



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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December 20, 2020 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

“What We Have Learned from COVID”

Before I continue my series of articles on “What We Have Learned from COVID,” let me first say a big thank you to all of you who helped make the Community Christmas Dinner a success this year – nearly 1100 meals were distributed by drive through and delivery in the name of Jesus!

2. You Cannot Over Communicate

Communicate, communicate, communicate; and because things are constantly changing, constantly update your communication. So here’s an example:

Plans for Restarting Classes on Sunday Mornings

We plan to restart Bible Classes on Sunday Mornings January 24, 2021. We will still be offering two worship services, but the start times will be adjusted to allow an hour for Bible Classes between the two worship services. The proposed schedule is:

8:30 for First Service; 9:45 for Bible Classes; 11:00 for Second Service.

We are planning a Lunch Meeting after second service Jan. 10 to evaluate start conditions and to deal with more details. (RSVP [Calendar - Graham Street Church of Christ- Faithlife](#) - an email invitation will be sent).

When we restart our Sunday Morning Bible Classes, we will offer classes for all ages Cradle Roll through Adults. The Adult classes will include a Bible text study (1 & 2 Peter taught by Mike Dacus) and the GPS Class (“Building a Healthy Faith Community” taught by David Bearden).

The Student Ministry Bible Classes will be divided as follows (with a list of teachers who have expressed a desire to teach – we are still looking for more teachers, helpers, and volunteers for check-in as we plan on implementing COVID protocols as part of the check-in process):

Cradle Roll (to 18 mo)	Margie Copeland and Krysten Russell (helpers)
Toddlers (18 mo - 3 yo)	Cathey Alvord (and helpers)
3 & 4 yo	Lisa Rose, Whitney Oliver (and helpers Jessie Holt)



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PK-K	Darla Doty, Darlene Hearne, (and helpers)
1 st – 2 nd	Erik Meyers, Lois Henson, (and helpers)
3 rd – 5 th	Hughbert Collier, Megan Becker (and helpers)
6 th – 8 th	Andy Brewer, Doug Burns (and Helpers)
9 th – 12 th	Wes Wilson (and Helpers)

We will develop the curriculum around the “Faith Stories” of the Old Testament. The children below PK will go directly to their classes. The school age children will begin their class time with a 10-to-15-minute introduction time to set a common faith theme, to sing, and pray. During this time, the PK-2nd Grade will meet together, the 3-5th Grade will meet together, and the 6th-12th Grade will meet together; then they break into their classes as indicated above for an age-appropriate lesson.

Taylor will be offering a Young Adult Bible Class (College Age, but not just for College Students) at the church building on Sunday mornings.

David will offer a Wednesday night Bible Study called, “Getting to Know Jesus through the Old Testament” starting January 20th. We are not planning a Wednesday night children’s ministry program at the building at this time. We will build into our children’s curriculum and the GPS Class a family checkup and reinforcement of the lesson to use for family application through the week.

We do not plan to resume the “Worship Warriors” children’s worship program during the Sunday morning worship services until we move back to one worship service on Sunday morning.

It is our hope that by restarting our Sunday morning Bible classes, we can free more time for small groups on Sunday afternoons and evenings. We are working on a relaunch of our small group ministry in February. The leadership will be encouraging small groups to meet twice a month on the first and third Sundays of each month. We will have at least one small group that meets at the building on the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights of the month. Sermon follow-up material (“Come Let Us Worship Together”) will be furnished to small group leaders as Bible Study curriculum. The current Family Bible Class will be offered on the second and fourth Sunday nights of the month (resuming Jan. 10). A worship service will also be offered at the building on the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights (starting Jan. 10). We will resume the 5th Sunday Singings starting Jan. 31.

For more details about our restart plans for Jan. 24, please attend the Lunch Meeting in the Family Center, Jan. 10. (RSVP [Calendar - Graham Street Church of Christ- Faithlife](#) - an email invitation will be sent)



➤ **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>

➤ **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 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 Gasset; 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.

► UPCOMING DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, 12/20/2020—TONIGHT! 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)

Sunday, 01/10/2021—Luncheon following 2nd service to plan for Sunday Morning Bible Classes

Wednesday, 01/20/2021 — Bible Study called, "Getting to Know Jesus through the Old Testament"

Sunday, 01/24/2021—Church schedule changes—1st Service 8:30, Bible Classes 9:45, 2nd Service 11:00

► Giving Update

Contribution 12/13/2020 \$8635/ Budget: \$9,700/ YTD Contribution \$ 479,371 YTD Budget: \$485,000
Building Fund \$276,411 (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 December:

Seniors 126 Families Served 89 Individuals 291 New Families 7

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

► NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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.