



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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September 20, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

Years ago, early in my ministry, somewhere around 1979, I begin writing a weekly bulletin article that I called Db's Dabblings, usually appearing on the front of the bulletin. The name carried the idea that in order to convey the things I wanted to share with the church as updates in our ministry and areas where I felt I needed to point my teaching would be all over the place depending on the need that particular week, but it would be a small touching on the topic that could not be developed fully due to the limited space of the article. Well, this article is going to do some "dabbling."

First, I briefly refer to the Elders announcement about the resignation of Mike Hughes and Mike Lively. I encourage your respect for the position of leadership and the men and their families involved. Continue to pray for both men, love and support them; and I say the same for the remaining Elders. They all need our encouragement! (1 Thes. 5:12-13; Heb. 13:7,17)

The Announcement from Our Shepherds:

On Sunday September 13, 2020, the elders made the following announcement at both worship services:

"It is with heavy hearts that we announce the resignation of Mike Hughes and Mike Lively as Elders of the Graham Street Church of Christ. The Graham Street Church of Christ Eldership appreciates the service of Mike Hughes and Mike Lively as Elders to this church family, and we will continue to be in prayer for Mike, Lynn Anne, and the Hughes family and Mike, Cindy, and the Lively family going forward."

If you have any questions, please contact any of the following Elders:

Jim Holt

Hughbert Collier

David Copeland

Mike Dacus

Rusty Rose

Second, I think our Bible classes got off to a good start Sunday night! I hear positive comments about all three. I know all of us who were involved in the preparation and presentation of the classes worked and prayed hard, and I think it showed. I want to thank Hughbert and Wes for their classes. And I know Mike Dacus is working hard on his prep for the class he will teach when Hughbert finishes Acts. I also want to thank all the people who helped me with the Family Bible Class – Andy, Megan, Nichole, Vicki, Whitney O, Taylor, and all the parents who..... (Continued on Page 2)



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were teaching their children at the tables. Several have stepped forward to help. We will make adjustments for improvement, but it was a good start! One of the areas I want to develop is involving the older children in helping teach. So, parents let's work on that!

Third, I would ask for your prayers in my role as the "Lead Minister" in this church and for some special things I am working on next week. One of the things I concluded early in my study of the role of the "Preacher" in the local church, is that it is a combination of several roles. Some of those roles are by Biblical design, and some are imposed by the cultural development of the church in our modern American perspective of what is included in his responsibilities. The "evangelist" and "pastor-teacher" of the early Church seemed to be a combination of the Old Testament "Priest" and "Prophet." As priest, we are to lead the people of God in understanding the Word of God and its application to the worship and daily practice God intended. As a prophet, he was often called by God to take God's Word to a people who were not living in the culture of obedience to God, sometimes the prophet's own people, sometimes a completely foreign people, and preach repentance and change. The American church culture has preferred their preachers to be priests more than for them to be prophets. In the world of COVID and division in our nation, God is making it very clear he is calling his Preaching Ministers to be both. We are called to the priestly role to minister to His people in the local church, but God is also calling us to preach the Word of God as prophets with a message of repentance and change in a culture that is becoming less Christian.

In the next two weeks I see myself with several opportunities to practice both roles. I specifically need your prayers for two things that are pressing upon me. I have the opportunity to participate in a community wide virtual "Eldercare Conference" (taking care of our senior citizens) hosted by TSU and Texas Health, with a presentation on "Faith-Based Resources for Caregivers." The second is to offer two classes in our building on "A Responsible Christian Voter" (not about how to vote, but how to be a voter of Christ-like character). I must finish my research, writing and recording for the Eldercare Conference by Sept 25 for the conference Oct. 24. I will be presenting my lessons on voting on Wednesday nights Sept. 23 and 30. I have a lot of work yet to do.

Thank you for being a great church family over the last six months of craziness. We don't really know what the next six months will look like! But you are a special group of people called by God to a special time in our history to do special Kingdom work. I am honored that God called me to be on this journey with you!

