



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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January 17, 2021 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

“First Things First”

I am sure this sounds familiar. Early in our dealing with COVID issues as a church, not even beginning to understand what we were dealing with or how long it would last, we unceremoniously made this a motto of our approach. We decided that even if for the sake of safety of our members we had to meet differently taking special precautions, or even temporarily not even meet in the building, we would emphasize the Biblical “first things first” of the Church. We took this from a look at what the first Church did in Acts 2. We looked at what was preached in that first sermon and how people responded to it in belief, repentance and baptism. We looked at how the Church began to function as a Church, continuing in the Apostle’s teaching, in fellowship, in breaking of bread, and in prayer. We looked at how they worshipped God in both large and small groups, in temple courts and in homes, praising God for His grace through Jesus. We looked at how they shared what they had and served the needs of others. We said that these are the “first things” of the Church, and we studied all of Paul’s letters to the churches and found that in all his writings he emphasized these “first things first.” We decided as a church, the Graham Street Church of Christ, that is what we would do, no matter happened with COVID, not matter what changes, we would keep the “first things first.” Wes, Taylor and I put together some recorded video Bible study material for small groups that is still online for the church to use that emphasizes this principle, “first things first.”

Now we have come to a time in which we have decided to “restart” some of the things that have helped us do the “first things first,” for example, our Bible classes at the building and small groups in homes. To some extent we have done both during COVID, but not in the same way as before. Now we are proposing “restarting” Sunday morning Bible classes for all ages Jan. 24, and we will have a lunch meeting Sunday (Jan. 17) with the teachers and other volunteers needed to make this happen. We will also have a meeting Sunday night (Jan. 17) at 5:00 in the auditorium to talk about ways to offer more small groups. We need to remember that these are methods for doing “first things first,” and there are other ways to continue to do the “first things” should we have to change our approach. Let’s try to not make the method more important than the mission, and should we need to make adjustments in the method to achieve the mission, be flexible.

David Bearden



➤ **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>

Also, **Taylor Holt will be offering a Bible Class for Young Adults** in Room 109 on Sunday mornings, starting January 24, 2021. This is for both College & Young Adults.

➤ **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>

“First Things First Bible Study” Video for Small Groups and Bible Classes is on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/grahamstreetchurch/> The materials for this study are included with:

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 Thank You Cards from Kristi Johnson and Rosemary Nagle on the hall Bulletin Board.

➤ NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

Family Movie Night, Friday, 1/15/2021, 5:30 p.m. at the Family Center. Bring pillows blankets, a fruit/dessert to share, and a friend. You may choose to wear PJ's. Pizza will be provided.



Charles Williams; Courtney Clayton; Fred Alvord; Mike Hughes;
 Ronnie Moring; Doug Gasset; Denise Powell; Paula Busby;
 Micaela Moore, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle; Mike DeMott, Tabitha McClellan,
 James Young; Debbie Kitchens; Jerry Lindley; Pam Clayton; Billy Powell; Bob-
 by Tate; Bruce Caraway; Darrell Tucker; Chuck Gruenwald; Patti Wall, sister of
 Rebecca Stephens; Jody Dacus, daughter-in-law to Mike & Julie Dacus; Steve
 Ham; Diana Lee, daughter of Carroll & Judy Lee; the family of Perry Elliott
 who passed away last week; Peggy Glover's new temporary address:
 c/o Jennifer Dittrich, 7800 Lonesome Spur Trail, McKinney, TX 75070

► UPCOMING DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, 01/17/2021—Meeting for Relaunch Small Groups in February 5:00

Sunday, 01/17/2021—TODAY! Luncheon following 2nd service to plan for Sunday Morning Bible Classes

Wednesday, 01/20/2021 — Bible Class “Getting to Know Jesus through the Old Testament” 6:00

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

Sunday, 01/24/2021—Sunday Night Worship in auditorium & Family Bible Class in Family 5:00

Sunday, 01/31/2021—Fifth Sunday Singing 5:00 p.m. in Auditorium

Sunday, 02/07/2021—Restart Small Groups

► Giving Update

Contribution 01/10/2021 \$2,806 Budget: \$9,700/ YTD Contribution \$ 10,363 YTD Budget: \$19,400

YTD Contribution for 2020: \$501,548 YTD Budget for 2020: \$504,400

Building Fund \$305,161 (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 2020:

Seniors 1,399	Families Served 1,789	Individuals 4,259	New Families 168
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► Basic Needs Totals for 1st week of January 2021:

Seniors 31	Families Served 27	Individuals 106	New Families 2
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