



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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February 7, 2021 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

“Renewing an Old Tradition”

I know many of you are eager to get back to one worship service on Sunday mornings, while there are others who feel it is best for us to continue with two services as long as statistics show the virus is still very dangerous and spreading so we can social distance as recommended by the CDC. Some are very excited about our efforts to restart the Bible Classes and Small Groups, while others are concerned that group meetings in small spaces increases the potential to spread the virus. I want to assure you that our Elders are very aware of both views and want to move forward with meeting together in one service as quickly as it is safe to do so. They evaluate the situation every month and consider what adjustments need to be made. When we do come back together in one service we want to do it well, safe, and not have to interrupt that momentum by having to stop due to an outbreak and start over again. So while we are waiting for the right time, we are going to use the time by planning ahead and developing the quality of our worship experience so that when we meet together in one service again it will not only be safe, but also be outstanding worship that brings glory to God and brings encouragement to everyone attending. So we want to carefully examine everything we are doing and make sure it fits God's mission for us in the best way possible. It's a great time for us to evaluate our worship traditions and make improvements.

We have started something new on the 2nd and 4th Sunday Nights. As you know we have designated the 1st and 3rd Sunday nights for small group meetings. On the 2nd and 4th Sunday nights we have the Family Bible Class in the Family Center for parents and young children, and we have a Sunday night worship service in the auditorium. It is not new to have a Sunday night worship service. In fact, this is an old tradition among American churches that has for many become obsolete, but what we are doing with it is new to our tradition here at Graham Street, as far as I know. We are working on our worship. Sounds a bit strange to say that. We are working on better understanding and feeling our worship. One example of how we are working on our worship is to improve our singing. Not just in the performance, although we do want to improve it to where we offer the very best we can for praising God and edifying one another, but we are also trying to improve our awareness of God's purpose for our singing and how to do our very best to fulfill that purpose.

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One thing we are doing, for example, is to focus on learning and singing a new song. We are not only learning to sing it, but to better understand what we are singing from its Bible foundation and allowing the Holy Spirit to place it in our hearts and in our faith walk.

We have a great example of this next Sunday night, Feb. 14 Valentine's Day! (What a great day to sing a love song to God!) We will focus on the song "Never Once." What a timely song for what we are dealing with as a church family, and beyond. The chorus is:

*Never once did we ever walk alone,
Never once did You leave us on our own,
You are faithful, God, You are faithful.*

Isn't that the message we need to sing to God and each other right now?

I encourage you to join us on 2nd and 4th Sunday nights at 5:00 in the auditorium. If we can get more to come out and work on our worship together, it will do a lot more than improve the performance of our worship on Sunday mornings. It will help our worship improve our spiritual performance every day of the week as we make an impact on the world for the glory of God!

David Bearden

➤ **Please see the Thank You Card from Meldeene Elliott on the hall Bulletin Board.**

➤ **NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS**

Daddy Daughter Date Night, Friday, 2/19/2021, 5:15 at the Family Center

➤ **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:** For details and updates for 6th-12th grade students and their parents, go to <https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org>

The GYSG is invited to a time to relax, hangout, pray and have fun during the week. We will be in the Family Center on Wednesdays from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m.

Games & snacks every week!

First Wednesday of each month we will have a meal available starting at 6:15 p.m.



➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Sunday Morning Worship: 8:30 or 10:45 a.m. at the building.

Bible Class for all ages at 9:45 a.m.

Sunday Night 2nd & 4th has Family Bible Class in Family Center & Worship Service in Auditorium (both at 5:00 p.m.)

Wednesday Night Bible Class in auditorium at 6:00 (“Getting To Know Jesus Through The Old Testament”)

Wednesday Night Singing Class in Room 109 at 6:00

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>

➤ UPCOMING DATES TO MARK ON YOUR CALENDAR

Sunday, 02/07/2021—Restart Small Groups-Sign up for Small Groups in the Church Lobby or through this link:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdfln7DEqs0_JARrjNk5MICqArBLE2YIB0MecF2JwUihaJoIA/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&gxids=7628

➤ Giving Update

Contribution 01/31/2021 \$10,188 Budget: \$9,700/ YTD Contribution \$ 41,812 YTD Budget: \$ 48,500

Building Fund \$305,951 (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.)



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; Bobby 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 Sherilyn Svien, who passed away this week.

➤ Basic Needs Totals for January 2021:

Seniors 11 Families Served 14 Individuals 47 New Families 1

Basic Needs Totals for 2021 Year To Date:

Seniors **123** Families Served 98 Individuals 367 New Families 5