David Bearden



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Bible Classes TONIGHT!

5:00 p.m. Adult Class in the auditorium, Family Class in the Family Center, Teen Class in Room 109.

The Family Bible Class is for children through 6th Grade and their parents. We would like the 4th-6th Graders to be a part of the teaching process. If you parents would like to have your child

(4th-6th Grader) be a “teacher’s aid” during FBC **please send David an email**

(david@grahamstreetchurch.com) stating you give your approval for (child’s name) to be a teacher’s aid in FBC and that you will help them prepare for their role and help enforce COVID safety requirements while they are serving.

“A Responsible Christian Voter” A Wednesday night class taught by David Bearden

September 23rd and 30th at 6:30 PM

In the Family Center

It is not a class to tell you how to vote, but a class to help you to be engaged in our political process with Christ-like character.

Night of 100 Casseroles, Thursday, 9/24/2020. Drop off your casserole at the Family Center between 4:00 and 4:45. 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!

Starting Sunday, September 20—Wes & Nichole will be in Room 109 from 10:15 to 10:35 for a come & go time of prayer, encouragement & updates. This is available for all our students and parents in our Youth and Family Ministries.

Everyone is invited to lunch on Sunday, September 27th @ 12:00pm!

We will have hotdogs, chips, and cookies in the **Family Center parking lot.**

Bring your chairs and your appetites!

Wednesday, October 7, we will begin our **Monthly Youth Open House from 6:30 to 8:00** in the **Family Center.** This will be a time for 5th through 12th graders to come hangout, fellowship, pray, do homework, and have some treats. There will not be a meal but snacks will be available. Let Wes know if you would like to come as a volunteer.

Duracells Picnic for all Church Members—Updated date & location! **Saturday, October 17,** 12:00 p.m. at Darleen & Ronnie Hearne’s home (3310 County Road 255)—Duracell members are requested to be bring a dessert —everyone please come—prizes will be given—**everyone bring your chairs, your favorite beverage** & be ready to visit, fellowship, have fun & eat, weather permitting (water to drink will be furnished.)



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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> 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: If you haven't yet, please go to grahamstreetyouth.org to fill out the Student Info Form. This allows us to have current info for students & parents, as well as what activities students are involved in this school year.

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>



Baby Shower!

Please mark your calendars for the Baby Shower honoring **Emily Kribbs Pylant**.

Sunday October 11, 2020, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. at the home of Cindy Lively
(860 E Hwy 8, Stephenville)

Emily is registered at Buy Buy Baby & Amazon. Emily is having a boy,
Caden Marcus Pylant.

➤ Giving Update

Thank you for your continued support of the work at the Graham Street Church of Christ. The Finance Committee is continually monitoring the expenses and available funds of the church. Overall, the general fund expenses are down due to many reduced / canceled events. As of August 23rd, the Year-to-Date Expenses were \$349,133 compared to a Year-to-Date Contribution of \$327,699 (deficit of about \$21,500). We are working to publish a revised budget for the congregation. Please let Jim Holt, Mike Robinson, or Chad Gilley know if you have any questions.

Contribution 09/13/2020 8,473 YTD Contribution \$ 359,526

Building Fund \$268,986 (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.)



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Doug Gassett (who is home now); Denise Powell, Kenneth Gaines, Paula Busby (is now at Lola's place & is doing well in her recovery), Paula Oliver, Micaela Moore, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle, Mike DeMott, Tabitha McClellan, James Young, Kenneth Gaines; Patty Jones; Debbie Kitchens; Peggy Glover; prayers for the family of Dave Smith, former member & houseparent at Foster's Home, that recently passed away; Jerry Lindley; Pam Clayton has a procedure scheduled 9/30; Lonnie Jenschke is home & doing well from a recent procedure; Jane Stone, mother of Laurie Gillispie