



GRAHAM STREET

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August 16, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

The Tool of Communication

My father was a mechanic, and his tools were cherished and carefully kept. He had a huge cabinet and several locking boxes for his tools at his place of work. He would often bring some of these valuable tools home in a smaller metal toolbox for his weekend projects. When he did, he would tell my brother and me that we were welcome to use them, but they better be back in that toolbox when it came time for him to go back to work. As Dad was able, he built a large shop with shelves and drawers with tools all in their proper place at home. Dad would tell us that every tool had its place in that shop and every tool should go back to that place when it was used. I can testify to the fact that there were consequences for not following through with agreement to that instruction. Dad taught me that a good quality tool is worth paying a little more. I grew up hearing Mac, Snap-on, and Craftsman commercials from my dad. He taught me that you use the right tool in the right way for the job. That using the wrong tool will cause damage, like rounding off a bolt or taking the skin off a knuckle. And that even using the right tool, but using it poorly or with the wrong technique will have the same result as trying to use the wrong tool. Use the right quality tool in the right way if you want to get the job done right.

Communication is a tool to be used wisely in the work and mission of the Church. But, like with my father's tools, there are better quality tools that are worth paying a little more. High quality communication demands the high price of hard thoughtful work. Using the right form of communication with the right words expressed in the right tone for the specific need and circumstance is like using the right tool in the right way for the job. This is always true, but it is to be even more emphasized at this time in the history of the Church, and in the Graham Street Church of Christ.

That is why the bulletin, weekly updates, and announcements are so important. That's why sharing accurate helpful information with each other is so important. Your leaders want you to understand what we are trying to do to keep you safe and healthy. Your leaders want you to know that we are trying to give you opportunities for worship, Bible Study, and fellowship. Your leaders want you to know the church is still meeting needs and serving those who are in need. Your leaders want you to know that we are going to have a morning of prayer for "Back to School" at our services Sunday morning, August 30, and a "Back to School Sunday Bash" that night at the City Park from 4:00 to 7:00; and that we will be doing it as best we can in a way that will provide safe fun and fellowship for our church family. Your leaders want you to know that we are making plans and need your participation in returning to Sunday Bible Classes, Sunday night, September 13 at 5:00 PM, which will include an Adult Bible Class in the auditorium, a Family Bible Class in the Family Center, and a Teens Class in the Youth Ministry Area. But more than wanting you to know facts about our church activities, your leaders want you to know that we love you and pray that we will use our tools of communication carefully to encourage you in your walk with God.

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/>)

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 -

<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>

A “big thank you” to Ronald Powell for the great job he is doing in coordinating our health protection protocols, and to everyone that is helping him by cleaning, ushering, and serving. He could, of course, use more volunteers! And a “big thank you” also to all the members for your cooperation in wearing masks and sanitizing your hands when coming into the building and while in the lobby and moving to and from your seats. Also, thank you Larry Herrington and Jim Holt for coordinating our Lord’s Supper prayer leaders. And “huge thanks” to Bruce Caraway for running our Audio/Visual Board in both services every Sunday morning! I think he would be glad to have some help, also! It is great to have Denise Kribbs back in the office following her surgery and recovery! Let’s let Linda Stewart know that we appreciate the great work she has done behind the scenes. Due to family health concerns she has taken the precaution to work as our church secretary from home, even to the extent of forwarding the church phone when needed. She will continue to work from home during the current health climate, and Denise will be in the office two days a week, usually Wednesdays and Thursdays.



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; 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)



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

“Back to School Bash” August 30, 2020, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the City Park! Details to follow!

Jon Henson needs volunteers to help with **World Bible School**. If anyone would like to help please contact Jon.

Check out the **Thank You Note from Sarah Schmitt** on the hall Bulletin Board. So many people have donated to help her during this difficult time and she is very appreciative.

The Basic Needs Garage Sale has 1 more day—It starts up tomorrow morning, Saturday, 8/15/2020 at 8:00 a.m.. Volunteers are needed, especially when they are ‘closing up’ after the sale. If you can help them put things up, please be there well before 3:00 p.m. All the Basic Needs volunteers are very appreciative of the help they received setting up for the Garage Sale. Thank you, Graham Street members for being there!

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! If you want to help, but cannot actively participate, donations are gladly welcome!

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.

Giving Update:

Contribution 08/02/2020 \$12,339 08/09/2020 \$7,852

YTD Contribution \$311,963 YTD Budget \$371,200

Building Fund \$265,781 (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.)