

May 2, 2021 Sunday

Bulletin Announcements and Updates—

DB's Dabblings: "A Big Thank You"

As we near the summer we need to update some of our areas of ministry that have been in flux since starting back from COVID Protocols. One area would be the Children's Ministry. So, let's start there with saying a **BIG THANK YOU** to everyone who has stepped forward to work on what we have been doing so far.

The Family Bible Class was a great transition back to our Bible Classes and it has continued to meet a need for our young families. In fact, when we announced we were taking a break from it for a while I heard some disappointment from a few families that have been blessed by it and want to keep it going. I want to especially give a **BIG THANK YOU** to Megan for the work she did with the Family Projects each week, and Andy for his help as "Andy Application" and the weekly Family Challenge, and where would have been without Nichole as Sally our wonderful inquisitive puppet, and Whitney and Vicki helping us with our resource supplies, and all the parents who faithfully brought your children and help teach them at the tables every week. Overall, it was a great success. I think we learned some valuable things that will help our development of this program, which we will do again, and also apply to our Children's Worship program in the fall.

And another **BIG THANK YOU** to all of our teachers who jumped in to teach our Sunday morning Bible Classes. Teachers include: Margie Copeland, Krysten Russell, Cathy Alvord, Martha Fredrickson, Dee Robinson, Lisa Rose, Whitney Oliver, Jessie Holt, Darleen Hearne, Darla Doty, Lois Henson, Eric Meyers, Hughbert and Gale Collier, Nichole Wilson, Megan Becker, Shelby Day, Whitney Holt, Kaitlyn Brewer. It was challenging to say the least trying to keep everyone safe and healthy and teaching without a lot of time to prepare resources — You did great! I want to give a special thanks for Megan for her work in overseeing our Check-In Process and to Nichole for her work in the Pre-Class Gathering! Great Job! Now let me update you on some things going forward!

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"A Big Thank You" cont.

Update on Children Ministry

Organizational Status:

- Andy Brewer Children's Ministry Deacon
- Darleen Hearne Teacher Recruitment and Scheduling, Curriculum, Resource Room
- Megan Becker Events
- Nichole Wilson Children's Worship
- Wes Wilson Youth and Family Minister

We will continue our Faith Stories Children's Curriculum through May with a few special events:

- May 2 Job, Job 1-2, "Faith in Times of Suffering and Loss"
- May 9 Special Mother's Day Lesson
- May 16 Elijah, 1 Kings 17-19, "Faith in Times of Discouragement"
- May 23 Isaiah 6:8 "Faith to Be Sent" Focus on Missionaries Guest Jacob Bautista
- May 30 Naaman, 2 Kings 5, "Faith to Obey, Even If It Seems Silly!"

We have tentatively set our Summer's Quarter (June-August) Curriculum to be, "The I AMs of Jesus from the Gospel of John"

Some of the Planning for the Fall Semester includes:

- 1. Darleen will work with teachers in planning for the fall and do some teacher training and development of resources.
- 2. Wes will work with Children, Youth, and Adult Education Ministries to develop a more holistic family ministry teamwork for the fall.
- 3. Andy will work with Children's Ministry and the Building Committee to make modifications in the education wing and Family Center to enhance the children's ministry.
- 4. Nichole will work with the Children's Ministry in developing the Children's Worship to begin in the Fall Semester.
- 5. Megan will work with the Children's Ministry to plan special events for the ministry (Back to School, Special Days and Seasons, VBS, Retreats, Fun Days, etc.).

We need volunteers to teach, assist, chaperone, develop resources, decorate rooms, help with set up, remodeling, painting and more as these plans develop. A **BIG THANK YOU** in advance!

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: Job – "The Faith to Deal with Loss and Suffering") Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

This Sunday, April 25, 2021, Small Groups Meet

Wednesday Night Bible Class in auditorium at 6:00 ("Christ in the Old Testament" - Paul's **Teaching on 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 6:15-7:30—(Meal **Every Week!)**

Prison Ministry YTD 559 Bibles sent 1,624 Items Mailed

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

NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Wednesday Night Class at 6:00 p.m.

Men's Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, 5/1/2021, 8:00 a.m. at the Tri-C (Corner of Ollie & Tarleton) Come for food, fellowship & prayer

Jacob Bautista preaches on Sunday, May 23, 2021. He will also be helping us with our "Missionary Emphasis" in the Children's Bible Classes (followed by a meal for everyone at the Family Center - details will follow soon!)

The Graham Street Church of Christ will host a Community Memorial Service to assist families through the grieving process and to honor loved ones who died during the COVID Crisis in 2020-21. The service will be in the Church Family Center, Sunday, May 30 at 2:00. RSVP at office@grahamstreetchurch.com for more details.

Wednesday, May 26, 2021, Living Faith Summer Program starts!

Living Faith—June through August on Wednesday Nights!

Kick Off Wednesday, May 26th!

6:00pm Cookout & details about the Living Faith Wednesday Evening Summer Schedule

Attend on May 26th to find out more!



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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

▶ Basic Needs Totals for April 2021:

Seniors 139 Families Served 101 Individuals 375 New Families 5

Basic Needs Totals for 2021 Year To Date:

Families Served 427 Individuals 1,155 New Families 26 Seniors 540

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Coming Soon

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- Click this link to sign-up for a prayer time. https:// docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1F8xMSfn4exz -BxPDzrpQ5WjaFPfnSRPworcy7NNNpI/edit? usp=sharing

7:00am Kickoff prayer time at the County Courthouse steps.

6:30pm Community wide prayer service at the Birdsong Amphitheater.

May 9, Mother's Day—Special Children's Bible Classes



Kidz Camp: Soakin' Up The Son

Stephenville City Park

July 12-15 9:00 to 12:00 (for finishing 1st—3rd graders— check with Megan Becker for more information or click on the link below)

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RWyVkz80ZyNtwvYPR6Sd2xS 9BJGpMquZJz2AJDgRR4/ viewform?edit requested=true



Join us in rejoicing for our newest member through baptism!

Steven Gardner

2248 Lingleville Road, North Rock House 2, Stephenville, TX 76401.

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Charles Williams; Courtney Clayton; Fred Alvord; Ronnie Moring; Denise Powell; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle; 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; sister and brother-in-law of Rebecca Stephens, Patti and Mack Wall; Brenda Caraway.

Please continue to pray for the Svien and Caraway families.

<u>To Honor Sherilyn Svien</u>—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 15th @ 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

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!



Giving Update

Contribution 04/025/2021 \$8,868 (91.4%)

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 161,076 (97%) YTD Budget: \$ 164,900

Building Fund \$312,726 (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 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.

