



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

May 30, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Memorial Service"

Last week I officiated in the memorial service of my Aunt Ozella, the last of my father's siblings. In the words of her son, my cousin, John Brummett:

Ozella Bearden Brummett, 90, of Little Rock, a heroic child of the Arkansas backwoods in the Depression, died Sunday. She was born in 1930 to a tenant farming family in the backwoods near the Burg community on the outskirts of Umpire in northeast Howard County. The family had a net worth of a mule and love. They labored in a hard happy life, walking to a one-room school, digging potatoes, sharing clothes and thanking the Lord for it all every Sunday at the Church of Christ with mournfully joyous acappella renditions of "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" and "I'll Fly Away." She was the prettiest girl to come out of Howard County, and that's just a fact.

These lines of her obituary memorialize her. It not only tells part of her story, it honors her memory. But they are not the direct memory of her son. He knows this about her because he has studied her life and heard from those who knew her well, and even from hearing her tell her own story. Even though these facts were not part of his personal experience with his mother, they are part of who she is and therefore part of who he is. But he did not live this part of her life with her. But when he wrote, these lines in her obituary he is speaking from memory of his own experience with her: "She was so meek that her son advised her along the way to get less meek, and she said she couldn't and wouldn't and that her son ought to read the Beatitudes."

Aunt Ozella encouraged my parents to start attending church with their baby son, and she was my first Bible Class Teacher. I do not remember that, but that is part of our story together and it has been a major impact on my life. I do know from experience that she was one of my biggest supporters in my becoming a preacher and would often be in the audience when I would preach anywhere in the area as a teen, and when I would return as an adult preacher.

When we take the Lord's Supper, it is a memorial. Jesus told his apostles to "do this in remembrance of me." He tells us the same thing. But our memories based on personal experience are different. They walked and talked with Jesus. They were present to eat the bread and drink the cup with him. They were with him when he was arrested, they saw his death upon the cross, and they witnessed him alive again. But we are to participate in this memorial by faith in their stories of what we are to remember. The fact that we were not there does not reduce the impact it has had on our lives. Nor does it reduce the honor we pay him by this memorial service. But every time we share this memorial we do so with our own personal experiences with Jesus our Lord and Savior.

David Bearden



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS SUMMER

EACH MONTH A CROSS-GENERATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (Time to be announced)

1st Wednesday Night—Faithful Youth (Foster Home Pavilion)

2nd Wednesday—Faithful Duracells (Family Center)

3rd Wednesday—Faithful Hands and Feet (In Community)

4th Wednesday—Faithful Giving (Family Center)

5th Wednesday—Faithful Voices (City Park)

➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. (Theme: – Naaman, 2 Kings 5, “Faith to Obey, Even if It Seems Silly!”)

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Faithful Youth—Foster’s Home (Time to be announced)

➤ Prison Ministry YTD 678 Bibles sent 1,781 Items Mailed

NIGHT OF 100 CASSAROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY April 29: 96 given away

➤ 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>



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

June 5, 2021: **Men's Prayer Breakfast!** Held at the Tri-C (Corner of Ollie & Tarleton), starts at 8:00 a.m.

June 20—24 **Youth Service Trip**

Abilene Texas

See Youth Group Website for details ([Global Samaritan](#) | [Mysite \(grahamstreetyouth.org\)](#))

June 30, 2001: **Praise In The Park**

City Park—Birdsong Amphitheater

With special guests:

New Reign from Oklahoma Christian University

July 5, 2001: **Everyone Is Invited to join the Youth Group for Rangers Baseball—**

Globe Life Field—see Wes or click below:

[Graham Street Youth Group: Rangers Game \(signupgenius.com\)](#)

July 12—15: **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/1RWyVvkz80ZyNtwvYPR6Sd2xS_9BJGpMquZJz2AJDgRR4/viewform?edit_requested=true

July 18-24: **Sonshine Christian Youth Camp at Camp Bandina**

[sonshine christian youth camp | bandera, tx | SCYC | scycbandina.com](#)

Rejoice! Emma McAngus was baptized last week on Sunday, 5/23/2021, by her father, Ross McAngus.





