



GRAHAM STREET

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October 4, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

Dear Church Family,

There's a lot of exciting things going on! It's great to be together on Sundays! We had a great "hot dog cookout" Sunday! We have another outdoor fellowship coming up Oct. 17 hosted by the Parkers and Duracells at the Hearn's. We had another great "Night of 100 Casseroles" last week (actually it is way over 100 now!). Our Sunday Night Bible Classes (Adults Acts Study in auditorium, Teens in Room 109 and Family Bible Class in the Family Center studying the Parables) are off to a good start. My class, "A Responsible Christian Voter" did not turn out as well as I had hoped due to some technical glitches, but I am going to record both classes with the slides and put the videos up on the website soon. We have the whole set of small group Bible study lesson videos and study guides on "First Things First" up now, and we will start working on a new study of the parables this month. Wes and Taylor have lots of stuff going on with their ministries, check out their websites for more information. And the Grill starts back Monday Night with an Elder and Wife Couple featured each week. Check it out and get to know them better. But in all the great things that are going on, the Corona Virus is still very serious, and our Elders want us to continue to move forward carefully and sent the letter to the church this week that you will find on page two. Keep praying.

Prayerfully yours,

David

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>



Letter from the Elders

From The Elders

The past several months have been strange and trying for all of us. We are thankful to God that very few members have contracted the virus, but we recognize that the pandemic has created difficulties for many of us in other ways. Livelihoods have been impacted; jobs and daily living have become more stressful for many of us. At the time when we need to be with each other the most, we have had the fewest opportunities to do so. The elders and ministers are working to restore more of our corporate gatherings, while being cognizant that COVID is still with us and is a health threat. We understand that within the congregation there is a wide range of opinions as to how best to respond to the virus. Please be assured that weekly we are prayerfully reevaluating what is the best/safest format for worship services and classes that will allow many of our higher risk members to be included while feeling reasonably safe. We continue to believe that for the time being the best format is two services on Sunday morning with the balcony closed off and classes on Sunday night. However, we fully understand if you still feel you need to shelter at home. We urge you to do what is best for you and your family. In the meantime, continue to worship and serve in the safest manner available to you.

We will continue to provide online resources and communicate by email, the church websites and the telephone. Our ministers have done a good job providing these resources and we appreciate all their efforts. In addition, members have continued to serve in all of our existing ministries and keep them going. May God be glorified as we all continue to minister to each other and to our community as He gives us opportunities. Graham Street truly continues to be a Church Without Walls!

Please contact any of us if you have questions/concerns/suggestions.

Jim Holt

Rusty Rose

David Copeland

Hughbert Collier

Mike Dacus



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.

Today, Sunday, October 4th—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, October 4th—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.

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.

Use of Family Center: Beginning Thursday, October 8, 2020 and continuing through Election Day, November 3, 2020, the Family Center will be in use as an Early Voting Location. The Erath County Elections Coordinator will be working with us so we are able to continue our regular Sunday activities, Sunday evening Family Bible Class, Celebrate Recovery, Basic Needs and Night of 100 Casseroles. All other use of the Family Center is restricted during this time.

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 09/27/2020 \$8,421 Budget: \$9,700 YTD Contribution \$ 377,069 YTD Budget: \$378,300

Building Fund \$269,486 (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. Current balance = \$54,309)



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 last week. 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; Bobbie Peterson; Pam Clayton ; prayers for the family of Jane Stone, who passed away (mother of Laurie Gillispie); Brian Combs, houseparent at Foster's Home; Steve & Ginger Ham request prayers for their family.

➡ **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.

➡ Basic Needs Totals for September:

Seniors 105 Families Served 73 New Clients 9 Total Served: 277