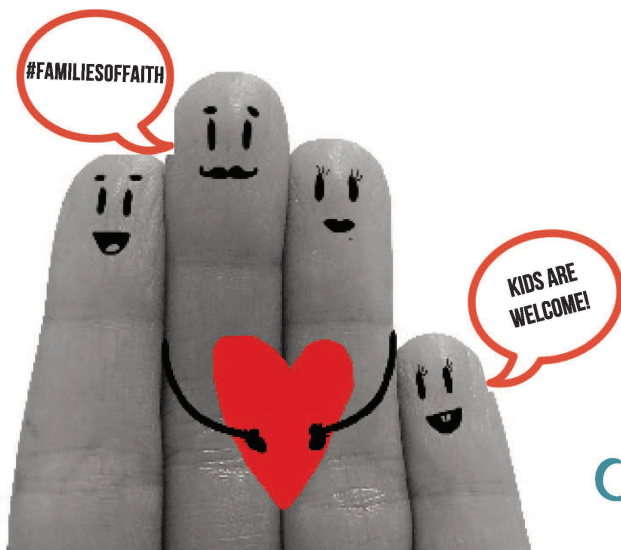


From Faith to Faith

Granbury Street Church of Christ



FAMILIES *of* FAITH Summer Series

EVERY WEDNESDAY @ 7PM

JUNE 7

*God, the
Perfect Father*

Bob Stapleton

JUNE 14

*Jesus, the
Perfect Son*

Pat McIntosh

JUNE 21

*The Church, the
Perfect Bride*

Richard Massey

JUNE 28

*Honor Your Father
and Mother Forever*

Toby Soechting

JULY 5

*Dependent on God
but Independent
in Faith*

Ken Hope

JULY 12

*Being Single and
Serving the Lord*

Justin Hopkins

JULY 19

*Keeping your
Marriage the
Foundation of
Your Family*

Joey Davis

JULY 26

*Keeping God at the
Center of the Family*

Jon Warnes

AUGUST 2

*Communicating with
Your Spouse the
Right Way*

Dan Flournoy

AUGUST 9

*Discipline
that Works*

Oran Rhodes

AUGUST 16

*Managing a
Sibling Rivalry*

Richard
Stevens III

AUGUST 23

*Grandparenting
for God*

Don Hatch

Shepherds

Sid Carruth
Jeff Day
Kenneth Helm
Clark Lehtinen
Tim Norman

Deacons

Gary Barger
Ryan Cowan
Vince Grinnell
Justin Hewlett
Bill Hughes
Russ Jones

Minister

Kevin Rhodes

Associate

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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Poor and Needy

Kevin W. Rhodes

Investigating the background of various psalms to give them greater context can provide quite a challenge at times. While some offer a descriptive heading to the reader, most do not. Moreover, since the psalms represent a collection written by a number of poets spanning generations, with many unattributed, this only complicates the problem. Then, occasionally one psalm will borrow from another earlier psalm, so that some part of one of David's psalms finds new life and new application in another generation, though the psalm may still bear that great king's name. The case of Psalm 70 is more interesting yet. With just a few minor changes in the verbs used and the changes from Yahweh to Elohim, the entirety of the seventieth psalm comes from Psalm 40:13-17. The theme matches well the subject of the surrounding psalms, trusting in God for deliverance, and may explain its reuse here as a prayer for similar occasions.

The cry for immediate help and the need to hurry found in verses one and five suggests a desperate hour in David's life, most likely during Absalom's rebellion, but this simplification of the wording and the emphasis on Elohim—The Mighty One—intentionally focuses on the contrast between the power of God and the weakness of man. Thus, the weakness of man highlights the power of God, who alone is able to deliver, as verses one and five make evident. This reality then brackets a series of exhortations highlighted by the third person hortatory (Let...) expressing his wishes concerning first those who are attacking him (Psa. 70:2-3), then concerning those who trust God (Psa. 70:4), and finally, as placed

in the mouths of those who trust God, concerning God Himself (Psa. 70:4). This sequence creates a crescendo effect within the context of God's power addressing man's need, moving rapidly from the reversal of fortune required against the attacker, the joy that the godly feel in such circumstances, and the ultimate outcome desired of God's glorification. Thus, what began as part of a personal psalm tied to a specific moment of desperation became a prayer appropriate for any righteous man who should find himself the object of scorn, ridicule, and woe at the hand of the unrighteous.

