

Those who serve

Lords' Supper: 5/26

Front South	Front North
Ken Boroughs	Sid Carruth
Will Cammack	Bill Cashion
Steve Baze	Andrew Collins
Back South	Back North
Ryan Cowan	Don Crecelius
Kyle Day	Jordan Collins
Jeff Day	Perry Elkins

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM	Jeff Day
	Joseph McPherson
Sunday PM	Ken Boroughs
	Paul Murphy
Wednesday PM	Kyle Day

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:	Dale Ash
Wednesday	Clark Lehtinen

Song leaders:

Sunday AM	Russ Jones
Sunday PM	Russ Jones
Wednesday PM	Singing in the annex

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday	Gary Barger
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Collection Counting

Paul Murphy / Jeff Day / Kyle Day

Our Records

Bible Class.....	143	AM	A Spiritual Leader
AM Worship.....	211		1 Timothy 3:1-7
PM Worship.....	161		
Wed. Bible Class 5/15.....	154	PM	Epitaph
Contribution.....	\$6,653		Joshua 24:26-33

Sermons

From Faith to Faith
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Unsung Heroes: 2013 Summer Series

June 5	Luke <i>Jeff Jenkins (Lewisville, TX)</i>
June 12	The Little Maid <i>Ken Hope (Garland, TX)</i>
June 19	The Great Woman of Shunem <i>Joey Davis (Roanoke, TX)</i>
June 26	Tabitha <i>John Dickison (Gordon, TX)</i>
July 3	Epaphroditus <i>Andy Chavarilla (Corsicana, TX)</i>
July 10	Paul's Sister's Son <i>Robert Moss (Fort Worth, TX)</i>
July 17	Barnabas <i>Neal Thurman (Tyler, TX)</i>
July 24	Aquila and Priscilla <i>Ross Haffner (Colleyville, TX)</i>
July 31	5 th Wednesday Singing
Aug. 7	Onesiphorus <i>Denny Wilson (DeLeon, TX)</i>
Aug. 14	Phinehas <i>Jim Nash (Seagoville, TX)</i>
Aug. 21	Jephthah's Daughter <i>Doyle Bruce (Jefferson, TX)</i>
Aug. 28	Demetrius <i>Willie Alvarenga (Fort Worth, TX)</i>

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Service Times
Sunday: Bible Class 9:00 a.m. Worship: 10:00 a.m & 5:00 p.m. 5th Sunday Second Worship Service, 1:00 p.m.
Wednesday: Bible Class 7:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Class 10:00 a.m. (Sept.—May)

Seeking God's Glory - Part Two

By Kevin W. Rhodes

Anyone claiming to be a disciple of Jesus Christ will bear fruit that reflects the Father and that glorifies Him. On the night of His betrayal, Jesus told the apostles, "By this My Father is glorified, that you bear much fruit; so you will be My disciples" (John 15:8). However, sometimes we do not appreciate the nature of that fruit. Some interpret this in evangelistic terms, but the Holy Spirit emphasizes, in that passage and elsewhere, the importance of developing the fruit of godly character. "But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control. Against such there is no law. And those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal. 5:22-24). By accepting God's will in changing our character, we bring God glory because it carries an admission of the greatness of His character. So long as we stubbornly hold on to characteristics contrary to His, we can bring Him only sadness—not glory.

Bringing God glory should form a ready state of mind for those claiming discipleship, and this should become obvious in our interactions with others. Thus, discipleship is intentional; it necessarily includes making decisions with God's glory in mind. Peter told the first century Christians, "Beloved, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, by your good works which they observe, glorify God in the day of visitation" (1 Pet. 2:11-12). Therefore, rejecting sin, especially in the presence of worldly people, brings God glory because it demonstrates that we consider God's will greater than the opinions of men. Such behavior provides the foundation for instruction so that others too may realize what matters most because of what they observe in our own behavior.

However, Christians must do more than seek out opportunities to put the Lord on display. They must also strengthen

their character to accept with meekness any mistreatment that righteousness might bring. Indeed, spiritual strength in the face of adversity points to God more effectively than any program man could devise. Peter once more wrote, "Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in this matter" (1 Pet. 4:16). Peter did not argue that man's suffering shows God's greatness; rather, he explained that how a Christian handles that suffering, particularly when his faith lies at the root of his mistreatment, demonstrates God's glory. To handle difficult situations, including persecution and pressure, with dignity and determination, with a faithful resolve that continues to show confidence in God rather than hint of compromising with men—this brings God glory, and this is what we must do.

Bringing glory to God should be our intent, but we must discipline ourselves so that it becomes more than just our intent but also a reality. "Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all" (Ecc. 12:13). Did Jesus explain all this to others? Most certainly. But He did not spend His time advertising it. He spent His time living it. And those who would be Jesus' disciples glorify God when they follow the example of Jesus in how to bring glory to God.

Greek men, interested in Jesus and seeking Jesus, wished to see Jesus. However, Jesus chose not to focus on garnering the attention of others. Rather, He focused on doing what they needed most by giving Himself for them. With such a burden to bear, He focused even more—not on His burden and not on Himself, but on doing what would show the greatness of the Father. But what, you may ask, did this? The Father Himself provides the answer: "I have both glorified it and will glorify it again." Jesus placed Himself, His reputation, and His future in the hands of God. By giving up that control and handing it over to God, Jesus showed most what it means to glorify the Father.

News and Notes

Among our sick

- Kathryn Cashion has been moved to hospice care.
- Juanita Baxter is out of the hospital.
- Mary Fogarty was released from the hospital.
- Jack Hewlett was released from the hospital on Saturday night. He was taken back to the hospital Sunday afternoon because of his blood pressure dropping to 50/30. He is in ICU at Walls.
- Gean McElroy is home from the hospital.

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Casey and Natasha Lehtinen and family in the passing of Natasha's grandfather, Michael Joseph Waite. Funeral services were last week.

Bridal Shower

Sunday, May 26th, the ladies are invited to a bridal shower for Nichole Crain, bride elect of Brandon Doyel. Selections are at Target and Wal-mart.

Please Note

- Ladies Bible Class is dismissed for the Summer. Class will resume September 4th.
- Saturday, June 1st, Family Day will start at 10:30 A. M. We will be studying Ezra 2.
- Sunday, June 2nd, the new quarter for classes will begin.
- Sunday, June 2nd, the 7th - college age devotional will be at the Hopkins' home after the evening worship service.
- Tuesday, June 11th, 55 years and older game night will be in the annex starting at 6:00 P. M.
- Thursday, June 13th, we will be hosting the first session of the North Texas Family Summer Series at 7:00 P. M. The study this year is "Insignificant Characters of the Bible". Our study will be on 'Micaiah'.