

Those who serve

Lords' Supper: 3/31

Front South	Front North
Justin Hopkins	Barry Lehtinen
Jim Hudgins	Doug Jones
Bill Hughes	Russ Jones
Back South	Back North
James Hunt	Doug Kilcrease
Dennis Lane	Clark Lehtinen
Casey Lehtinen	Jay Lehtinen

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM	Ryan Cowan
	D. J. Stucky
Sunday PM	Justin Hewlett
	Caleb Norman
Wednesday PM	Neil Stidolph

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:	Will Cammack
Wednesday	Ken Boroughs

Song leaders:

Sunday AM	Paul Doyel
Sunday PM	Paul Doyel
Wednesday PM	Rob Stidolph

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday	Gary Barger
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Collection Counting

Don Crecelius / Johnny Walker

Our Records

Bible Class.....	137
AM Worship.....	215
PM Worship.....	156
Wed. Bible Class 3/20.....	168
Contribution.....	\$5,269

Sermons

AM	Justin Hopkins speaks
PM	Singing in the Auditorium

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Underestimating God

Kevin W. Rhodes

Sometime after Assyria took the northern tribes into captivity, Sennacharib took the fortified cities of Judah as well, extracting tribute from Hezekiah, the king of Judah (2 Kings 18:13-16). The Assyrian king then sent his representatives with an army against Jerusalem. “Then the Rabshakeh said to them, ‘Say now to Hezekiah, “Thus says the great king, the king of Assyria: ‘What confidence is this in which you trust?’”’” (2 Kings 18:19). The Assyrians assumed that Judah trusted in Egypt for deliverance (2 Kings 18:21). They mocked them for possibly trusting Jehovah because Hezekiah had taken away the high places and altars to require them to worship in Jerusalem (2 Kings 18:22). Finally, they asserted their complete defiance by declaring that none of the gods of other nations had proven strong enough to stop the Assyrian forces (2 Kings 18:33-35). Yet Hezekiah and the people of Judah did not give in to their demands, despite great external pressure to do so.

Worldly people today share much in common with these Assyrians. When the Lord’s people express faith in God, worldly people tend to interpret that faith in worldly ways. They equate maintaining a moral environment to imposing religion on them. Worldly people also think of spirituality in ritualistic terms rather than in spiritual terms, explaining why they equate the existence of religious symbols to faith. Worldly people completely confuse various religions, failing to discriminate between “Christendom” and New Testament Christianity. Therefore, they cannot understand why a Christian would not participate in a certain type of music program since other religious people will. Therefore, we cannot expect people in the world to understand God, the Bible, or even our own behavior. Instead, like Judah did in this instance, we must demonstrate to them the difference by our lives and the depth of our commitment to the truth (Jn. 17:17).

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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)

# Closer to Heaven - Part Two

By Kevin W. Rhodes

A spiritual disciple of a heavenly Savior makes sure heavenly matters matter the most. The last two words make a difference. Many people go through life giving some attention and interest to the spiritual part of life, but a disciple of Christ recognizes that the spiritual part of life offers the true essence of life. “For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit” (Rom. 8:5). Therefore, a disciple should look at life from Jesus’ perspective—not only considering how He acted while living upon this earth, but also even today. Paul described this in the book of Colossians: “If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth” (Col. 3:1-2). This world has a way of demanding attention for physically urgent matters to keep God’s people from giving attention to truly important matters. Overcoming this challenge lies at the heart of Christian’s quest.

So many Christians begin well but then allow the cares of the world to draw them back into the ugly underbrush of their former lives in the world (Mt. 13:22). No matter what adversity Satan throws in his path, a dedicated disciple of Jesus will follow Jesus all the way home. As long as people think of this world as their home, they will keep their heart upon worldly concerns. However, once a disciple grows from seeing heaven as a far away vacation destination to visualizing heaven as his Father’s

home and therefore his own, he will not wish to be there; he will long to go home. As the apostle Paul explained to the Philippians, “our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for the Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body that it may be conformed to His glorious body, according to the working by which He is able even to subdue all things to Himself” (Phil. 3:20-21). Satan would have people believe that nothing greater than this flawed world exists. Jesus proved otherwise when He left heaven to visit mankind but returned home for the joys that awaited Him.

The spiritually successful people described on the pages of holy writ did not achieve greatness through the path of princes and kings. They did not put their hopes in the wealth of nations or in the promises of people. Rather, “These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off were assured of them, embraced them and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. For those who say such things declare plainly that they seek a homeland. And truly if they had called to mind that country from which they had come out, they would have had opportunity to return. But now they desire a better, that is, a heavenly country. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for He has prepared a city for them” (Heb. 11:13-16). Men call many achievements great because they surpass expectations among their peers. Spiritual people call living for heaven success because, by doing so, they live up to the expectations of God.

# News and Notes

## Among our sick

- Barbara Burnett is asking for prayers for her friend, Angel Cook, and her family. Friday, her 4-year-old little boy laid down for a nap and didn’t wake up.
- Nancy Griffith, Jean Gorman’s sister, is in Harris Hospital downtown with kidney failure. She has been there since last Wednesday.
- Henry Homan had a heart procedure at Baylor All Saints Heart Center on Monday.
- Carol McGilvray is having tests.
- Joe Pinkerton is home from the hospital.
- Elaine Williams, Jo Ann Williams’ daughter-in-law, had more cancer surgery on her head and removed lymph nodes to see if it had spread. The nodes were clear, and the doctor thinks she will be okay. She will start radiation after some healing time.

## Response

Britt Bachhofer responded to the invitation Sunday morning confessing sins and asking for prayers to help him be more faithful to the church. Sandra Bachhofer asked to identify with the congregation here at Granbury Street Sunday morning. Please remember the Bachhofer and Day families in your prayers.

## New Members

- Sandra Bachhofer      817-202-8274  
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Cleburne, TX 76033
- Britt Bachhofer      254-889-3530  
2671 Hwy 174  
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## Please note...

- Saturday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, will be the elders, deacons and preachers’ breakfast. Breakfast will be at Sunrise Grill at 8:00 AM with a meeting following at the building.
- 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup>, we will have regular morning services, potluck lunch in the annex, and a 1:00 PM singing in the auditorium.