



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

June 14, 2020 Sunday

Sunday Morning Worship Services

at the Building 9:00 & 10:45

Giving That Keeps On Giving!

I called it the “89-98 Challenge.” Maybe not a great name, but in case you didn’t know why, it comes from 2 Corinthians 8:9 and 9:8. Paul was encouraging the Corinthians to fulfill their commitment to their needy brothers and sisters in Jerusalem. His appeal was based on two major motivators: Love and Faith. In 8:9, he encouraged them to give like the Macedonians, who had given beyond what would be considered their capabilities as a response to how God and Jesus out of love had given to them. In 9:8, he encouraged them to give believing that God would supply what was needed to fulfill their commitment. I challenged the Graham Street Church to give in response to how we have been loved and in faith believing that God would supply. Wow! Did you respond to the challenge! At a time when the economic forecast is bleak and jobs have been lost and curtailed, and you were already being challenged to meet our regular contribution, continue to contribute to the building fund and to Basic Needs, and you still gave \$12, 679. The Missions Committee has committed an additional \$3000 from the budgeted money for relief. Here is what 2 Corinthians 9:6-15 says will happen because of the Graham Street Church’s generosity.

1. God loves cheerful givers!
2. The Needs of the Church Family in Zimbabwe are being met.
3. Seeds are being sown for future opportunities of blessing in God’s name to which God will supply what is needed as the church there commits to those opportunities.
4. Thanksgiving to God is overflowing!

Here is a summary of how the money you sent to Zimbabwe is being used, and you can see that it is opening more doors of opportunity to serve to God’s glory.

Our ministries in Africa have been working together to make decisions on how many people we can help feed and what can be done to help feed them. The primary focus is to provide food for orphans, disabled, elderly, single parent families, and other destitute families in Chinhoyi and Ruwangwe. Stanley Sherini has arranged for food to feed approximately 150 people. The Ruwangwe congregation has set up for about 153 people to be fed.

The items being ordered for the families are: Beans, Mealie Meal (a course flour made from maize), soya (soybeans) and cooking oil.

Al Dos Santos, who has spoken to our congregation in the past, is arranging for the food to be purchased and delivered. Al works with the Starfish Foundation and has avenues through his family to make the purchases and get the food delivered to the correct people and locations.

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** 06/07 \$13,009 YTD Contribution \$228,090 YTD Budget \$266,800

Zimbabwe Hunger Relief Fund Total = \$12,679 (+\$3,000 from the mission committee)

Building Fund \$260,593

➤ 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.

➤ **Texans for Christ College Ministry Announcement:** College students can stay up to date with what our college ministry has going on through our website texansforchrist.org

➤ **Youth Group Announcement:** Young people, 7th –12th grade can stay up to date with what our Youth Group has going on through our website <https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org>

Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Ginger Ham; Doug Gassett, Jerry Lindley; 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





BASIC NEEDS RE-OPENING PLANS

Next 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. **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.

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.**

