in the love of God. And that is how we should think of them—meaningful, heavenly, spiritual. It is not about condemning a casual use of a phrase so much as about calling for higher speech through spiritual thinking. We all need God’s mercy so desperately. So let us appreciate it, and let our speech honor it, and so honor the God who offers it.

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# News and Notes

## Prayer request...

- Pauline Bishop is living with her daughter. Her address is 549 CR 2700; Walnut Springs, TX 76690. Phone number is 254-898-3246.
- Pat McIntosh is home from the hospital.
- Leslie Rainwater, Tracy's brother's sister-in-law, has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and has begun chemotherapy.
- Please continue to remember Don Walker in his recovery from heart surgery.

## Remember in prayer...

Debbie Boroughs, Bill Cashion, Sr., Bill's father, Janie Duffield, Amy Hackler, Georgia Haynes, Tom and Maureen Jackson (Barbara Burnett's parents), Doug Kilcrease, Mary Reynolds, Don Walker, Joe Warlick, Don Toth

## *Sympathy extended to...*

Donna Perry and DeWayne and Virginia Henegar in the passing of Donna's brother, Jimmy Davis.

Georgia Haynes in the passing of her friend Shasta Sisson.

The family of Niki Mullen, friends of the Mora family.

## *Congratulations*

Don and Linda manning are proud to announce the arrival of their new great grandson, Jaxon Allen Homesley, son of Josh and Heather Homesley, who was born Tuesday, August 7<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 7 lbs. 2 ozs and was 19 1/2 inches long. His grandparents are Kevin and Karen Homesley.

## Please note...

- The Wednesday night summer series speaker for August 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Joe Slater from Justin, TX. The lesson will be: ***Singing with Meaning***.
- Wednesday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be singing in the auditorium.
- The 99 Program is coming! Look for an official announcement soon!

## Centurion of Scripture Challenge 2018 (NKJV)

**2 Corinthians 3:4,5** And we have such trust through Christ toward God. Not that we are sufficient of ourselves to think of anything as being from ourselves, but our sufficiency is from God.

# Those who Serve

## Lords' Supper: 8/12

### Front South

DeWayne Henegar  
Cody Grinnell  
Bill Cashion

### Front North

Bill Hughes  
Daniel Hughes  
Mike Harding

### Back South

Weldon York  
Jim Hudgins  
James Hunt

### Back North

Jason Hackler  
Wesley Hackler  
Conner Hackler

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Tom Collins

Sunday PM

Paul Murphy  
Larry McWilliams

Wednesday PM

Joshua Haynes  
Logan Frasier

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Justin Hewlett

Wednesday

Paul Murphy

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Kyle Day

Sunday PM

Kyle Day

Wednesday PM

Jeff McPherson

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

Gavin McGilvray  
Will Cammack

## 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

Certainty in an Uncertain Age  
Pat McIntosh

PM

A Reason to Rejoice  
Romans 5:1-11  
Pat McIntosh

## Calendar of Events



6/6-8/29 Granbury Street 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.....	116
AM Worship.....	181
PM Worship.....	136
Wednesday Bible Class.....	123
Contribution.....	\$6,240

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