



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

June 7, 2020 Sunday

**Sunday Morning Worship Services
at the Building 9:00 & 10:45**

Still on Mission!

I still find myself amazed at how this church focuses on its mission. even with so many distractions all around! When you had so many reasons to not give to the Zimbabwe Relief Fund, you gave through your sense of mission. Satan is trying so hard to get Christians to lose sight of the Mission of Jesus and His Church. While serious issues face us all (Corona Virus, the economy, unemployment, "Black Lives Matter," crime, addictions, political debates, protecting our children) which requires every Christian's serious attention and heart; they need to be addressed from the perspective of the mission of Jesus and His Church.

When we speak to these issues, or when we remain silent on these issues, we cannot do so with a loss of our identity as disciples of Jesus. Our mission is woven into the fabric of Jesus' mission. If we forget that, we cannot give anything the attention it deserves. It is not that we avoid these issues because we are Christians on a mission for Jesus, and therefore we have more important things to do and think about, in fact, it is the opposite! We are all the more called to tune into what is going on in our world, in our community, and be a force for what is good, right, honorable, and just. In that way, we bring a much needed added perspective because of who we are and what we represent.

Our call to care about the poor, the sick, the oppressed, the abused, the left-out, the isolated, the outcast, the downtrodden, the forgotten, is what we are about because the One we imitate was committed to caring for them. Our call to demand accountability, justice, reform, and an eye-opening wakeup vision of human worth, dignity, and equality for all is what we are about because the One we imitate was committed to starting that revolution long ago. Our call is to love others enough to get up, stand up, speak up and walk up for what we believe in because the one we imitate loved us enough to get up from his seat by the Father, stand up to Satan, speak up for truth against his deception, and then walk up that hill to die on a cross for our sins and the sins of this world.

Because He came to love, serve and sacrifice for us, we live to love, serve and sacrifice and there is no issue that we won't approach without bringing that mission into how we address, or don't address, an issue. We will not always choose the right course of action, we may make mistakes and miscommunicate, we may act without enough information, and we may decide to act or not act with horrible timing; but the thing we will not do, is act without considering our mission, to continue the mission of our Savior to love, serve and sacrifice.

Brothers and Sisters, I am proud of you! You remind me over and over that God is working through us to be the living love of Jesus in our world as His Body, His Church. You are making a difference, a difference now and for eternity!

Matthew 25:37-40

David Bearden



➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Sunday Morning Worship: 9:00 or 10:45 a.m. at the building.

Audio with Slides Recording on website (<https://grahamstreetchurch.com/sermons/>)

Video Recording on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/>)

Graham Street Grill: (Live Question & Answer Bible Study and Church Information 7:00 pm on Monday)

<https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/>

Ladies Class 7:00pm Wednesday Evening: Led by Sherri Caraway on Zoom. A new link is posted weekly on the private Facebook Group or you can call the office for the link:

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"First Things First Bible Study" Video for Small Groups and Bible Classes is on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/>

Study materials on website: <https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com/house-church>

Chronological Bible Reading: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.html>

➤ NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Night of 100 Casseroles will be Thursday, June 25. The one held on May 28th fed 90 families and all the casseroles were given out in less than an hour & a half. Please get with Le Jones or Deborah Swanson if you have any questions or wish to help with the next one.

➤ Contribution 5/31 \$10,739 YTD Contribution \$215,081 YTD Budget \$255,200

Zimbabwe Hunger Relief Fund Total = \$10,276

The mission committee is amazed and grateful for your generous contributions for purchasing food in Zimbabwe! So far, \$10,276 has been given, with several more donations promised. The mission committee is allocating an additional \$3,000 from our budget. The plan is to provide food for orphans, disabled, elderly, single parent families, and other destitute families in Chinhoyi and Ruwangwe. These are the two areas where Graham Street is supporting evangelists. The brethren in each area are forming a team to identify the needy and formulate a plan for distributing the food. If possible, food will be distributed two or three times. Depending on prices, 300-400 families may be fed each time. More definitive plans should be ready next week, with the first food distribution to follow shortly. Please keep Zimbabwe in your prayers.

