



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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July 5, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcement for Sunday, July 5, 2020

Dear Church Family,

We will be meeting at the building this Sunday morning, July 5, with two services, the first at 9:00 and the second at 10:45. I had planned for the Sunday of the Independence Day weekend to be a special prayer service for our nation using Elders and Deacons for prayers and readings; but with our current rapid rise of the Corona Virus, I think what I had planned has too many moving bodies for the health safety we need to implement this Sunday. I have changed the worship plan to simplify the worship services. While still emphasizing prayer and concern for our nation during this holiday, I plan to make it a service that stays with our usual number involved. We will welcome the church and introduce the communion service. Taylor will share the Scripture Readings and Prayer. Rusty will be leading a time of prayer for our nation in song and prayer. One of the Elders will lead the Shepherd's Prayer in each service, and I will be preaching on the topic of "Strength of God for Our Nation." We will target a date in the future for a special prayer service led by our Elders and Deacons.

We love being together for worship to God. We all felt an emptiness from not being able to meet last Sunday, but due to the potential of wide virus exposure it was wise not to meet. We approach this Sunday with continued concern and caution. You are encouraged to worship at home if you are experiencing any possible symptoms, or if you have recently been exposed to the Corona Virus. We are going to be very vigilant to clean and sanitize our building and encourage members to practice social distancing in the lobby and in keeping with the designated seating, use hand sanitizer, and refrain from hugging and shaking hands or lingering in the lobby after services this Sunday. We encourage those who are at risk to use the designated seating area at the rear of the west side of the building. We will dismiss by rows beginning with the at-risk seating section. You are encouraged to wear a face covering when in locations necessitating face to face encounters. I personally, for your safety and to set a good example, plan to wear a mask in the lobby area (taking it off to preach). I don't like wearing a mask, and don't like you not being able to see me smile at you, and I don't like not being able to see you smile back; but we do this because we love each other and it allows us to protect each other while still meeting together.

It has been said so many times that it may have lost the seriousness of its meaning, but we must join together in these practices of care for one another "out of an abundance of caution," or the virus will spread throughout our church family where some of our brothers and sisters are vulnerable to becoming gravely ill and even dying.

Prayerfully yours,
David



➤ 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/>)

Family Resources: <https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com/house-church>

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 - Starts again on 7/13/2020) <https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/>

“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>

➤ **BASIC NEEDS Update!** Basic Needs will reopen on Monday, 7/6/2020. Their operating hours are 9:30 to 2:00 on Monday, Tuesday & Thursday. The Food Pantry give-away will be open on Thursday, 7/9/2020 from 9:00 to 12:00. Basic Needs has an urgent need for volunteers. Please come help if you can. Contact Deborah Swanson if you have any questions at 254-977-3990.

➤ **Texans for Christ College Ministry Announcement:** College students can stay up to date with what our college ministry has going on through our website <https://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>

NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Contribution 06/28/2020 \$4,780 YTD Contribution \$250,624 YTD Budget \$301,600

Zimbabwe Hunger Relief Fund Total = \$12,904 (+\$3,000 from the mission committee)

Building Fund \$262,086



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Doug Gassett Jerry Lindley (good test results this week); Ronnie Oliver, Larry Knowles, Denise Powell, Kenneth Gaines, Paula Busby, Paula Oliver, Micaela Moore, Karen Bills, Gloria Scott, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle, Mike DeMott, Tabitha McClellan, James Young, Kimberly Richardson O’Dea; Kenneth Gaines; Pam Clayton, who lost her brother, Jack Kraft, this week.

Sarah Schmitt has been diagnosed with cancer. Anyone wishing to contribute to her financial assistance can do so through her Facebook Fundraiser page: **Surgery and Radiation, Bills, Food, Travel to Parkland**

Oncology <https://www.facebook.com/donate/721568288627658/721583781959442/>