



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 7, 2021 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

“Unmasking the Church”

Tuesday, Governor Greg Abbott issued an Executive Order (GA-34) effective March 10, 2021 lifting the mask mandate in Texas and increasing capacity of all businesses and facilities in the state to 100 percent. The order reads, in part: *“In all counties not in an area with high hospitalizations as defined below: there are no COVID-19-related operating limits for any business or other establishment; and individuals are strongly encouraged to wear face coverings over the nose and mouth wherever it is not feasible to maintain six feet of social distancing from another person not in the same household, but no person may be required by any jurisdiction to wear or to mandate the wearing of a face covering.”*

"With the medical advancements of vaccines and antibody therapeutic drugs, Texas now has the tools to protect Texans from the virus," said Governor Abbott in his announcement. "We must now do more to restore livelihoods and normalcy for Texans by opening Texas 100 percent. Make no mistake, COVID-19 has not disappeared, but it is clear from the recoveries, vaccinations, reduced hospitalizations, and safe practices that Texans are using that state mandates are no longer needed. Today's announcement does not abandon safe practices that Texans have mastered over the past year. Instead, it is a reminder that each person has a role to play in their own personal safety and the safety of others. With this executive order, we are ensuring that all businesses and families in Texas have the freedom to determine their own destiny."

What does this mean for the Graham Street Church of Christ?

In many ways, Governor Abbotts' executive order aligns with the Elders recommendations for the church, encouraging personal responsibility for mask wearing and hand sanitizing when the church is in close proximity with one another, especially when known vulnerable individuals are present; for example, in transition times in the lobby. But some changes will go into effect immediately, for example, we will no longer try to tape off benches in the auditorium for social distancing. However, due to the potential for virus spread in connection with Spring Break, we will continue to meet in two services through the month of March allowing those who feel at risk to sit socially distanced if they choose. **It is our plan to return to one Sunday morning worship service, starting Easter morning, April 4.** We have not yet set the times for the worship service and Bible classes, but this is being considered from the perspective of what is best for the whole church going forward and will be announced soon. When we return to one service, provisions will be made for those who need to continue social distancing.

You are still encouraged to practice safety measures that best fit you and your family's needs, and continue to be considerate of your brothers and sisters who are practicing caution due to their situation (Mat. 7:12). If there is the potential that you are ill with something contagious, please stay home, and let your leaders know if you need assistance. And let's keep working to go back to better than normal!

David Bearden



➤ 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. (10 Commandments – The Faith to Trust and Respect God’s Law)

This Sunday (1st & 3rd) Small Groups meet.

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

Wednesday Night in auditorium at 6:00 Hughbert Collier leads a Special Spring Break Devotional in the Auditorium (No Wednesday Night Singing Class, Youth Group/Review Meeting or Auditorium Class on 3/10/2021).

Sunday evening, 3/14/2021, there will be a Combined Worship/Family Bible Class meeting in the Family Center at 5:00 p.m.

➤ ONLINE RESOURCES

Audio with Slides Recording on website (<https://grahamstreetchurch.com/sermons>)

Family Resources: <https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com/house-church>

Small Group Lessons and Study materials are on the website: <https://grahamstreetchurch.com/small-group-materials>

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

➤ NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS)

Saturday, March 6, at 8:00 a.m. Men’s Prayer Breakfast at the Tri-C (corner of Ollie & Tarleton).

21 Days of Prayer & Fasting begins March 14th.

COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE in City Park, Easter Morning, April 4!

We will begin having only one Church Service at Graham Street on Easter Sunday, 4/4/2021.

Duracells meet Tuesday, April 13, 2021, 5:30 p.m., at the Family Center. Everyone bring a covered dish or dessert.

➤ Giving Update

Contribution 02/28/2021 \$10,634

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 77,719 YTD Budget: \$ 87,300

Building Fund \$307,561 (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.) We are making plans to start Phase 3 Soon!

The Church Office will be closed the week of Spring Break. (Monday, 3/8 through Friday, 3/12)



Charles Williams; Courtney Clayton; Fred Alvord; Mike Hughes; Ronnie Moring; Denise Powell; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle; James Young; Debbie Kitchens; Billy Powell; Bobby Tate; Chuck Gruenwald; Diana Lee, daughter of Carroll & Judy Lee; Bill Scott, husband of Gloria Scott; Chuck Arpe.

Please continue to keep the Svien family and the Caraway family in prayer.

To Honor Sherilyn Svien—A celebration of life will be held in the Stephenville City Park Birdsong Amphitheater, Saturday, May 15.

Recent Baptisms! Please rejoice with us as **Amy Shields** was baptized Sunday. You can send her your welcome and warm wishes by mail to: 1030 N Kight Street, Apartment 2, Stephenville, TX 76401. Please pray for and with Amy as she begins her walk with the Lord.

Lindsey Gillespie (daughter of Susan Trainham and granddaughter of Merle Parks) was baptized into Christ. Lindsey receives mail at 709 Spring Meadow St., Stephenville, TX. 76401. We rejoice with Lindsey's family at her baptism.

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 GSYG is invited to "REVIVE" a time to relax, hangout, pray and have fun during the week. We will be in the Family Center on Wednesdays from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Games & snacks every week!

Sunday, 3/7/2021, 12:15, Youth Group meets at the home of Landon & Jessica Kribbs (1610 CR 431). Bring drinks and/or a dessert.

Basic Needs Totals for Feb 2021:

Seniors 109 Families Served 75 Individuals 273 New Families 6

Basic Needs Totals for 2021 Year To Date:

Seniors 232 Families Served 173 Individuals 640 New Families 15

NIGHT OF 100 CASSAROLLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY Feb. 25: 132