

Those who serve

Lords' Supper: 1/20

Front South

Justin Hewlett  
Jim Hudgins  
Bill Hughes  
Back South  
James Hunt  
Casey Lehtinen  
Jay Lehtinen

Front North

Justin Hopkins  
Barry Lehtinen  
Clark Lehtinen  
Back North  
Dennis Lane  
Jackie Mayden  
Doug Kilcrease

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM  
Sunday PM  
Wednesday PM  
Will Cammack  
John McGilvray  
Barry Lehtinen  
Russ Jones  
Luke Norman

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:  
Wednesday  
Jeff Day  
Ryan Cowan

Song leaders:

Sunday AM  
Sunday PM  
Wednesday PM  
Paul Doyel  
Paul Doyel  
Jason Hackler

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday  
Wayne Gentry

Collection Counting

Justin Hewlett / James Henslee / Wayne Gentry

Our Records

Bible Class.....137  
AM Worship.....221  
PM Worship.....138  
Wed. Bible Class 1/9.....145  
Contribution.....\$8,102

Sermons

AM The B-I-B-L-E  
PM A Serious Responsibility  
1 Timothy 1:18-20

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Granbury Street Church of Christ

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2013 Granbury Street Open Forum

THE MORAL  
PROBLEM OF  
RACISM

February 9, 2013  
1:00 PM - 4:30 PM

This Year's Panelists are:

Willie Alvarenga  
Richard Melson  
Bob Stapleton  
Richard Stevens III

Join us for a frank discussion that will look beneath the surface of the problem to address the underlying issues.

Evangelist  
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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)

# Learning Spiritual Discipline

By Kevin W. Rhodes

Sometimes people forget that the words “disciple” and “discipline” have the same root. To be a disciple is to learn and accept discipline. Therefore, to be a disciple of Jesus Christ requires us to learn and accept discipline from Him. “As you therefore have received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk in Him, rooted and built up in Him and established in the faith, as you have been taught, abounding in it with thanksgiving” (Col. 2:6-7). When you welcome Jesus into your life, you accept the role of disciple because you accept His role as Lord. However, as Paul told the Colossians, this relationship requires living in Jesus’ realm, growing in your understanding, practice, and appreciation of His point of view, and being ever thankful for the opportunity. Responsibility is inherent in discipleship just as much as learning is. In fact, much of discipleship is learning to take responsibility. Therefore, being a disciple means being a true student of how Jesus lived, what Jesus taught, and why, but this requires us to learn a number of things from the very beginning.

**You must accept that you have much to learn.** In the early days of Christ’s ministry, He emphasized that disciples should not presume they know God’s will (Mt. 5:17) and that they must be prepared to reevaluate what they have learned previously from men (Mt. 5:21 etc.). Those who approach the study of God’s Word with anything in mind other than learning God’s will cut themselves off from learning. You cannot be a disciple of Christ without the humility that approaches the scriptures to learn His precepts and fulfill all that He says.

**You must commit yourself to a lifetime of learning what Jesus wants from you.** This is an essential part of your relationship. There is always more that Jesus can teach you. God’s Word offers you insight and wisdom no matter how long you have been a Christian. Therefore, disciples develop a mindset to learn the truth (Acts 17:11), to apply the truth personally (Ps. 119:11), and to use the truth as the foundation and guide for every aspect of their lives (Psa. 119:105). Someone who only shows interest in the gospel for the moment will enjoy a moment’s peace. Only those who give their all to learning and living the gospel will enjoy an eternity’s peace.

**You must accept the absolute authority of the teacher.** The apostle Paul also told the Colossians, “And whatever you do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him” (Col. 3:17). Here we find not a blank check to do everything we want in the name of Jesus but rather a covenant signed by Jesus which governs our conduct as disciples. A Christian is not a disciple by *right* but by submission! Therefore, no one has the right to lay claim to discipleship while rejecting the authority of his Lord (Acts 2:36).

**You must learn what Christ learned.** The writer of Hebrews said of Christ that “though He was a Son, yet He learned obedience by the things which He suffered. And having been perfected, He became the author of eternal salvation to all who obey Him (Heb. 5:8-9). Jesus learned to obey God’s will regardless of the personal cost and what He had to endure (Mt. 26:39). That is the lesson His disciples must learn as well. Where there is no obedience, there is no discipline. And where there is no discipline, there is no disciple.

**You must not argue with the Master about what He teaches you to do.** Jesus taught with authority (Mt. 7:28-29), and that authority has only increased (Mt. 28:18). Therefore, an argument with scripture, which is what Jesus died to give us (Jn. 12:48; 14:26) is like mocking Jesus on the cross. The Jewish leaders disagreed with Jesus’ interpretation of scripture, but that did not free them from being guilty of crucifying the Son of God. Thus, it does not matter what excuse we might create, any attempt to avoid doing what Jesus says how Jesus says to do it. Denying the need to obey Jesus is the same as denying Jesus, and it carries the same consequence (Mt. 10:32-33).

Discipleship takes discipline, and discipline is therefore at the heart of everything a disciple of Christ must learn. He must learn to accept discipline from scripture, implement discipline in living for Christ, and internalize discipline until it becomes self-discipline. This is a great responsibility because it stems from a great cause. Learning spiritual discipline is learning to be like Jesus Christ.

# News and Notes

## Among our sick

- Karsyn Boroughs will see the doctors in Scottish Rite Hospital in Dallas on February 13<sup>th</sup> at 8:00 AM.
- Amy Hackler had oral surgery Thursday.
- Carol McGilvray has been in Huguley Hospital this weekend. She had two stints put in her heart and some other problems.
- Johnny Walker is home doing better.
- Edin York, Weldon’s niece that is fighting cancer, has improved some.
- Jamie Williams, Betty’s daughter-in-law, is in ICU at HEB hospital in Hurst.
- Ron Wisialowski is in Huguley Hospital room 213 for tests on his heart.

## Directory Update

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## Please note...

- Ladies Bible Class has started back up. We are in chapter 9 of Acts.
- Family Day has been moved to Saturday, January 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM.
- Sunday, January 20<sup>th</sup> the women of the congregation need to meet with Ginger and Dana after the evening worship service in room 107.
- Wednesday, January 30<sup>th</sup> will be singing in the annex. There will not be any classes.