



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**September 27, 2020 Sunday**

**Bulletin Announcements and Updates—**

**“Adjust and Try Again”**

I love football season, and I hope the college teams will be able to complete it, and you know what I mean! When I was playing high school football, I had two coaches with very different approaches, with distinct styles and attitudes. One had been at our school for years and was also a principal. He had a firm hand on the reigns of his program and was nearing the end of his coaching career. The other was new, but he had previously coached very successfully at another school. He felt the need to prove himself at this new school and was very intense and impatient and often angry with his players. The former coach was a patient teacher of the game. He enjoyed trying new approaches, but he never wavered in the basics of the foundational elements of blocking, tackling, hustle, strategy, and team spirit. The later coach was convinced the offense and defense he had used at his last school would work here and held to it exactly as he had done it before. The former coach, under whom I learned more than the other, had a philosophy to “adjust and try again.” The other coach had a philosophy to “keep trying til you get it right.” Now there is a place for both, sometimes we fail because we give up on an approach too soon when with practice it would have worked. But there is also a place for making adjustments in how we are doing things and trying it a little differently the next time. But in both approaches, there are fundamentals that must stay in place to be successful.

I feel we have had a similar experience at the Graham Street Church in 2020. The fundamental foundational elements of being a church of the Body of Christ stays the same. The core teaching of the Gospel, the importance of loving fellowship and service, the continued devotion to worship and prayer have not changed. But we have also experienced the clash of “keep trying it til you get it right” with “adjust and try again.” There are some things that we have just had to do differently. We still worshipped, had Bible classes, served the needy, reached out to the lost, and provided shepherding to the weak and hurting. But in all of these we found trying to do it the way we have always done it was not going to reach our goals. So, we made adjustments and kept trying!

We would love to get back to one service where we can all come together in close contact to worship together Sunday mornings, but for now we need to keep making healthy adjustments to our meetings especially as flu season approaches while we are still dealing with the very serious Corona Virus. We have to continue to find the best ways to serve our community realizing that some of our old methods are not going to work right now, but the need is greater than ever. We need to still keep track of our church family and encourage and love one another, ...

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### Adjust & Try Again Continued

but we will have to continue to adjust our methods. We must continue to study God's Word and pray together, but we must adjust to using different tools God has provided to be successful. We must continue to give generously and spend wisely, but we have to adjust our goals and approaches to be effective stewards of our resources.

Of the two coaches, I enjoyed one more than the other and learned more about playing the game and living a better life. One coach frustrated me because he was frustrated that even with our efforts to try and try again harder we couldn't make it work, but we kept trying the same failing efforts and got the same results and more frustrated. The other coach taught me to love the strategy of adjusting and trying again, and I guess that's why I still love the third quarter (if you talk football strategy at half time you know what I mean!) I wish we had all of this strangeness behind us, but I think the third quarter may be ahead of us. Let's adjust and keep trying. We know we are going to win because the Lord is on our side!

David Bearden

➡ **"A Responsible Christian Voter"** A Wednesday night class taught by David Bearden

September 30<sup>th</sup> 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.

If you are unable to attend in person, David Bearden is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: David Bearden's Zoom Meeting

Time: Sep 30, 2020 06:30 PM Central Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/75012748873?pwd=RC90N1Nha2pINkJoMEJud0VZTVdHQQT09>

Meeting ID: 750 1274 8873

Passcode: 3FgEub

➡ **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](http://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>



### 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 6<sup>th</sup> Grade and their parents. We would like the 4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Graders to be a part of the teaching process. If you parents would like to have your child (4<sup>th</sup>-6<sup>th</sup> Grader) be a “teacher’s aid” during FBC **please send David an email** ([david@grahamstreetchurch.com](mailto: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.

**Today, Sunday, September 27**—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.

**Today, Sunday, September 27**—there will be a short meeting of the leaders of the Sunday Night Family Bible Class between the two Sunday morning services in the Family Center at 10:20 to 10:40 in preparation for class.

#### **Everyone is invited to lunch TODAY, 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.

**Foster’s Home Golf Tournament, Friday, October 9**, Squaw Valley Golf Course, 2439 E. Hwy 67, Glen Rose, TX, 8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble.

**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 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.)



➡ WiFi Password = john1335

➡ 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

Will start again 7:00 pm on Monday, October 5, 2020 - During the month of October, the Grill will feature the Elders and their wives <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>

➡ Giving Update

The Finance Committee has developed a revised 2020 budget that reflects a weekly budget of \$9700 that was approved by the elders on 23-Sept-20 (see the status below). We are working to coordinate the budget with the respective ministry leaders & associated deacons, and plan to publish the revised budget soon. Please let Jim Holt, Mike Robinson, or Chad Gilley know if you have any questions.

Thank you for your continued financial support of the work at the Graham Street Church of Christ. You are to be commended for providing our ministries with sufficient funds to continue the work that has been possible during these conditions that no one could have anticipated. Going forward through the rest of 2020, we ask that you continue to give as you have been prospered. If you have been negatively affected by the harsh economic effects of this pandemic, please let one of the elders or ministers know how we can help you.

**Contribution** 09/20/2020 \$9,122 Budget: \$9,700 YTD Contribution \$ 365,648 YTD Budget: \$368,600

**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.)



### 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.

➡ **REJOICE!** Chloe Territo was baptized on Tuesday evening. To send her well wishes and convey your happiness at her response, her mailing address is: 3350 County Road 408, Stephenville, TX 76401.



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Doug Gassett; Denise Powell; Kenneth Gaines, Paula Busby (is now at Lola's place), Paula Oliver, Micaela Moore, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle who has continuing health problems, 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; prayers for the family of Jane Stone, who passed away this past week (mother of Laurie Gillispie); Brian Combs, houseparent at Foster's Home; Steve & Ginger Ham request prayers for their family. Their daughter-in-law's brother (who is also the best friend of their son), took his own life. Please keep all of the Ham family in your prayers.

➡ **40 Days for Life-Fall 2020 begins Wednesday, Sept. 23 through Sunday, Nov. 1.** For 40 Days people around the world will join in prayer, fasting and peaceful vigil to end abortion where we live. This fall, 588 cities have registered groups covering 12-24 hours daily for 40 days, 63 nations have participated. Last year, Stephenville had its first 40DFL campaign, but does not have a registered site this fall. Some who prayed during the fall last year will still gather at the courthouse daily (40 days) to pray for the unborn, to pray for post-abortive mothers & fathers and the many workers where abortions happen. During election days, the site moves from the square to the courthouse annex across the street.