

FROM FAITH TO FAITH

GRANBURY STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Willing to Yield

D.J. Stucky

Yielding to others, especially if they have hurt us, can be a very difficult thing to do. Fighting for your rights is a virtue in American culture. If we have been wronged, we have the right to demand reparations. Yielding, on the other hand, is surrender. However, if we are to be the peacemakers that God expects us to be, we must be willing to forgo our “rights” for the benefit of others.

Genesis 36 records the genealogical history of the nation of Edom. God blessed Esau with a family and a great many possessions, even in a land that was not his (Gen. 36:1-6). The land of Canaan was promised to Israel (Gen. 12:2-3; 15:7; 17:8), and at the time was inhabited by the Canaanite natives. Even so, Esau was still blessed by God—so much so that the possessions of Esau and Jacob were “...too great for them to dwell together, and the land could not support them because of their livestock.” Therefore, Esau moved his family to Mount Seir in Edom (36:6-8). The remainder of the chapter describes the families of Esau and ends by stating that “Esau was the father of the Edomites” (36:9-43).

From the beginning, Jacob and Esau had an adversarial relationship. At one point, Esau sought to kill his brother after Jacob received the blessing of Isaac (Gen. 27:41-42). One might expect Esau to fight with Jacob over the land. But he does not. After many years, Esau had matured. Esau decided that a healthy relationship with his brother was more important than fighting over some land. That is why Esau yielded to him, voluntarily moving his family to a new land. Esau chose to put Jacob’s past transgressions behind him, just as Jacob had done. As Christians, we should yield to our brethren the same way. Even when a person has wronged us in the past, forgiveness and love should characterize our interactions (Col. 3:12-14 cf. Matt. 18:21-22). This will happen only when we are concerned with the other person’s interests over our own (Phil. 2:4). We must also understand that yielding to others is not a sign of weakness but a display of godly wisdom (Jas. 3:17). Often, we will fight to get our way at the cost of hurt feelings, strained relationships, and compromised integrity. Instead, let us be like Esau. When there is the potential for strife, may we recognize it and take the initiative to solve the problem, even if that means yielding to someone who has hurt us.

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

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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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The Hometown of God's People

Kevin W. Rhodes

The city of Jerusalem regularly appears in the news throughout the world due to its historical and political significance in the struggle of competing worldviews, religions, and even civilizations. While the current political conflict between Jews and Muslims, clearly seen in various security checkpoints, and the religious conflict represented by the Al-Aqsa Mosque and the Wailing Wall speak to the modern division in the city, this merely echoes its role throughout many centuries. However, the Bible introduces the city of Salem as the home of Melchizedek, a priest of the Most High God and Salem's king (Gen. 14). Centuries later the Israelites found it inhabited by the Jebusites (Jsh. 10) until the children of Judah took the city (Jdg. 1:8), though the Jebusites recaptured it sometime afterward (Jsh. 15:63), remaining in their possession until David recaptured it and made it the capital city (2 Sam. 5), continuing in that capacity until its destruction by the Babylonians in the sixth century B.C. Sometime during the latter portion of this captivity, when Jerusalem still lay in rubble, the sons of Korah likely penned Psalm 87, an ode to Jerusalem, in a sense, that offers hope for the rebirth of the city, looking unto even greater things.

Jerusalem would not return to greatness, however, because of the power of Israel or the grand design of an empire. Rather, the LORD Himself desired its restoration for His purposes, and this made Jerusalem holy (Psa. 87:1). God's love for the city, rooted

in His plan to use it, motivated its rebuilding (Psa. 87:2), so that the basis for its praise is rooted not in the past but in its potential: "Glorious things are spoken of you, O city of God!" (Psa. 87:3). The means and significance of this purpose would center on how Gentiles from Israel's greatest enemies and from far away lands would one day call Yahweh their God and think of Jerusalem as their place of origin (Psa. 87:4), all due to God's provision (Psa. 87:5-6). Despite its destruction, which fulfilled God's will, Jerusalem would become the source of blessing once more (Psa. 87:7).

