



GRAHAM STREET

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October 25, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

Moving Forward

Based on the interest of several members about starting Bible Classes on Sunday mornings and small groups on Sunday nights, the Elders have asked me to work with an education team that would include Mike Dacus, Hughbert Collier, and Jim Holt, the Elders of Adult Education and Student Ministries; Wes Wilson, Youth and Family Minister; Andy Brewer, Deacon of Children's Ministry; Megan Becker, Coordinator of Children's Ministry Events; and others, to develop a plan to begin soon. We can adjust the time of the two Sunday morning services slightly to allow more time for Bible classes between the services, beginning the first service at 8:30, Bible classes at 10:00, and second service at 11:00. We could basically move what we are doing on Sunday nights right now (the adult class, the teens class, and a large group class for kids) to Sunday morning. However, we need to consider some adjustments in our children's program. The two most recent approaches are:

We could continue to use the Family Bible Class we are using on Sunday night as an offering on Sunday morning. While this approach works fairly well when the parents are in the teaching process with their children together as a family, it has some limitations if the parents are not able to be with their children, and even if they are, the curriculum is too advanced for the very young (babies through toddlers) and not advanced enough for the older children (for example 5th and 6th graders). So even if we continue the Family Bible Class as it is, we need to add some classes for the younger and older children. So, we would need some more teachers and helpers.

Another approach to the Children's Ministry classes, is to use the class divisions that we used before COVID, which would be cradle roll, toddlers, 3-4yo, PK-K, 1st-2nd, 3rd-4th, 5th-6th grades. So again, we need more teachers, but this would help us cover every age and deal with situations where parents are not able to attend class with their children.

So, depending on our ability to staff the children's classes and develop curriculum, we may end up with a hybrid using the benefits of both approaches. We need to know what will best help your family and where you are willing to help. If you click on the following link it will connect you to a Google Form where you can give us this information and help us develop the best plan for returning to Sunday morning classes. https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RluBblwaj16asKdPA8uc7QMTFL-C-Kv81eI96gvUS_k/edit?gxids=7757

We also want to return to the use of small groups on Sunday afternoons and evenings. We would like to know what current small groups will continue, who would like to join a group, who would like to start new groups, and who is willing to lead. You will also find on the link above a place to give us information needed for the improvement of our small group ministry.

Please understand that even though we are moving forward with adding these ministries to what we are offering our Church Family and the community, we must be flexible to maintain health safety. God has been so gracious to us in minimizing the cases of COVID in our church,



Moving Forward Continued

but we are aware that this is a very dangerous virus and the cases are on the rise as we are entering flu season, so we must do our part to be careful to keep people safe, especially those who have underlying health risks. We ask for your cooperation in honoring any protocols that need to be put in place in conducting classes and small groups, if not for yourself, for your brothers and sisters at risk.

David Bearden

➤ Basic Needs Totals for September:

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

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). Thursday (after 1:00).

➤ Giving Update

Contribution 10/18/2020 \$9,462 Budget: \$9,700 YTD Contribution \$ 407,575 YTD Budget: \$ 407,400

Building Fund \$271,701 (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

Be sure to see the thank you card from **Bobbie Pederson** posted on the hall bulletin board.

➤ **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>

➤ **Youth Open House—Wednesday, November 4th, 6:30 to 8:30 Family Center.**

(For 5th—12th Graders)

➤ **WiFi Password = john1335**



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday Bible Class TONIGHT 5:00 p.m.!

Adult Class in the auditorium. (Family Class and Teen Class meeting at Lone Star Farms.)

TODAY! October 25, 2020, 3:30 p.m. Graham Street Family Outing at Lone Star Farms—Meet at the Farm about 3:20 s we can all enter together at 3:30. We will have pizza & water at the Farm at 5:00 p.m. (*We currently have filled all our ticket spots, but talk to Wes if you are still interested in coming.*)

The Adult Class will still meet in the auditorium at 5:00.

Night of 100 Casseroles, Thursday, 10/29/2020. We are a less than a week from Night of 100 Casseroles. The decision was made to keep it the same night as the community Safe Trick or Treat because it would be a great outreach extension to send families over to pick up a casserole on their way home from the square's event. That being said...we are going to need a lot of casseroles!

Please consider making several casseroles to help us out! Casseroles may be dropped off at Northcutt Law Offices all day on Thursday, Oct. 29 or at the Family Center parking lot from 4-5. We will begin passing out casseroles at 5. If you would like to donate \$, get it to Le or Deborah but we really need some casseroles already made up and ready to go (frozen, refrigerated, or hot are okay).

We will also be cooking casseroles this Saturday in preparation and the Wednesday night before as well. We can always use volunteers to help us cook or hand out the casseroles. See Le or Deborah to volunteer or to arrange to drop off your casserole! **Remember that voting is going on in the Family Center so you will have to arrange a time to drop the casserole by.**

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 26, 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/>

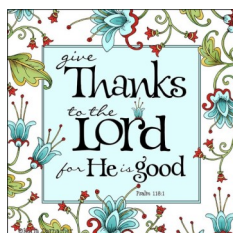
Study materials on website: <https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com/house-church> or

<https://grahamstreetchurch.com/small-group-materials>

Chronological Bible Reading: <https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.html>



Charles Williams; Ronnie Moring; Doug Gassett; Denise Powell; Paula Busby; 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; Pam Clayton; Brian Combs, houseparent at Foster's Home; Steve & Ginger Ham request prayers for their family; Bobby Tate; Brad & Shirley Fry (they both have been diagnosed with COVID-19—he has been preacher at Tolar Church of Christ); The family of former member, Helen Hampton, who passed away last week; The family of Kenneth Gaines who passed away on Wednesday. Visitation is Saturday, 10/24/2020 from 6:00 to 8:00 at Stephenville Funeral Home. Services are at 2:00 Sunday afternoon at Stephenville Funeral Home



Duracells Thanksgiving Gathering, Tuesday, November 10th, 5:30 p.m. at Bob & Darla Doty's home



We will be handing out treats and have a "Fall Picture Scene" for photos. Two ways you can help:

- 1). Bring some treats to hand out (candy is fine, but we would also like pencils, small toys, etc.)
- 2). Help us pass out Treats on Thursday!



David Bearden is one of the guest speakers. This is a virtual conference that will be held Saturday, 10/24/20 from 8:00 to 5:00. The link to sign up & attend is below:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/eldercare-conference-tickets-95450293397>