



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**June 20 2021 Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "A Responsible Father"**

*You are witnesses, and God also, how holy and righteous and blameless was our conduct toward you believers. For you know how, like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to walk in a manner worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory. (1 Thes. 2:10-12 ESV)*

One of the responsibilities of a good father is to help our children learn how to “walk in a manner worthy of God.” We do our children a disservice when we create in them a thoughtless acceptance of our truth without equipping them with the reasoning tools needed to discern the truth and a lifestyle that models their use. We all have a natural tendency to crave information consistent with what we already believe, this is called “confirmation bias.” We tend to support facts and arguments that support our beliefs. The more we practice this, the more entrenched we become in our beliefs, even if they are false. Many of us believe we are good parents if we tell our kids what they are supposed to believe and make them believe it, but even if we are right in our faith that we are passing on, we have failed our children in not helping them learn how to examine the evidence with an open mind and come to their own convictions.

Jesus encouraged people to consider the evidence for his identity, not by just blindly accept his words. He encouraged people to become disciples, not just accept a legend. He encouraged them to carefully consider his teaching as coming from God, examine the evidence of the witnesses and his works, and study the Scriptures (see John 5). The Gospel of John is very clear about its purpose in John 20:30-31: *“Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book; but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.”* The Apostle John knew it was not the Lord’s will that we just blindly accept He is the Christ, the Son of God, but that we should examine the evidence, discern the truth, and act upon it.

Jesus taught in the first Beatitude (Mat. 5:3) that we must be “poor in spirit” having the humility to be open to change in our thinking. The self-centered sinful nature that assumes our view is right without considering why leads us into sin (James 1:14-15). The humble heart that can examine the evidence and reach conviction that becomes personal faith will better live out that faith and help others to join their example through their loving influence for good. That’s what good dads do. We model what we teach and encourage our children to follow as we help them develop their own faith. Think about this responsibility as you celebrate Father’s Day.

David Bearden



# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS SUMMER

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

1st Wednesday Night \*June 2nd\* —Faithful Youth (Foster Home Pavilion)

2nd Wednesday \*June 9th\* —Faithful Duracells (Family Center)

3rd Wednesday \*June 16th\* —Faithful Hands and Feet (In Community)

**4th Wednesday \*June 23rd\***—Faithful Giving (Family Center)

5th Wednesday \*June 30th\* —Faithful Voices (City Park)

## ➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

**Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Adult Class—The Battle Belongs to the Lord, A Sturdy of Biblical Warfare (teacher: Nathan Collier)**

**Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.**

**Wednesday, Faithful Giving** —Bring/make casseroles for the “Night of 100 Casseroles” (Thursday) Make cards/letters for casseroles; Pray over the food and for the community; Members take a casserole home to personally bless someone they know.

➤ **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>

## ➤ ONLINE RESOURCES

Sermons, Small Group Studies, etc. <https://grahamstreetchurch.com/resources/>

Chronological Bible Reading: <tps://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/>



### NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

#### June 20—24 **Youth Service Trip**

Abilene Texas

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

#### June 23 Prep for **Night of Casseroles** June 24

Family Center—Help is requested in preparing and serving. Drop off can be at Northcutt Law Office or the Family Center (4:00 to 4:45). Casseroles are handed out from 5:00 p.m. until they are all gone (125 were distributed last month!).

#### June 27: **Graham Street Fellowship Lunch** Honoring Charles & Sue Williams 75th Anniversary—Family Center. Meat provided, bring side dishes and desserts and cards!

#### 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 Sun**

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/1RWyVzkz80ZyNtwvYPR6Sd2xS\\_9BJGpMquZJz2AJDgRR4/viewform?edit\\_requested=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1RWyVzkz80ZyNtwvYPR6Sd2xS_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!** Please welcome Bill Scott, as our newest brother in Christ. He was baptized on 6/13/2020!

Cards can be sent to him at: 2251 W Lingleville Road Apt 11B  
Stephenville, TX 76401





Linda Stewart; Rusty Rose; Courtney Clayton; Brenda Caraway; Ronnie Moring; Peggy Glover; Paula Busby; Bill Hodson; Cynthia Price, Mildred Buchanan; Billy Powell; Chuck Gruenwald; Bill Scott; Chuck Arpe; Ricky Caudle; Charlie Hart, leukemia; Rebecca Stephens, her sister, Patti Wall; Kimberly O'Dea; Patty Jones; Vicki Bearden is scheduled for knee replacement surgery on Friday, July 2nd

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

➤ **Basic Needs Totals for June 17, 2021:**

Over 40 34 Families Served 30 Individuals 82 New Families 3

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

Seniors 581 Families Served 497 Individuals 1,285 New Families 25

**GARAGE SALE TOTAL: APPROXIMATELY \$6,100.00**

➤ **Giving Update**

**Contribution 06/13/2021 \$10,693**

**Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 226,760 (94.9%) YTD Budget:\$238,800**

**Building Fund \$324,476 (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!**

➤ **NIGHT OF 100 CASSAROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY May 27: 125 given away**



**1<sup>st</sup> 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)

**2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

**3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

**4<sup>th</sup> 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.

**5<sup>th</sup> Wednesday of the Month – Faithful Voices in the Park**