



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 18, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

Developing Leaders

Tragedy struck the Dallas Cowboys Sunday as their leader and superstar quarterback, Dak Prescott, went down with a horrific ankle injury. He had surgery that very night and his prognosis is good, but he will probably not be able to play again this season. The injury was painful and destructive to Dak, and both he and the team were dramatically impacted emotionally. But the Dallas management knew that injuries are part of football and it could happen to anyone, even your star quarterback, like it also did in the same game to Trysten Hill, a defensive tackle, and they were prepared with a backup in both positions on their roster. In fact, they had brought in a veteran all-pro quarterback in Andy Dalton (former TCU and Cincinnati Bengal), just in case. Dalton came in and led the offense to a win.

Making sure there is someone to step in to do the job in every position should the first stringer need help or to be replaced is good leadership. Successful teams must not only coach the players on the field, but they must also prepare the players who are not on the field to come in and do their jobs effectively when needed. Church leadership has a similar responsibility according to Eph. 4:11-16. It is the leaders responsibility to prepare the members for works of service so that each member will be able to do their part for the successful completion of their role in the works of service God has planned for the Church (Eph. 2:10; 4:16). This is crucial for the building up of the Body of Christ to spiritual maturity and in love to be like Christ in the world (Eph. 1:22-23; 4:11-16). In fact, the Lord has built into His design for the Church a system of constantly developing the next generation of leaders by making it the responsibility of leaders to be training the next leaders.

Jesus was doing this with the Apostles (Mark 3:13-19). Paul was doing this with Timothy and Titus (2 Tim. 2:1-2; Tit. 1:5; 2:15). The Elders were doing with Deacons (1 Tim. 3; 1 Pet. 5); and even the older men with younger men, and older women with younger women (1 Tim. 5; Tit. 2). Many churches have suffered from the loss of great superstar leaders with no one to fill their shoes. Every ministry leader should be training the next generation of leaders for that ministry. If you don't, the ministry will become less effective, or even die when the current leadership ends.

What does it take to have this kind of consistent leadership in the church generation after generation? Here are some key factors: (Continued on Page 2)



Developing Leaders Continued

- 1) **Intentionality** – make training leaders part of the mission, planning and goals for the success of the ministry.
- 2) **Selection** – prayerfully pick people to train who have character, spiritual maturity, giftedness, and a desire to serve.
- 3) **Willing Volunteers** – members willing to step up and learn and serve
- 4) **Invest Time with them** – leaders cannot be trained by reading a book. Look at what Jesus was doing in His training program Mark 3:13-15. He specifically picked some young men he could spend time with to show them how to do ministry, so he could send them out to do ministry themselves.
- 5) **Develop their gifts** – help them discover and develop their gifts to be applied to the Lord's work.
- 6) **Send them** – give them assignments to do with the leaders and then let them go do it on their own, being always available to advise, encourage, help, but allowing them to lead. Commission them and let them go.

(To read more about this approach to leadership development you may want to read these books:

Discipleship and The Master Plan of Evangelism)

David Bearden

Basic Needs Totals for September:

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

Giving Update

Contribution 10/11/2020 \$10,495 Budget: \$9,700 YTD Contribution \$ 398,113 YTD Budget: \$ 397,700

Building Fund \$270,951 (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.)

Mark your calendars! The Community Christmas Dinner will be held on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. It will be an event similar to Nights of 100 Casseroles and be a drive-through for people wanting to have a Christmas dinner provided by Graham Street Church of Christ. More details will be provided as we get closer to the scheduled date.

Fall Back— End of Daylight Savings Time is Coming—Sunday, November 1st



Coming Soon! Graham Street Church of Christ will participate in the Safe Trick or Treat on 10/29/2020 from 4:00 to 7:00. Details soon!



➡ **WiFi Password = john1335**

➡ **Rejoice!** Recently baptized: **Maggie, Jayden & Tyler Hill**. If you want to send a card their mailing address: 1122 Elk Ridge Drive, Stephenville, TX 76401
Or send an email to: maggiefeurtado@yahoo.com

➡ **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 18th—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.

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.

October 25, 2020, 3:30 p.m. Graham Street Family Outing at Lone Star Farms—\$4.00 a person (under 2 gets in free). Register to attend at: <https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org/> by October 21. Payment can be given to Wes or brought by the Church Office. **The Adult Class will still meet in the auditorium at 5:00.**

Night of 100 Casseroles, Thursday, 10/29/2020. 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!



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Doug Gasset; 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; Patty Jones; Debbie Kitchens; Peggy Glover; Jerry Lindley, recently had surgery; Pam Clayton; Brian Combs, houseparent at Foster's Home; Steve & Ginger Ham request prayers for their family; Bobby Tate; former member Melanie Hart, who's father passed away this week. Gloria Scott's husband, William, who has been in ICU this week. Brad & Shirley Fry (they both have been diagnosed with COVID-19—he has been preacher at Tolar Church of Christ.)

➤ **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>

➤ 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

Monday, October 19, 2020 7:00 p.m. - 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>

Basic Needs is accepting donations again. (fyi) Large items for the garage sale in Nov will be accepted at the Family Center on Nov 10th and 11th. **The Holiday Garage Sale is Nov 12th-14th.** Other donations may be brought to Basic Needs on Monday and Tuesday (10:00 to 3:00). Thurs day(after 1:00).