May 16, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Looking Ahead to Summer"

Last Summer was interrupted. Churches find summer to be a great time for picnics in the park, camps, outdoor retreats and fellowships, service projects, mission trips, planning and training sessions, VBS, repair work on the building, car washes, family sports and campouts. With COVID last year, it seems everything came to a screeching halt. But this year is different! Although many things will need some adjustments, we are looking forward to trying again! And you can feel the excitement in the air. We are ready to do the things we missed last summer. So, as we wrap up the school year with Senior Sunday, let's thank God for helping us through last year and let's encourage one another to enjoy a great Summer!

This week Wes will help us honor our graduating Seniors. Next Sunday Jacob and Savannah will be with us to share about the work they are doing with Spanish speaking ministries in Oklahoma City. On May 30, I will host a special "memorial service" for families that are grieving losses during COVID 2020-2021. You are all welcome to join me at 2:00, whether you have personally lost a loved one or not. I would love to have as many as would like to be of support, encouragement, and prayer for the hundreds of families in our region and throughout the world that suffered the loss of a loved one during a time when it was difficult to visit the ill in the hospital and say goodbye to loved ones who had to die all alone due to COVID. It will be a short service to remember these families as a part of Memorial weekend. I hope some of the Graham Street Church Family will join me in the Family Center for this very special memorial service.

Please notice the calendar of events for the Wednesday nights this summer and join in the fun and service of LIVING FAITH! Also be a part of the Sunday luncheons on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the summer months (instead of meeting in the evenings). These will be special times of fellowship and a chance to meet our new members, and visit with members you haven't seen in a while during COVID. Also, join in a Bible Class and small group during the summer, another great way to visit with one another! I so appreciate and love my Graham Street Church Family!



Update on Summer Fellowship Opportunities"

1st Wed (June 2nd) – Faithful Youth

Where - Foster's Home Pavilion

When – 6pm

Who – Testimony or Insp. Message:

Devo: Wes Wilson

Singing & Prayers: Youth Led

Why – The entire church encourages/inspires the spiritual growth of our youth. Bring a Friend for a night of fun!! (Splash pad, sports, devotional, & food)

2nd Wed (June 9th) - Faithful Duracells

Where – Family Center

When – 6pm

Who – Panel Discussion (2 Men & 2 Women)

Why – Celebrate our more "experienced" members. Hear their personal stories as well as perspectives of how church and society have changed.

3rd Wed (June 16th) – Faithful Hands and Feet

Where – In the Community

When – 6pm

Who - Everyone

Why – Meet at the Family Center; Assist people around their homes (repairs, lawn care, groceries)

4th Wed (June 23rd) - Faithful Giving

Where - Family Center

When – 6pm

Who - Everyone

Why – Bring/make casseroles for the "Night of 100 Casseroles"; Make cards/letters for casseroles; Pray over the food and for the community; Members take a casserole home to personally bless someone they know.

5th Wed (June 30th) – Living Faith Praise in the Park

Reminders will be sent out weekly. Be sure to come on Wednesday, 5/26/2021, to enjoy the cookout and hear more about Living Faith.



OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. (Theme: Elijah, 1 Kings 17-19, "Faith in Times of Discouragement")

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

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!)

NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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

May 16, 2021: Senior Sunday

9:00 a.m. Breakfast in the Family Center

(For Graduating Seniors, their families & the Youth Group)

10:00 a.m. Graduation Celebration Worship

2:30 p.m. Drive Through Parade

May 23, 2021: Jacob Bautista preaches. 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 -Chicken Strips will be provided. Everyone is asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert.)

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!

May 30, 2021: 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.



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 May 2021:

Seniors 46 Families Served 38 Individuals 130 New Families 1

Basic Needs Totals for 2021 Year To Date:

Seniors 569 Families Served 451 Individuals 1,223 New Families 21

GARAGE SALE TOTAL: APPROXIMATELY \$6,100.00

Coming Soon

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 congratulating one of our new college graduates!

Allissa Adams Lane is graduating from Eastern New Mexico University with a degree in Speech Language & Pathology this spring. Tarleton State University Spring 2021 graduates include: Bradley Fleming, Kayla Hanover, and Elijah Imbong.

- Here are the graduating High School Seniors of 2021:
- 1. Adrian Fletcher
- 2. Dylan Jones
- 3. Meagan Prescott
- 4. Jade Wilson
- 5. Aby Young







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; Rebecca Stephens, Patti Wall—Please also keep this family in prayer as Mack Wall passed away recently; Brenda Caraway; Candiss Caudle Territo; Danny Woodward, son of former Bible Chair Director, Larry Woodward, Rusty Rose.

Please continue to pray for the Svien and Caraway families.



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.

Giving Update

Contribution 05/09/2021 \$ 7,758 (79.97%)

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 180,739 (98%) YTD Budget: \$ 184,300

Building Fund \$315,976 (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!

Current Services at Assisted Living Facilities:

Senior Care Sunday mornings from 9:00 to 9:30

Oakwood Sunday mornings from 9:45 to 10:45 (Memory Care service starts at 10:45)
Wednesday mornings 11:00 a.m. Bible Study

(Mulberry Manor & Good Tree haven't authorized services to begin again as of today.)



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.

