



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

August 30, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

“Rooted, Growing, and Reaching”

As I am sure it is for everyone, my plans are not exactly working out on the schedule I had planned. And this is true for the big plans we had for the Graham Street Church in 2020. From the time I moved here and began working with the Elders, we have been working on a 2020 Vision. Sounded catchy, didn't it? We had a pretty solid approach, I thought, based on a pretty simple outline for the mission of the church, to be “Rooted, Growing and Reaching.” Rooted in Christ and His Word. Growing into Christ to become like Christ. Reaching Up to God, In to our church family, and Out to the world. We spent the first year in review of what we know, were, and did. We worked on our roots. We studied God's Story in an overview of the whole Bible, we evaluated our ministries and developed strategies for improvement. The second year we continued to work on our roots as we studied our core beliefs through the “Believe” Bible Study series, but we began to apply greater emphasis on strengthening our focus on maturing the church family. The third year we continued efforts to mature by focusing on reaching out through serving love in mission. We were getting excited about sharing a clear vision forward in 2020. But all things did not go as planned, and major changes had to be made!

We had planned a relaunch of our small group ministry, doing more with family ministry, to have even greater outreach in the community and in mission efforts, and to finish our building remodel with an overflowing capacity Friend's Day! None of this happened as we thought it would in 2020. But maybe it can happen through God's vision for us in ways we didn't plan. COVID has forced us to see the value of small groups meeting in homes, and redirected our attention on family and meeting the needs of our community in a better way than we would have consider if we were not dealing with the virus. Our changes in staffing, ministry leadership, and the demands on shepherding the church family has given rise to better strategic thinking and planning with new leaders stepping out in faith. A worldwide pandemic has made us think beyond ourselves and revise our vision for mission and deepen our commitment and charity to those most in need. Our being forced to figure our new ways to conduct Bible Classes and worship, fellowship with one another, and provide spiritual resources for families, parents, teens and children has deepened the meaning of “Rooted, Growing, and Reaching.” I encourage all our members to pay close attention to how God is helping us use what seems an obstacle to our church mission as an opportunity to accomplish more than we had planned.

David Bearden

Giving Update:

Contribution 08/23/2020 \$11,751 Budget \$11,600 YTD Contribution \$332,746 YTD Budget \$394,400

Building Fund \$266,731 (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.)



Youth Ministry Fall Letter

We are so excited about the things God has planned for our Church Family! We know the last five months have been overwhelmed with all things COVID (can you believe this has been going on for five months here?!).

But we, together as a church family, are pressing on.

Although things have been different, out of the ordinary, and definitely haven't gone as ANY of us planned, we are also presented with enormous opportunity. Opportunities to "do ministry" in new ways. Our prayer is that we do not lament what we missed out on, but rather that we celebrate and embrace the new opportunities that God is giving us.

For our 7th-12th graders in the Graham Street Youth Group (and of course your families, too!), we want you to go to grahamstreetyouth.org to find LOTS of information and resources. We keep info flowing through this website so that everyone has a point of reference regarding the GSYG. Please take some time to explore the site if you haven't yet.

When you go to grahamstreetyouth.org you will find more info on some of the following events, activities and resources:

- *Back to School Sunday (This Sunday, August 30th – back to school blessings during AM worship services AND Back to School Bash from 4-7pm at the Stephenville City Park)*
- *Student Info Form ******This one is super important****** (students and/or parents can fill out the online info form to help us stay current on student info, parent info, contact info, student activities and personal interests)*
- *Info about our GSYG class starting Sunday, September 13th @ 5pm*
- *Sign-up for the Wilsons to take you and your family out for lunch/dinner on Sundays*
- *Prayer request submission*
- *Remind Text info*
- *"Insta-Graham" articles*
- *Study questions and resources*

There are several other things that are in planning stages now that we look forward to sharing with you soon. We can't wait to see and experience the amazing things that God will do on our journey together. We covet the prayers of our entire Graham Street Family as we navigate through our next great adventures. In all that we do, we seek to live, love and serve like Christ—heart, soul, mind, strength.

We are still the Church. God is still in control.

We love you and are praying for each of you.

In His Service,
Wes & Nichole Wilson



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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" TODAY! August 30, 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. at the City Park! Meal at 5:00

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.

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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 - <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>



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, Kenneth Gaines; Patty Jones; Debbie Kitchens; the family of Carol Williams; Don Parker; Paul Schulze; Peggy Glover