



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**April 18, 2021 Sunday**

**Bulletin Announcements and Updates—**

**DB's Dabblings: "Planning for the Summer"**

As we work on "returning back to better than normal," we need to plan for the summer. Much of what we have been doing so far in 2021 in our restarting efforts has been focused on this semester and not looking ahead. For example, we restarted our Sunday morning Bible Classes developing our curriculum running through May. Now we are in the middle of April and we have not made clear plans for the summer. So in the last couple of weeks the Elders and Deacons and various ministry leaders have been working on summer plans and beyond. Although it is far from complete, let me share with you some plans to help you get excited about where we are going.

Part of our restart in Bible Classes and small groups involved taking steps to move carefully and safely back into meeting together in one Sunday morning assembly together, returning to Sunday morning classes, and making use of our Sunday nights to develop some of the other areas we wanted to restart when it was best to do so. The Sunday night program included returning to small groups, Family Bible Class, and Sunday night worship. After experimenting with different approaches we feel we are ready to apply what we have learn to some better approaches for the summer and to begin to develop other areas that we would like to restart. For example, we would love to do more with our fellowship gatherings, so the Deacons have been working on plans for various Wednesday night activities for the church to grow in fellowship and service. **Instead of Sunday night worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights we are going to have congregational fellowship luncheons with worship on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays during the summer months. This will begin with a special luncheon on May 23<sup>rd</sup> when Jacob Bautista will be with us as our guest preacher.** Instead of the Family Bible Class on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday nights in the Fellowship Hall, we are going to be working on restoring a Sunday morning Children's Worship for our young children during the worship assembly to begin this summer. We feel our Sunday morning Bible Classes have got off to a good start and we will be developing our curriculum for the summer months and elevating our activities for both the children's and teens' ministries, including summer camps, mission and service trips, retreats, VBS, etc. We will continue to develop our small groups and encourage everyone to be involved in small group fellowship. **I will continue our GPS class for all parents who wish to join us as we work on the topic, "Building Family Ministry," during the summer to strength our families and our church family.**

We have learned some things about serving our community through COVID that we will use this summer to be "better than normal" by this fall. **We are planning a community wide "memorial service" at our building the Sunday before Memorial Day, May 30 at 2:00 for anyone in our community who lost a loved one during 2020 and 2021.** We will continue to do great work through the Basic Needs ministry serving those less fortunate in our area in cooperation with other help agencies. We will continue our great mission efforts in the prisons in our region of the US and in Zimbabwe teaching God's Word using "New Life Behavior" and "World Bible School" materials, and find ways to improve our efficiency and effectiveness in distribution, use of resources and follow-up. And we are taking steps this summer to improve our outreach to Tarleton State University next fall. (continued on page 2)



### “Planning For The Summer” Continued

We are gearing up to renew our efforts to improve the appearance and the ministry effectiveness of our building and will restart this summer. We are developing strategies to improve our worship time together and to raise up leadership in our church for the future.

These are just a few examples of the planning for the summer. **What can you do?** Pray! Watch and listen for the communication of plans and join in. Accept the invitation to be a part of planning and development. Commit to support the efforts with your time, talents, and money. Speak positively to one another and to outsiders about your church family and the Lord. When you see a need, be a part of the solution. Don't be satisfied with going back to normal – let's be and do better than normal. Normal is not good enough for our Lord and His Kingdom! He deserves our best and through the power of the Holy Spirit our best is going to be way beyond what is normal in this world! Amen!

*“Now to Him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to Him be glory in the Church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen!” (Eph. 3:20-21)*

David Bearden

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

**Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. (Theme: Daniel – “The Faith to Stand Up for God”)**

**Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m. (Joey Roberts leads singing!)**

**This Sunday, April 18, 2021, Small Groups Meet**

**Wednesday Night Bible Class in auditorium at 6:00 (“Christ in the Old Testament” - Paul's Teaching on the The Role of Women in the Church on Gen. 1-3)**

**Wednesday Night Singing Class in Room 109 at 6:00**

**Wednesday Night Graham Street Youth Group “REVIVE” in Family Center 6:15-7:30—(Meal Every Week!)**

### ➤ Basic Needs Totals for April 2021:

**Seniors 87 Families Served 66 Individuals 231 New Families 4**

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

**Seniors 488 Families Served 376 Individuals 1,011 New Families 25**

**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 04/011/2021 \$9,573 (98%)**

**Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 141,589 (97%) YTD Budget: \$ 145,500**

**Building Fund \$311,326** (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!

▶ **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 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. A MEAL Plus Games & Snacks every week!

### ▶ NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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

**Joey Roberts leads singing on Sunday, 4/18/2021**

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

**Night of 100 Casseroles, Thursday, 4/29/2021—drop off from 3:00 to 3:45—Casseroles are given away starting at 5:00 until they are all gone (Family Center)**



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; Will Scott, husband of Gloria Scott; Chuck Arpe; Ricky Caudle; Bobbie Pederson's niece, Linda Willerford, passed away this 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.



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.

► **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>

► **Coming Soon—More Information Will Follow:**

**Wednesday, May 5:**

7:00pm Jesus People Event (Christian Concert in City Park)

**National Day of Prayer- Thursday, May 6**

24hr sign-up online prayer list will be sent out soon

6:30pm prayer service at the Amphitheater

**Kidz Camp: Soakin' Up The Son**

Stephenville City Park

July 12-15 9:00 to 12:00 (for finishing 1st—3rd graders) Sign up information will be sent out soon



➡ 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

