



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**December 13, 2020 Sunday**

**Bulletin Announcements and Updates—**

**“What We Have Learned from COVID”**

This is the beginning of a series of articles on, “What We Have Learned from COVID.” It will be a series because there are several things we have learned and continue to learn. The first thing I would like to focus on in this learning process is the need to move forward. While COVID is very serious, even deadly, we must cautiously plan ahead with flexibility and concern for those who are most vulnerable to this highly contagious virus. With this in mind, let me mention a few things we have continued to do and will plan to do in the New Year.

We have continued to teach the Word of God at the building, in homes, and virtually. We will continue to distribute food and clothing and other basic needs. We have continued to offer fellowship, support, counseling, and prayer for those dealing with anxiety and depression. We have continued to offer opportunities for group activities and worship, while trying to do so with attention given to COVID safety protocols.

We have made some exciting plans for next year. We are planning a New Year’s joint worship service on Sunday night January 3 (as well as showing more Family Parable videos that evening). We will go to an alternate schedule for worship services and Family Bible Classes at the building concurrently on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights (starting Jan. 10); and small groups on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sundays (starting Jan 17<sup>th</sup>). Our small groups will include a group that meets at the building. We will also have a 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Singing Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>.

We have set Sunday morning, January 24, to return to Bible Classes for all ages between the two Sunday morning worship services. The first service will have a new start time at 8:30, Bible Classes will start at 9:45, and the second worship service will start at 11:00. We will also renew our efforts to offer more fellowship activities and events for our students in addition to their Sunday morning Bible classes.

As for specific plans in my teaching and preaching ministry, I will be offering a Wednesday night Bible Class on “Knowing Christ from the Old Testament” starting Jan. 13. I plan to offer this as an in-person class, and also virtually for those who would like to attend but are unable to attend in person. I will also be resuming our GPS class Sunday morning Jan. 24 focusing on helping parents deal with their child’s faith challenges with the help of the church family. I am also planning on preaching a series of lessons on “Worship” to begin in February to help us prepare for when we can all get back together in one worship service. I will be developing discussion guides on this material to be used in small groups. In our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday night worship services, we will focus on singing with a Bible lesson focused a particular song we are working on, for example Jan. 10 we will focus on “Awesome God.”

David Bearden



## UPCOMING DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

**Sunday, 12/13/2020— Tonight! Youth Christmas Get-Together (Adult Bible Class & Family Bible Class will meet)**

**Sunday, 12/20/2020—No Family Bible Class or Teen Class at 5:00 (Adults meet for 5:00 class in Auditorium)**

**Sunday, 12/27/2020—No evening Bible Classes**

**Sunday, 01/03/2021—Special Sunday Night Worship Service for everyone (5:00 p.m. in auditorium)**

## Giving Update

**Contribution 12/06/2020 \$9661/ Budget: \$9,700/ YTD Contribution \$ 470,735/ YTD Budget: \$475,300 Building Fund \$275,811 (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.)**

## Basic Needs Totals for November:

**Seniors 125 Families Served 86 Individuals 288 New Families 8**

**Total amount made from Garage Sale = \$5,400.00**

## NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

**Youth Group Christmas Get-Together—Sunday, December 13 tonight** at the home of Ronnie & Darlene Hearne (Mark your calendars— **4:00 to 6:30!**)

**Graham Street Grill: Live Q & A Bible Study and Church Member Interviews**

**On pause—will start back up in the New Year!**

<https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/>

**We need 12 Christmas Food Boxes** to give away at the Community Christmas Dinner. If your Small Group can provide one or more, please let Deborah Swanson or Le Jones know by end of day today (Sunday, 12/13/2020.) Remember, this Christmas Dinner will be a drive-through, similar to how we conduct the Night of 100 Casseroles, so the box will need to be small enough to pass through a car window.

**If you would like to help with the Community Christmas Dinner**, but you feel you need to be cautious due to COVID-19, please consider baking cookies and bringing to the Family Center by Tuesday, December 15. This could be a great project to do with your entire family. We look forward to your help in providing the dessert for this annual event.

**Congratulations to all December 2020 Tarleton graduates**, including **Grace Herrod, Morgan Montgomery,** and **Ryli Pruitt**, who have each been involved in the Texans for Christ ministry during their time at Tarleton.



➤ **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>

➤ **Members of our congregation are eligible to participate in the Church Audit Classes Program at Harding School of Theology.** You may audit select courses for only \$50. Spring 2021 courses include:

Ethics and Character Formation: Dr. Mark E. Powell (Tuesdays, 6-8:45 pm, Jan. 12 – May 4)

The Book of Revelation: Dr. Richard E. Oster, Jr. (Thursdays, 6-8:45 pm, Jan. 14 – May 6)

You may attend class live online via Zoom or you may watch the recordings later if you prefer. For more information or to register, visit [hst.edu/church](http://hst.edu/church) or call the HST Admissions Office at 901-432-7750.

### ➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

**Sunday Bible Classes TONIGHT 5:00 p.m.!**

**Adult Class in the auditorium, Family Class in the Family Center, Teen Class in Room 109.**

**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>**

**“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>**

**Please see the new Thank You Cards from Barbara & Ray Sissom, and Peggy Glover on the hall Bulletin Board.**



Charles Williams; Courtney Clayton; Fred Alvord; Mike Hughes; Perry Elliott; 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; Debbie Kitchens; Peggy Glover; Jerry Lindley; Pam Clayton; Billy Powell; Steve & Ginger Ham request prayers for their family; Bobby Tate; Bruce Caraway; The family of Greg Moon, son of Barbara Sissom, who recently passed away; The family of Myrtle Steele, mother of Al Steele, who recently passed away.



**The Community Christmas Dinner** will be held on **Wednesday, December 16, 2020, from 4:00 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. Prep will be from December 12—16. Meals will also be delivered to people who cannot come by the Family Center. Servant's Supper, for those who help prepare the meal, will be on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at 6:30 p.m.

*Mark your calendars!*

**Graham Street Youth Group  
Christmas Celebration**

**Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>  
4:30-6:30pm**

**At the home of Ronnie & Darleen Hearne**

**MORE INFO SOON**