



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**April 11, 2021 Sunday**

**Bulletin Announcements and Updates—**

**“Master’s Garden of Change”**

I love golf. I am not that good at it, and I don’t play much. I waited too late in life to start, and it has been too expensive and too time consuming for me to make it a consistent hobby. I have trouble watching it on TV because after a few minutes I want to be out playing, not watching. But the Masters is different – not only is it the best golf, but it is a paradise course. This year the Masters is back to its regular April date in Augusta, Georgia’s giant garden course with the azaleas in full bloom on every turn. And this year it comes with controversy for change with the admission of prejudices of the past and its need to stand for equal rights for all in the future. Will the Masters just be hosting great golf this year, or can it be the Master’s Garden for Change in social justice and equality?

There was once a beautiful paradise garden of change. It was perfect, until sin entered, and decay began. Curses started and death, and separation from God. Husband and wife started there in perfect unity, and they left disgraced and ashamed. And all of humankind suffered for their disobedience, longing for re-entry to that perfect place of peace, love and the presence of God.

Many years passed and the Master entered a garden in great agony, tortured over the world’s captivity to sin. He came struggling with what He would have to do to change the damage of the former garden. The price He would have to pay was extremely high. He would have to deal with the sin and death that was started long ago, and he would be separated from God. In agony He prayed that there might be another way, but He surrendered His will to His Father’s will, and committed himself to die for change.

Because of the Master’s prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane and His strength to go to the cross, and die in my place for my sins, I await entrance into the renewed Paradise Garden, where I will see Him face to face. And really, all three gardens were the Master’s – the original created Garden where the tree of life grew, the Garden where the trees of olives grew and were pressed like the pressure He felt for His mission as His sweat became blood, and finally the garden of the renewed paradise as our home with the Master.

Maybe you’ve heard, I am teaching a class on Wednesday nights about “Christ in the Old Testament.” It deals with topics like the “Master Garden of Change” and how Christ came to reverse the damage of sin. I would love to have you in the class.

David Bearden



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### ➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. (Theme: Solomon – “The Faith to Seek God’s Wisdom”)

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

This Sunday, April 11, 2021, Worship in the auditorium at 5:00—Family Bible Class at 5:00 at the Family Center

Wednesday Night Bible Class in auditorium at 6:00 (“Getting To Know Jesus Through The Old Testament” - The Role of Women in the Church)

Wednesday Night Singing Class in Room 109 at 6:00

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

➤ **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>

### ➤ NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

**BIBLE CLASSES AT 9:00 and WORSHIP AT 10:00**

**Wednesday Night Class at 6:00 p.m.**

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

Youth Retreat, Saturday, April 17, 2021, 9:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Heart of Texas Camp, Brownwood, TX. 6th—12th Grade & parents \$15.00 a person. See Wes for details.

### ➤ **Basic Needs Totals for March 2021:**

Seniors 148      Families Served 136      Individuals 204      New Families 6

### **Basic Needs Totals for 2021 Year To Date:**

Seniors 401      Families Served 297      Individuals 960      New Families 21

Prison Ministry YTD 331 Bibles sent 415 Lessons Mailed

**NIGHT OF 100 CASSAROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY March 25: 102 given away**



### ➤ 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 04/04/2021 \$16,018**

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 132,216 (97%) YTD Budget: \$ 135,800

**Building Fund \$309,621** (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!

➤ **Welcome to our new members!** Jorge & Chantelle Mora, children, Heavyn, Tatum, Kempton, & Brayden. They work at the Foster's Home as relief Caregivers, 1779 North Graham, Stephenville, TX 76401.

➤ **Socially Distant Seating for Sunday morning service** is clearly marked & available in the Southwestern Section of the auditorium (back left as you enter the auditorium from the Lobby—look for the signs).

➤ **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!



Charles Williams; Courtney Clayton; Fred Alvord; 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; Laura Peterson, her mother, Rose Spencer, passed away last week.

Please continue to pray for the Svien and Caraway families.

To Honor Sherilyn Svien—A celebration of life will be held at the Graham Street Church of Christ auditorium, 11:00 a.m., Saturday, May 15, 2021.

**RECOVER**  
A Saturday Retreat

Saturday, April 17<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am-8:00pm  
Heart of Texas Camp  
Brownwood, Texas

*For: 6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade & parents*  
*Cost: \$15 per person*  
*RSVP: [grahamstreetyouth.org](http://grahamstreetyouth.org) by April 14<sup>th</sup>*



Sherilyn Sue Greek Svien  
(1955 – 2021)

Sherilyn's family would like to invite you to celebrate her life at a memorial service to be held at Graham Street Church of Christ on Saturday, May 15<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 AM. The family would like to welcome all those whose lives were impacted by her selfless, gentle, courageous heart.



➡ The section of Graham Street from Green Street through Tarleton Street intersections to a point between Post Office entrance and exit (see map below) is closed due to construction. Be alert for any updates on church activities scheduled for the Family Center, and use extreme caution in the Graham Street area between the church building and the Family Center. The Green Street and Tarleton Street parking lots are still open. The Family Center parking is accessible from Virginia Street, but the nearest crosswalk is at Mason Street.



# SH 108 Detour

Hospital and Post Office Access