Under the leadership of Zerubbabel and Ezra, the Jews rebuilt the temple, and under the leadership of Nehemiah, they rebuilt the city. The LORD thus raised Jerusalem from the dead to serve His purposes. But while the Jews rejoiced in the restoration of temple worship, God and this psalm looked beyond the return of the Jews to their capital and pointed to the time when Jerusalem would serve as the place from which Christianity would rise (Acts 2) and offer Gentiles reason to embrace the city with thankfulness because of the message of the gospel that sprang forth from within its walls. Jerusalem deserves to be celebrated and embraced—not simply for its storied history, but for its spiritual significance—not as the capital of a holy land, but as the place from which God made it possible for people of all nations to become His holy people (1 Pet. 2:9-10) and have reason to think of Jerusalem as their hometown.



News and Notes

Prayer request...

- Norman and Mary Collins have moved to Room 136 at Santa Fe Trails Rehab.
- Ruth Collins had tests on Friday at Huguley.
- Dewayne Henegar's mother, Donna Perry, is having health issues and is in the hospital.
- Shirley Korte had surgery last Monday on the pain stimulator in her back.
- Danny Lee, the Homan's' nephew, is about 95% bedridden and is on oxygen.
- Casey Lehtinen's labs showed leukemia blast cells in Casey's blood. He has a lump on his head and a painful one in his groin. He is in UT Southwest Clements Building in Dallas.
- Johnnye Parrish had an Upper GI last Tuesday and will have more tests moving forward.
- Maria Martinez, Rosie Rodriquez's mother, has leukemia and will have a bone marrow transplant soon.
- Woody Stewart, Mary Ann Jackson's nephew, had two stints put in his heart.
- Joe Warlick has cancer of the esophagus and is taking radiation treatments.
- Darlene Walker will take medication for 5 years instead of having chemo or radiation.

Please remember in prayer

Amy Hackler, Casey Lehtinen, Charlotte Moulder, Rosey Rodriquez's mother, Darlene Walker, Carrie Williams

Please note...

- The deacons and their wives will meet after the evening worship service on Sunday, November 19th, in Room 107.
- The combined area wide congregational singing will be Tuesday, November 21st, at 7:00 PM at Granbury Street.
- The Annual Christmas Ornament Exchange is being combined with the youth devo this year at the home of Ryan and Kerista Cowan the evening of December 2nd. There is a sign-up sheet in the foyer for food.

Centurion of Scripture Challenge 2017 (NKJV)

Acts 16:31-33

So they said, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and you will be saved, you and your household." Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their stripes. And immediately he and all his family were baptized.

Those who Serve

Lords' Supper: 11/19

Front South

Jeff Day
Dewayne Henegar
Logan Frasier

Front North

Larry McWilliams
Justin Hewlett
Vince Grinnell

Back South

Perry Elkins
Royce Gorman
Sid Carruth

Back North

Jason Hackler
Conner Hackler
Wesley Hackler

Leading prayers:

Sunday AM	Kenneth Helm
	Don Crecelius
Sunday PM	Tim Norman
	Doug Jones
Tuesday PM	TBA

Announcements:

Sunday AM-PM:	Doug Jones
Tuesday	TBA

Song leaders:

Sunday AM	Russ Jones
Sunday PM	Russ Jones
Tuesday PM	TBA

Foyer Personnel:

Sunday & Tuesday	Gavin McGilvray
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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 new television program, airs at 7:30 pm Monday nights on GBN and will re-air on Saturdays at 2:30 pm.



Sermons for Sunday

AM	Disciples in the Making Matthew 28:16-20
PM	Looking Toward the Future Psalm 122:1-9

Calendar of Events



11/21	Area-Wide Singing
12/10	Congregational Dinner
12/24	1 PM Assembly with Q&A
12/31	New Year's Eve Fish Fry after 5:00 PM worship
1/19-20	Evangelism Seminar with Rob Whitacre



Our Records

Bible Class.....	130
AM Worship.....	200
PM Worship.....	134
Wednesday Bible Class.....	111
Contribution.....	\$5,415

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