



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**August 9, 2020 Sunday**

**Bulletin Announcements and Updates—**

**Building A Legacy**

Vicki and I were out of town for about 10 days, mostly in Arkansas. It was a good trip but filled with emotion, and it is good to be back. Praise God for the great things going on in and through our church family. Our donations are being received and food is being distributed to the needy in Zimbabwe. Payton Poston expressed his faith commitment to the Lord in baptism. Our community has expressed appreciation for the GS Church casseroles and the food services of Basic Needs, and restoration and healing are being experienced through Celebrate Recovery. Taylor and Darrell preached great sermons and more people are attending worship in the building and more are participating in the use of our online resources. We keep praying and God is answering our prayers, and we are carefully moving forward asking for wisdom as we go. KinderCare starts back Sept. 9 and we are planning on retuning to Sunday Bible Classes Sept. 13. The Bible Classes will meet in the main building and family center with adapted formats for health standards on Sunday nights at 5:00. And we are encouraging other opportunities for safe gatherings for small group Bible studies, fellowship and service.

Back to our trip! I said it was emotional. Vicki and I were honored to be included on the bucket list of people to whom our dear friend (of almost forty years who is now bravely facing her terminal illness) wished to spend time with and say goodbye. I am so thankful for the time we had with her and her husband sharing the bitter-sweet days together with an eternal perspective. We then traveled to the home of Vicki's mom and stepdad, where he was recovering from hip surgery and discussed the need for them to move to a more compatible home for this stage in life. A difficult discussion in the setting of a house built as a dream home by the lake, but it was received in love and appreciation, and transition plans began to take place. Then we traveled to the house built by my dad where I grew up. Mom has had a hard time selling it, but she finally agreed it was best, and by the middle of this month it will no longer be the "Bearden House." Tears filled my eyes as I went back into Dad's shop one last time. Vicki had noticed a tool hanging on the wall partially covered by an old jacket Dad kept handy and asked if I wanted it. I did, but my hand hesitated to move Dad's coat and remove it from the hook.

We had spent the night before at my cousin's house in Little Rock. We had stayed up late talking of childhood memories and our parents. His mom, Dad's sister, now in a senior facility, and my father now gone, both left such a legacy of Christian service and family values. Many of those memories were connected to that old house and the woods surrounding it during our childhood. Included in those memories were multiple times Dad had dealt with our not putting his tools back after using them. Something about that tarnished crescent wrench hanging right by the door frame for handy use was exactly where it needed to be. And yet, there are few things my mechanic dad would like better than to know his son would put it back into useful service.

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**When I think of the legacy the Graham Street Church of Christ will leave behind, it could be in pictures of an old building that stood proudly a couple of blocks from the county courthouse in Stephenville, Texas. But greater will be the legacy of eternal loving relationships built through faithful service to the glory of God because we used the time, talent and tools we had with God's blessing to make a difference for good in our community and in the world.**

David Bearden

### ➤ From Deborah Swanson/Basic Needs Ministry

We are attempting a garage sale from August 13—15. It will be in the Family Center. This sale will be featuring CLOTHES, SHOES, PURSES, BELTS, etc. No housewares will be included in this one. Basic Needs can use your help (guys or gals) on Monday, August 10th through Wednesday, August 12th to set up. Your help is also requested during the actual garage sale.

Please let Deborah know if you can help. Please also be aware that:

- 1). Masks are required
- 2). 6 foot social distancing will be requested
- 3.) 15– 20 at a time will be allowed in and a time limit will be placed on how long each person can stay before paying asked to pay for their selections and exit the Family Center. Each person will be allowed to come through again, but he or she must wait their turn to come through a second or third time.

We won't have time for people to turn in donations for this sale. Basic Needs is attempting to clear out merchandise to cut the costs being paid for storage.

Basic Needs will need extra workers on Thursday, August 13, 2020, as both the Garage Sale, and Basic Needs will be open for business.



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Doug Gasset (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; the family of Charles & Hazel Allen; Don Parker; the family of Joyce Green, who was a long time member, passed away July 30th; Seth Gilley (8 teeth removed on Friday, 8/7/2020)

➤ **Giving Update: Contribution & Building Fund will be updated in next week's Bulletin.**



## ➡ 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 this Monday, August 10th) <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>

➡ **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

**Congratulations!** Payton Poston, son of Jeff & Sheila Lambert, was baptized last week on Sunday afternoon by his grandfather, Edwin Elston. Payton's address is 2190 CR 433, Stephenville, TX. 76401.

Please see the Thank You Note from **Doug & Brenda Gassett** on the Hall Bulletin Board.

**Night of 100 Casseroles, Thursday, 8/27/2020.** 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!

**KinderCare Preschool starts Wednesday, September 9, 2020!**

**Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, 9/12/2020.** 8:00 a.m. at the Tri-C (Corner of Ollie & Tarleton.) Come prepared to enjoy a great breakfast, fellowship & pray.

**Sunday Bible Classes start Sunday, 9/13/2020.** 5:00 p.m. Adult Classes in the auditorium, Family Classes in the Family Center, Teen Classes in the Youth Ministry area.