Hughbert Collier

➤ **Youth Group Night (For those going into 7th grade & up) Sunday, June 7th, 6:00 –8:00 at the Lambert's home, 2190 CR 433. Bring chips and/or a dessert to share. Contact Wes to let him know you are coming and SPREAD THE WORD!**



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Ginger Ham; Doug Gassett, Ronnie Oliver, Larry Knowles, Steve Ham, Denise Powell, Kenneth Gaines, Paula Busby, Paula Oliver, Micaela Moore, Karen Bills, Gloria Scott, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle, Mike DeMott, Tabitha McClellan, James Young, Jordan Harper, son-in-law of Mark and Leah Wilson, Kimberly Richardson O'Dea; Kenneth Gaines



UPCOMING SHOWERS

Baby Shower honoring **Janell Bierman** on **Saturday, June 6th** . **This will be a drive-by baby shower.** Meet at the Family Center Parking lot at 9:20 a.m. to decorate cars and drive out together to Janell's home (1714 CR 512, Stephenville, TX 76401) If you are able , bring a lawn chair and after the parade, we will circle back to the house, park and sit out in the lawn to watch Janell open her gifts. She is registered at Target, Walmart, 4 Kids Only and Buy Buy Baby. (A comprehensive list is also available on Babylist). **Contact Whitney Holt** with questions.

Bridal Shower honoring **Kelcee Jones**, bride elect of Andrew Heflin, daughter of **Troy & Pam Jones**, granddaughter of **Don & Patty Jones**. Although we cannot celebrate in person, we can still show our love and shower the Bride-To-Be! Please send cards, gift cards and gifts to: 972 Meadowlark Lane, Stephenville, Texas 76401. Kelcee and Andrew are registered at Target, Bed, Bath & Beyond and Ace The HomePlace.

Bridal Shower honoring **Mrs. Chelsi (Vineyard) Henzler** will be Sunday, June 7, 2020. It is a Come & Go shower, from 2:00 to 3:30 to be held at the home of Lacy Gilley (1140 Walking Horse Drive, Stephenville, TX 76401) Kindly RSVP to 254-592-9730. Chelsi is registered at Bed, Bath & Beyond, The Home Place, Amazon, and Target .

BASIC NEEDS RE-OPENING PLANS

Basic Needs will operate one more Thursday (June 11) using the drive through food distribution method at the Family Center. The following **Thursday (June 18) food will be distributed at the Basic Needs Store** using a 6ft distancing method. This method of food distribution will continue until the 6ft separation restraints are lifted. Only 1 person per family will be allowed in the pantry (with the exception of handicapped individuals needing assistance). However, **clothing will not be distributed at the Store**, our clients will be able to get needed clothing and household items at the Family Center after receiving a ticket to do so from the store beginning July 2. This means **we need to move clothing from Basic Needs to the Family Center, which will happen Monday afternoon (June 8).** So, **volunteers and pickups are needed to transport the clothing and set it up in the Family Center.** **The Basic Needs Workroom reopens June 15. Food distribution from the Store begins June 18; and Clothing distribution from the Family Center begins July 2.** This method of distribution will continue until we no longer need to practice social distancing.

BASIC NEEDS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS! contact Deborah Swanson if you have any questions at 254-977-3990.

Foster's Home Announcement:

Foster's Home for Children in Stephenville, Texas, is looking for a Christian couple to be full time caregivers. Foster's Home employs both husband and wife to minister to hurting children using the Sanctuary Model of Trauma Informed Care. Salary based on experience; competitive benefits package; excellent support team. For more information please contact Harriet Frazier, Vice President of Children's Services, 254-968-2143, ext. 284 and/or complete application online at fosterhome.org.



➡ Message Regarding Modified Worship Seating

We would like to call everyone’s attention to the **Over Age 65 & High Risk** designated seating section at the back left corner of the auditorium. **** To be clear, sitting in this area is completely voluntary and is only for those who fit this criteria. ****

This is for the benefit of everyone and allow for smooth and efficient flow when worship is concluded. The intent is to dismiss those who are seated here during the closing song. This will allow ample time for them to exit fully before the remainder of the worshipers are dismissed.

We also want to ask for everyone’s grace and patience as the volunteers who are assisting to facilitate our modified worship try to seat everyone in a way that makes the best use of the available seating, and helps to keep the after-worship-cleaning to a minimum. **We could also use some more volunteers.**

Sanctuary Seating

