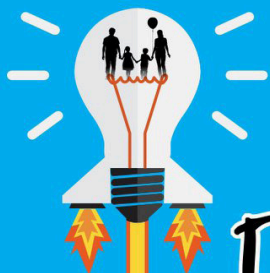


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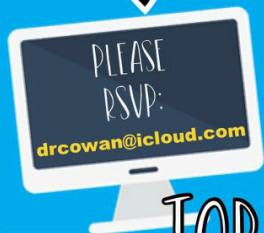
GRANBURY STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST



## EMPOWERED Parenting



September  
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9:30AM-4:00PM



Granbury Street Church of Christ

With Neal and Kathy Pollard:



Neal & Kathy have been married since 1992. They have three grown sons, all serving in ministry.

Neal is a part-time instructor and lectureship director at the Bear Valley Bible Institute. He also has directed Future Preachers Training Camp for teen guys since 2007. Neal also speaks on the internationally broadcasted TV Program, "Getting To Know Your Bible".

Kathy is Dean of Women at the Bear Valley Bible Institute. She also started a camp for teen girls in 2009 called Higher Ground.

### TOPICS:

Is there a right time for social media and your children?

Boomerang Kids

Grandparents role in parenting

Creating the best chance for faithfulness in your children.

Being strict without teaching 'why'

The importance of family devotionals

Family involvement in the work of the church

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Kevin Rhodes

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Pat McIntosh

### 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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# True Believers

Kevin W. Rhodes

**T**he situation described in Psalm 125 is specific enough to offer an excellent picture of the challenges facing the author and his companions while generic enough to prevent assigning it to a specific time or incident. The LORD's people were under threat in some fashion and needed God's protection (Psa. 125:1-2) because wicked rule had descended on the land God intended for the righteous (Psa. 125:3). Therefore, the psalmist prayed that God would protect the faithful from this threat (Psa. 125:4) and rid the land of all who fell prey to compromise (Psa. 125:5). These themes reflect eternal principles, but the implied circumstances fall within oft-repeated themes in Israel's history. Indeed, as a Song of Ascent sung as Jewish pilgrims returned to worship at the temple, the psalmist might have reflected upon some particular past event when Jerusalem faced potential attack and yet endured due to faith as the foundation to encourage future generations to remember—as they themselves approached the ancient city—to place their trust in the LORD who had delivered His people in times past and punished those whose faith faltered. Jews familiar with their history most certainly would have recalled the boast of Sennacherib recorded in the Assyrian record that he had shut up Hezekiah “like a bird in a cage” but that, despite all of that king's boasting, Hezekiah's trust in the LORD for deliverance had been rewarded as Isaiah and subsequent events made clear (2 Kings 18:13-19:37). What great encouragement such a reflection would have been to Jews returning to the site of such a deliverance! What faith it must have provoked! What comfort it must have provided! And that is how Christians, as God's people today, should read and feel it.

While many today look to Jerusalem as

a matter of politics, God points people to Jerusalem to remind them of His presence and His promises, both of which far transcend the perimeter of the City of David. For God's concern lies not in reclaiming territory but in restoring faith, building trust in His people that does not fail in adversity but that abides looking unto eternity (Psa. 125:1; Heb. 11:1-6; 2 Cor. 5:7). Such a trust does not focus on the worldly challenges that ever apply pressure to relent but on the LORD who offers His defense and protection from the enemy to those willing to look to Him in faith (Psa. 125:2; 1 Pet. 5:8; Jas. 4:7-8). While God allows His people to face adversity and challenges to their faith, He Himself does not give ground but keeps His promises. Therefore, it is essential for the faithful to endure, to withstand the pressure exerted by the wicked with faith in eventual victory (Psa. 125:3; 1 Cor. 10:13; 1 Jn. 5:4). There will always be temptation to capitulate, temptation to compromise, and temptation to quit; therefore, the righteous must likewise maintain a heart committed to doing the LORD's will, having confidence in the LORD's goodness even in the midst of strife or temptation (Psa. 125:4; 2 Tim. 1:12). Difficult circumstances are a proving ground, revealing weakness of faith in some and building greater faith in others. The LORD will reward both accordingly (Psa. 125:5; Rom. 2:1-11). Therefore, the greater our confidence in Who God is and what God has said, the greater our own faith can be. As He promised protection and peace for Israel long ago, so also the exceeding great and precious promises He has made to the church today rest on the same perfect character of the One for Whom all things are possible and therefore the One who will always deliver (Matt. 19:26; 1 Jn. 2:25; 2 Pet. 3:9).