While the origin of the psalm is interesting and the structure compelling, the basic message of the psalm can easily get lost in its brevity and simplicity. When fully retreating from the context of Psalm 40, this psalm points to the bigger picture of serving God despite opposition and turmoil. In fact, seen spiritually, the power of the message becomes even clearer. Each and every day, Satan and his allies pursue God's people, trying desperately to take life back from us, hurling hurt toward us in every way imaginable, and taking glee in every misstep we may make along the way. Nevertheless, as the righteous stand faithfully and seek deliverance from God without compromise, the godly rejoice and glorify God who has made such an impact. Is this some great victory that we have achieved by listening, obeying, and being faithful to our Lord? Not at all. We are but poor and needy. The victory is His. And waiting on that moment can seem like an eternity. But it is because of eternity and our faith in God that we can endure.



News and Notes

Prayer request...

- Georgia Haynes will have surgery Monday, July 24th, at Walls Hospital.
- Betty Hight fell and broke her wrist Thursday morning.
- Amy Hackler is still really weak and recovering from sepsis infection at Home. She will be out of services for a few weeks.
- Casey Lehtinen had to have a CT scan to check out his lungs because of the cough he has had since being released from Harris Hospital.
- Weldon York received a good report from his chemical stress test last week.

Please remember in prayers

Dorothy Baze, Debbie Boroughs, Anna Dill Dallas's cousin, Maria Martinez Rosie Rodriguez's mother, , Carrie Williams

Sympathy

We extend our sympathy to Jeff and Laurie McPherson family in the passing of Jeff's cousin, Debra Estep, (48) who lost her battle with cancer.

Our Sympathy is extended to the family of Wanda McGowan. Wanda passed away Monday. The funeral was Wednesday at Crosier Pearson-Cleburne.

Congratulations

Barbara Burnett is proud to announce the arrival of her grandson Emrys Alexander Cade Wolfe. He was born Monday, July 10th. He weighed 9 lbs. 5 ozs. and was 20 inches long.

Please note...

- Thursday, July 27th, the Family Summer Series will be at Colleyville church of Christ starting at 7:00 PM. Josh Moore will have the lesson on "**Zeal for Good Works**".
- In keeping with this year's family focus, everyone is invited to the McWilliams' farm on Friday, July 28th at 6:30 PM for an evening of fun, fellowship and a devotional. Bring your lawn chairs. Food will be provided. There's a sign up sheet in the foyer.
- Sunday, July 30th, will be our next 5th Sunday. We will have our regular morning services, lunch in the annex and 1:00 afternoon service.

1 John 4:20-21

If someone says, "I love God," and hates his brother, he is a liar; for he who does not love his brother whom he has seen, how can he love God whom he has not seen? And this commandment we have from Him: that he who loves God must love his brother also.

Those who Serve

Lords' Supper: 7/23

Front South

Larry McWilliams
Kenneth Helm
Doug Jones

Front North

Jeff Day
Kyle Day
Bill Hughes

Back South

Jim Hudgins
Clark Lehtinen
Dennis Lane

Back North

Doug Kilcrease
James Hunt
James Henslee

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Will Cammack
Mike Hight

Sunday PM

Gary Barger
Kyle Day

Wednesday PM

Logan Frasier

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Russ Jones

Wednesday

Dale Ash

Song leaders:

Sunday AM

Dale Ash

Sunday PM

Dale Ash

Wednesday PM

Jeff McPherson

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

James Hunt

Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker



Sermons for Sunday

AM

Perfecting Holiness
2 Corinthians 6:14-7:1

PM

Fellowship From Afar
1 Corinthians 16:19-21

Calendar of Events



6/7-8/30 Summer Series: Families of Faith

9/15-16 Marriage and Family Seminar
with John and Carla Moore

11/5-8 Gospel Meeting with Mark Hanstein

1/19-20 Evangelism Seminar
with Rob Whitacre



Our Records

Bible Class121

AM Worship.....196

PM Worship.....131

Wednesday Bible Class135

Contribution..... \$5,991

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