Charles Williams; Rusty Rose; 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; Charlie Hart, diagnosed with leukemia; Rebecca Stephens, her sister, Patti Wall; Brenda Caraway; Candiss Caudle Territo; Larry & Linda Woodward who's son, Danny, passed away last week;

Basic Needs Totals for May 2021:

Seniors 83 Families Served 71 Individuals 256 New Families 4

Basic Needs Totals for 2021 Year To Date:

Seniors 582 Families Served 497 Individuals 1,285 New Families 25

GARAGE SALE TOTAL: APPROXIMATELY \$6,100.00

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 05/23/2021 \$ 10,858

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 199,506 (97%) YTD Budget: \$ 203,700

Building Fund \$316,816 (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!

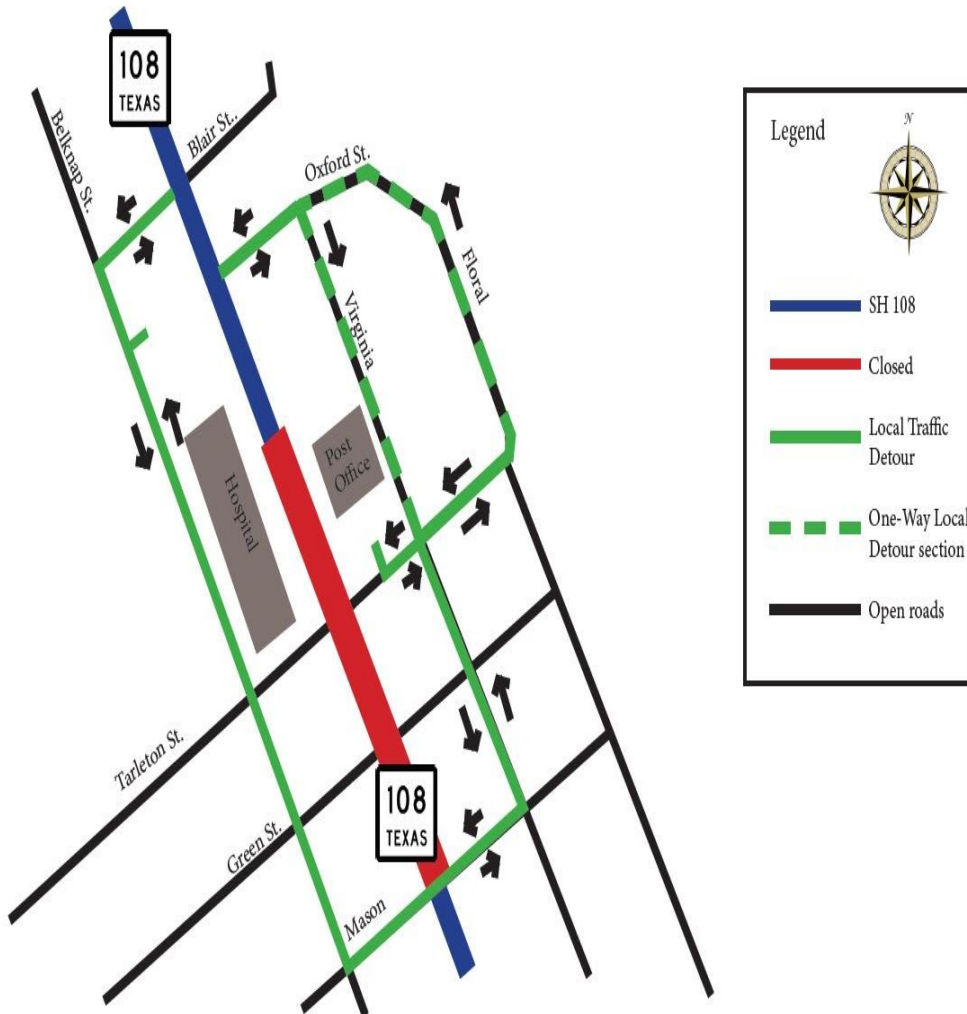


➡ The section of Graham Street from Green Street through Tarleton Street intersections to a point between Post Office entrance and exit (see map below) is closed due to construction. Be alert for any updates on church activities scheduled for the Family Center, and use extreme caution in the Graham Street 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.



SH 108 Detour

Hospital and Post Office Access





1st Wednesday of the Month – Faithful Youth

Where and When – Foster’s Home Pavilion 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 Wednesday Night of the Month – Faithful Duracells

Where and When – Family Center 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 Wednesday of the Month – Faithful Hands and Feet

Where and When – In the Community 6pm

Who – Everyone

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

4th Wednesday of the Month – Faithful Giving

Where and When – Family Center 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 Wednesday of the Month – Faithful Voices in the Park