



GRAHAM STREET

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Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

What About Bible Classes?

You may be asking this because you are eager for the Bible Class program at the building to start back up at the building, or maybe you are wondering with our schools struggling with how to get the kids back in a healthy learning environment together in the class rooms how we are going to do it at the church building, and it could be that you are asking this question because you don't know about some that are already available. What ever the reasons, let me try to answer what in the past has been a simple question to answer, but now due to the corona virus, has become extremely complicated.

Originally, we had set the target for starting back Wednesday night, August 12, with three classes, an adult Bible class, a teens class, and a family Bible class with children breakout age groups. It was thought we would start on the evening of the first day of the opening of our public schools with a celebration in worship and prayer before breaking into the three classes. But the very week we began talking up this plan, the Governor began to share with us the danger of a statewide shutdown due to "COVID Spread." This has not only greatly impacted business operations and the wearing of masks, but also how schools would reopen. It has also caused our church leadership to reconsider how we reopen our Bible classes.

So, we have pushed back our plan to after Labor Day and moved from Wednesday nights to Sunday nights and we will not do breakout sessions. We plan to start Sunday night, September 13, at 5:00. We will have 3 Bible Classes, the Adult Bible Class in the Auditorium, the Teens Class in the Youth Ministry area, and a "Family Bible Class" in the Family Center. Hughbert Collier will be leading the Adult Bible Class in the auditorium where health protocols are in place and complete the class he started in Acts. When Hughbert finishes Acts, Mike Dacus will start teaching 1 & 2 Peter.

The Family Bible Class is primarily for young families, but it is open to anyone who would like to join the parents in working with children. It will be a fun interactive Bible based class in the Family Center where we can spread out tables and put into place safe health protocols using practical applications at the tables through Bible word games, video clips, music, crafts, art, skits, puppets, competition, collaborative learning, etc. I will be joined in leading this class with the help of Vicki, Megan, Nichole, Andy, along with others who will work with the parents in teaching the children.

While the Adult Bible Class is being offered in the Auditorium and the Family Bible Class is in the Family Center, Wes will be teaching the Teens Bible Class in the Youth Ministry area. He and the Teens will also visit the Family Center during their class time to provide special moments of instruction in the Family Bible Class that will be an exciting teaching experience for the parent, children and the teens. You will just have to be there to find out!

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➤ 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 Q & A Bible Study and Church Member Interviews 7:00 pm on Monday - (Starts back up August 10th) <https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/>

GPS participants —Be on the lookout for a survey coming your way!

“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>

➤ **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

Night of 100 Casseroles, Thursday, 7/30/2020. Drop off your casserole at the Family Center between 4:00 and 5:00 . Casseroles are given away from 5:00 to 7:00 or until they are all given away!

Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, 8/1/2020. 8:00 a.m. at the Tri-C (Corner of Ollie & Tarleton.) Come prepared to enjoy a great breakfast, fellowship & pray.



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Doug Gassett (who is home now); Denise Powell, Kenneth Gaines, Paula Busby, Paula Oliver, Micaela Moore, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle, Mike DeMott, Tabitha McClellan, James Young, Kimberly Richardson O’Dea; Kenneth Gaines; Patty Jones; Debbie Kitchens

Sarah Schmitt will soon undergo treatment for a very aggressive cancer (for more details see her Facebook Fundraiser page: **Surgery and Radiation, Bills, Food, Travel to Parkland Oncology** <https://www.facebook.com/donate/721568288627658/721583781959442/> .) She needs our support and encouragement, prayers, and money. You can give to help her through Basic Needs.

➤ Giving Update:

Contribution 07/19/2020 \$10,503 YTD Contribution \$285,240 YTD Budget \$336,400

Building Fund \$264,391 (this is the total amount given since start of Phase 2— the funds given to date have been used for the new roof and new A/C units.)



What About Bible Classes? Continued....

That's the plan. We pray and prepare, knowing that we must be flexible and learn as we go. Now, let me remind you of some of the things we are offering right now to help fill that desire for Bible Class until we start back.

Opportunities though small fellowship groups and Bible Study groups getting together have continued through this crisis. For example, some of our Connecting Groups (SFGs, Support Groups and Ministry Groups) have been meeting in homes. Young families with children have been meeting Sunday afternoons, Jerry Lindley has hosted worship services in her yard, and Le Jones has been leading a singing class on Wednesdays and teaching a class on Revelation on Thursday nights. Celebrate Recovery has continued to meet and it has been growing.

Taylor, Wes and I have been doing a Bible Study called "First Things First" and we have recorded it for the church to use as a small group or family Bible Study resource. It derives its name from our approach to the study. We began after Easter with a study of Acts 2, the beginning of the Church, drawing from the foundation of the early church presented in what was preached, believed, and acted upon. Then we have taken these principles each week into our Bible Study of a letter that Paul wrote to a church in the New Testament looking for these "First Things" of the Church. So far, we have applied this study to Romans, 1 & 2 Corinthians, Galatians, Ephesians, Philippians, and Colossians. These lessons are available on our church website under House Church Resources.

On Monday nights at 7:00 LIVE on the Graham Street Church's Facebook is "The Grill." I think this was originally Wes' idea for a way to get the church to grill me with Bible Questions, but it has turned into a great way to get to know our church family. We have been interviewing members of our church family and letting them share with us their life story and faith journey. It has been awesome! We have had as our guests Taylor and Whitney Holt, Chad & Lacy Gilley, Steve and Ginger Ham, and Carl and Terry Smith. They have all had amazing stories. These are recorded and you can go back and watch them. I encourage you to join us each week and even send in your own questions as you watch. We are going to take a little time off and start back up August 10, so tune in.

Wes, Taylor and I have offered other online courses and resources in our bulletin and on our website through links dealing with our specific areas of ministry. We encourage you to use them to assist personal, group, and family Bible Study and encouragement. While these resources meet needs, we know you are eager to get back into a program for church-wide-in-person Bible Classes at the building where we can be together again! I hope the plan presented on the previous page excites the church and that everyone who can, will participate. Please remember we are trying to do it in a way that provides quality fellowship time with quality spiritual formation in a health safety environment. This is challenging when you hear the corona virus numbers and of those who have been touched by it in our church family, but we will in prayerfulness do our best with God's help.

David Bearden