



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**August 23, 2020 Sunday**

**Bulletin Announcements and Updates—**

**“Why Family Bible Class?”**

The Corona Virus has changed the way we were doing a lot of things in education, and churches are no exception. For Graham Street Church we have temporarily stopped doing Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night Bible Classes and the Worship Warrior programs. And like schools, churches are working on plans to get back into classes, but like schools it will have to be different, at least for a while.

The Sunday Night Family Bible Class has been proposed as a way to move back into a holistic approach to the Children’s Bible Classes that could help us begin to accomplish our Bible education and spiritual formation goals while being flexible to adapt to whatever COVID Protocols that are needed can be applied. The Elders have approved the development of this approach and we will begin Sunday Night, September 13 at 5:00 in the Family Center.

**Here are some Questions and Answers that may apply and these will be further discussed at a planning meeting in the Family Center between the two worship services this Sunday, August 23 at 10:15 AM:**

### **1. Why Sunday Night rather than Wednesday Night?**

With the adjustments to the new ways of doing school this year, weekday school nights may be a stressful time for families. It was felt that a Sunday night program would be less stressful on families and better attended. This can be changed later as needed. This also gives us the opportunity to set up Sunday afternoons. This would also be a good time for the adult and teens classes to meet.

### **2. Why in the Family Center?**

The ability to spread out the tables with family units at the tables allows us to apply the distancing standards needed for COVID protocols. It is felt that, as best we can, we need to continue to model approaches similar to those the children are practicing in school to reinforce the current educational environment.

### **3. Why a Family Bible Class?**

The family approach to the class gives us a chance to work on some of our children’s ministry and family ministry goals during a time when we must be flexible anyway.

1. We want to get back to offering a quality Children’s Ministry Education program, but with the restraints and health precautions needed, we would have a shortage of teachers and inadequate classroom space for age divided classes. Grouping the children into a larger gathering spread apart is safer and demands fewer teachers.

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2. The family approach to Bible study not only engages the family as a whole in the Bible education experience, but it also teaches the parents techniques in teaching that will have applications reaching beyond the one hour on Sunday night.
3. It will also give the family a chance to apply the principles of the lessons during the week.
4. This approach also incorporates the help of others like the teens and tweens, moms and dads, grandparents, etc. for short segments of the class, for example in puppets, drama, family application exercises, development of worksheets, songs, short lesson presentations, etc.
5. The Family Bible Class will be a way to apply some principles that we have been developing in the GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) Class, which will not be meeting for a while.
6. This approach can also better incorporate children and house parents from Foster Home and help our church become better at exercising trauma based instructional practices when we go back to a more traditional approach for our classes.
7. This model will also help the development of our “Bible Hour” program during our worship services and prepare age appropriate children for remaining in the auditorium for the entire service.

#### 4. What would it look like? An Example

1. Welcome and Introduction
  - A. Warmup Songs
  - B. Set the Theme from the Bible
  - C. Video Clip of Parable
  - D. Explain principles
2. Family project at the table
3. Puppet skit, drama, testimony, that applies
4. Discuss at tables the application of the project and skit and report answers
5. Family work at table on the quiz questions and memory work. Talk about what the parable means now and for eternity. Use crossword and find the word sheets.
6. Large group time to review the work at the tables
  - A. Q & A round table
  - B. Memory Verse
  - C. “Bible Wheel” Word puzzles, competition by tables, 3 phrases and a crossword puzzle.
7. Puppet Skit or Skit conclusion—Application by Moderator.
8. Takeaways: Using Personal Direction and Technology
9. Closing Theme Song.
10. Closing Prayer



### ➤ NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

**Today, Sunday, 8/23/2020—10:15 a.m. Meeting at the Family Center** for those with questions or interest in the Family Bible Class that will start on Sunday, 9/13/2020, 5:00 p.m.

**Help Celebrate Mildred Buchanan's 90th Birthday (mother of Darla Doty)! Saturday, August 29, 2020, at the Family Center from 2:00 to 3:30.** No gifts, please. Cards would be appreciated!

**"Back to School Bash" August 30, 2020, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the City Park! Meal at 5:00**  
**Details to follow!**

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

**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.

➤ **WiFi Password = john1335**

➤ **Giving Update:**

**Contribution** 08/16/2020 \$9,032 Budget \$11,600 YTD Contribution \$320,995 YTD Budget \$382,800

**Building Fund** \$266,541 (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.)



### ➤ 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; Paul Schulze