



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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March 14, 2021 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

“21 Days of Prayer & Fasting”

To help us be in tune with God’s heart as we prepare for our restart Easter morning, April 4, we are encouraging in a 3-week period of prayer and fasting. By fasting we are meaning, doing without something – food, social media, television, hobbies, etc. that will serve as a reminder to pray and focus on spiritual need rather than worldly things.

In our study of Ezra and Nehemiah for principles that apply to “restarting,” we are applying the principle of heartfelt prayer and fasting (Ezra 8:23; Nehemiah 1:4). In Daniel chapter 9, prior to the work of Ezra and Nehemiah, Daniel had spent time in prayer and fasting upon reading the prophecy of Jeremiah about the return of the remnant to Jerusalem after 70 years in captivity. Later in chapter 10 we find that Daniel specifically spent a period of three weeks in prayer and fasting. Using Daniel’s example, we are encouraging those who are willing and able to spend 21 Days in prayer and fasting in preparation for Easter beginning Sunday, March 14.

Here are some things to study about prayer and fasting:

Jesus fasted before wilderness temptation Mat. 4:2 (Moses Ex 34:28)

Jesus did not command it, but he gave us his example and taught about it (Mat. 4 & 6)

Jesus’ disciples were criticized for not practicing fasting Mat. 9:14-17

Jesus’ sacrifice is the fulfillment of the Day of Atonement and the rule for a mandatory fasting (Lev. 16:29-31; Acts 27:9; Heb. 10:10).

The early church practiced prayer and fasting in seeking God’s will and selecting leaders (Acts 13:2-3; 14:23)

Voluntary Fasting is associated with intense heartfelt emotion and spiritual mission. If done in faith with the right heart, prayer with fasting can be a concentrated time of openness and commitment to God that will bring a spiritual awakening. It is a reminder that the spiritual is more important than the material. It is not to make a show of our spirituality, but it is to be practiced in private as a personal relationship with God (Mat. 6:16-18), but some people find it helpful to have a “prayer partner” for support. This is a time of humility and confession of sin, and prayers for God’s strength and guidance. Open your heart and God’s Word and let God speak to your heart. Pray for others and that God’s will to be done in all things with yourself as God’s instrument. Remember this is not for your glory to tell what you have accomplished, but to be more mindful of what God is doing and give Him the glory.

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Some things to pray during the 21 Days of Prayer and Fasting:

Day 1, March 14: Pray that God will help you pray without ceasing 1 Thes. 5:17

Day 2, March 15: Pray that God will help you not be anxious about anything Phil. 4:6

Day 3, March 16: Pray that God will help you seek first Kingdom of God Mat. 6:33

Day 4, March 17: Pray thanks to God that you can pray as His child Rom 8:1

Day 5, March 18: Pray thanks to God that you may ask and He answers Mat. 7:7

Day 6, March 19: Pray thanks to God that He gives all good gifts Mat. 7:11

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. (12 Spies – The Faith to Encourage Others to Trust God)

This 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

Wednesday Night Graham Street Youth Group “REVIVE” in Family Center 6:30-7:30

▶ 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>



➤ Giving Update

Contribution 03/07/2021 \$9,425

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 87,144 YTD Budget: \$ 97,000

Building Fund \$309,101 (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!

➤ 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 CASSAROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY Feb. 25: 132

➤ **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!

➤ NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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



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; Ricky Caudle.

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 Stephen-
ville City Park Birdsong Amphitheater, Saturday, May 15.