



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 6, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

“Labor Day Rest”

To me Labor Day has always been an interesting holiday. It is called Labor Day, but it seemed to be a day of rest, picnics and sales. It does have an interesting history.

The first Labor Day holiday was celebrated on Tuesday, September 5, 1882, in New York City, as planned by the Central Labor Union. By 1894, 23 more states had adopted the holiday, and on June 28, 1894, President Grover Cleveland signed a law making the first Monday in September of each year a national holiday. The celebration activities in the first proposal for the holiday were to have a street parade to show "the strength and esprit de corps of the trade and labor organizations" of the community, followed by a festival for the recreation and amusement of the workers and their families. This became the pattern for the celebrations of Labor Day.

When I look at it from this historical perspective, Rev. 14:13 comes to mind: *Then I heard a voice from heaven say, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Yes," says the Spirit, "they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them."* We look forward to celebrating in heaven with our fellow workers saved by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8-9), who have shown their love and appreciation for God's grace in Christ by doing the work that God has predestined as the church's mission: *"For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do"* (Eph. 2:10).

This Labor Day, I will be celebrating the church workers who have continued to serve the needy of our community during this 2020 pandemic. I will celebrate our frontline medical workers, our teachers and school staff workers, and public servants who have taken care of us. I will be praying for those who are ill, and for those who have lost loved ones, and lost jobs and wages. I will pray for those worried about the future and for our leaders who make decisions for that future. This year's Labor Day will be different; may God make it a day of rest for our bodies, hearts, minds and souls. As we continue to, "Love the Lord our God with all our heart and with all our soul and with all our mind and with all our strength; and love our neighbors as ourselves" (Mark 12:30-31).

David Bearden

Giving Update:

Contribution 08/30/2020 \$6,967 YTD Contribution \$339,713

Building Fund \$266,831 (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

➡ **Next Sunday Sept. 13**, David will meet with the Family Bible Class planning team in the Family Center between the two morning services from **10:20 to 10:40** to review plans for the FBC that evening. **Parents of pre-school and elementary children are welcome to attend and listen in on the review planning session and join in prayer for the class.** If this proves beneficial to the development of the Sunday night Family Bible class, we will have this meeting every Sunday.



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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 Class in the auditorium, Family Class in the Family Center, Teen Class in Room 109.

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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 on Monday, 7/14/2020) <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> or <https://grahamstreetchurch.com/small-group-materials>

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; Don Parker; Paul Schulze; Peggy Glover; Paula Busby is now at Lola's Place, recovering from her surgery & doing well