



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**July 4, 2021 Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "The Declaration of Independence"**

The Fourth of July—also known as Independence Day or July 4th—has been a federal holiday in the United States since 1941, but the tradition of Independence Day celebrations goes back to the 18th century and the American Revolution. On July 2nd, 1776, the Continental Congress voted in favor of independence, and two days later delegates from the 13 colonies adopted the Declaration of Independence, a historic document drafted by Thomas Jefferson. From 1776 to the present day, July 4th has been celebrated as the birth of American independence, with festivities ranging from fireworks, parades and concerts to more casual family gatherings and barbecues.

From a spiritual perspective, we celebrate Independence Day every Sunday when we share the Lord's Supper Communion. We remember that in Christ's sacrifice for our sins we have been made free from the power of sin and death.

**Hebrews 2:14-15** *Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might break the power of him who holds the power of death — that is, the devil — and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.*

But there are ways that we are too independent in our thinking as Christians. We are often too independent in our relationship with the Lord.

**Hebrews 4:14-16** *Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has ascended into heaven, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold firmly to the faith we profess. For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet he did not sin. Let us then approach God's throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.*

We forget how weak we are without the help of prayer and the Holy Spirit.

**Romans 8:26-27** *In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God.*

We also tend to think we can get along just fine without the help of our brothers and sister in Christ.

**Romans 12:3-5** *For by the grace given me I say to every one of you: Do not think of yourself more highly than you ought, but rather think of yourself with sober judgment, in accordance with the faith God has distributed to each of you. For just as each of us has one body with many members, and these members do not all have the same function, so in Christ we, though many, form one body, and each member belongs to all the others.*

Maybe Independence Day would be a good day to declare our dependence!

David Bearden



### NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

#### July 6, 2021: **Tuesday Night Devo** (Youth Group)

6:30 p.m. Spotlight on Mike & Julie Dacus—Dinner, Devo & More

#### July 7, 2021: **Living Faith Faithful Youth**—6:00 p.m. at the Foster's Home

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

#### July 11, 2021: **Come & Go Bridal Shower** 2:00 to 4:00 p.m.

Honoring Jessica Holt, bride-elect of Kevin Teague

(Selections at Home Place, Wal-Mart & Amazon)

#### July 12—15: **Kidz Camp: Soakin' Up The Son** 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/e/1FAIpQLScqtibuxhVUt6yic\\_Z7N3UKJX04Ih\\_I7NpzPUKYc6HyYNthYQ/viewform?vc=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail\\_form\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqtibuxhVUt6yic_Z7N3UKJX04Ih_I7NpzPUKYc6HyYNthYQ/viewform?vc=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link)

#### July 14, 2021: **Living Faith- Faithful Duracells**—6:00 p.m. at the Family Center

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

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

[sonshine christian youth camp](http://sonshinechristianyouthcamp.com) | [bandera, tx](http://bandera.tx) | [SCYC](http://SCYC.org) | [scycbandina.com](http://scycbandina.com)

#### July 20, 2021: **Christian Singles Meet**: 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Family Center

#### July 21, 2021: **Living Faith Faithful Hands and Feet** —6:00 p.m. at the Family Center

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

#### July 25, 2021: **Graham Street Fellowship Lunch**— following Sunday morning service—

please bring a side dish or a dessert



# WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS SUMMER

EACH MONTH A CROSS-GENERATIONAL FELLOWSHIP (6:00 p.m.)

**1st Wednesday Night \*July 7th\*** —Faithful Youth (Foster Home Pavilion)

**2nd Wednesday \*July 14th\*** —Faithful Duracells (Family Center)

**3rd Wednesday \*July 21st\*** —Faithful Hands and Feet (In Community)

**4th Wednesday \*July 28th\*** —Faithful Giving (Family Center)

## ➤ 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 Study of Biblical Warfare"**

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

**Wednesday, Living Faith—Faithful Youth** —The entire church encourages/inspires the spiritual growth of our youth. Bring a Friend for a night of fun!! (Splash pad, sports, devotional, & food)

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

➤ **NIGHT OF 100 CASSAROLLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY June 24:**

**118 given away—18 workers—event was from 5:00 until 7:00**

➤ **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>



Charles Williams; Rusty Rose; Courtney Clayton; Bill Hodgson; Ronnie Moring; Denise Powell; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore, Cynthia Price, Jody Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Billy Powell; Chuck Gruenwald; Bill Scott; Chuck Arpe; Ricky Caudle; Charlie Hart, diagnosed with leukemia; Rebecca Stephens, her sister, Patti Wall; Brenda Caraway; Candiss Caudle Territo; Kimberly O'Dea; Peggy Glover; Vincent Lopez; Patty Jones; Vicki Bearden's recovering from surgery

➤ **Rejoice! Ivy Adams** was baptized at camp last week! Please welcome her to our church family. Cards can be sent to her at the Foster's Home.

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

Over 40 12 Families Served 10 Individuals 30 New Families 1

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

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

➤ **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 06/27/2021 \$9,046 (93%)**

**Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 246,481 (97.7%) YTD Budget: \$ 252,200**

**Building Fund \$324,976** (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!



➡ **Hostesses:** Kim Jenschke, Pam Campbell, Kelijon Nance, Lupe Stephen, Jeannette Parker, Darla Doty, Sherrie Barton, Lisa Rose, Jerree Herrington, Tammy Jones, Karen Ritchey, Debbie Kitchens, Lacy Gilley, Ashleigh Feuerbacher, Vicky Dodge, Lani Rust, Caytlin Waggoner, Kristi Adams



**Great News:** Our **Jarrett and Emma Kitchens** welcomed their new baby girl, **Olivianna Nicole Kitchens**, this week. She weighed 6 pounds 10 ounces. Proud grand parents are **Joel and Debbie Kitchens**.



**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.