# News and Notes

## Prayer request...

- Barbara Burnett's mother, Maureen Jackson, has made a turn for the worse. The family has been called home to New Hampshire.
- Jason Hackler has an inner ear infection.
- Henry Homan is home but is still very weak.
- Michael Hughes had surgery Monday to remove a calcification from his bladder. He may have to have two more surgeries.
- Sandra Jones, Rohan's wife, is having tests for an iron deficiency.
- Matthew Parrish has shingles.
- Tracy Rhodes' uncle Melvin Ramseyer is not doing that well. Please continue to remember him in your prayers.
- Laura Stephens is in room 322 at the Richardson Tower at Harris Hospital with a possible stroke.
- Pat Thompson's surgery has been postponed because of other health problems.
- Mary Reynolds is in room 244 at Walls Hospital with pneumonia in her right lung. No visitors at this time.

## Going Away Sandwich Supper

DJ has accepted the position of campus and youth minister at the church in Ruston Louisiana. He will begin working with them on September 13th. We will have a going away sandwich supper on Sunday, September 9th, after the evening worship service for DJ, Dana, and Brenna. Please bring sandwiches, chips, and dips. Dessert and drinks will be provided.

## Please note...

- The Fall Quarter begins on September 2nd. See Ryan Cowan if you have any questions.
- The Youth Devotional will be at Larry and Ginger Owens' home Sunday, September 2nd, after the evening worship service. Boys and girls bring different types of pancake toppings.
- Ladies Bible Class will resume on Wednesday, September 5th, at 10:00 AM in the annex. We will be starting with the book of James, chapter 2.
- We will be posting the initial groups for the 99 Program soon! Get ready!
- Don't forget the Empowered Parenting seminar on Saturday, September 8th, at 9:30 AM. Food and child care will be provided. If you would like to help with serving food, see Glenda Helm. If you would like to help with child care, see Wendy Cammack. Pizza will be provided, but we need cookies, brownies and drinks. Please bring these items to the annex by September 5th.
- The office will be closed for Labor Day on Monday, September 3rd.

# Those who Serve

## Lords' Supper: 9/2

### Front South

Paul Murphy  
Gavin McGilvray  
Perry Elkins

### Front North

Andrew Collins  
Don Crecelius  
Michael Mora

### Back South

Larry Owens  
Clint Owens  
Melvin Owens

### Back North

Howard Newberry  
Michael Hunt  
James Hunt

## Leading prayers:

Sunday AM

Larry McWilliams

Sunday PM

Joshua Haynes

Tom Collins

Wednesday PM

Rob Stidolph

Justin Hopkins

## Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:

Andrew Collins

Wednesday

Jeff Day

## Song leaders:

Sunday AM

D. J. Stucky

Sunday PM

D. J. Stucky

Wednesday PM

Rob Stidolph

## Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Wednesday

J. D. Allen

Colton Allen

Mike Hight

## Collection Counting

Justin Hewlett / Wayne Gentry

**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

The Divine View of Marriage  
Hebrews 13:4

PM

Great Things Ahead  
Zechariah 10:1-12

## Calendar of Events



9/7-8

Marriage and Parenting Seminar  
with Neal and Kathy Pollard

10/21-24

Gospel Meeting  
with Todd Clippard



## Our Records

Bible Class.....	111
AM Worship.....	173
PM Worship.....	113
Wednesday Bible Class.....	84
Contribution.....	\$4,999

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