



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

## **Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**July 11, 2021 Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "The Worldwide Family of God"**

In our "Teamwork" sermon series focused on "Going Back Better Than Normal," we have been taking principles from Nehemiah's work in rebuilding the walls and restoring the infrastructure of the city of Jerusalem after their return from captivity. We have mainly focused on the local church, specifically the Graham Street Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas. The seven principles we have identified for our teamwork as a congregation to "go back better than normal" are:

1. They made a commitment to a specific mission and began the work (2:17-18)
2. They prayed believing God would give them success as they worked together (2:20)
3. They divided up the work as they worked together for common goals (chapter 3)
4. They all worked with all their heart (4:6)
5. They protected and encouraged each other as they worked (4:9-23)
6. They celebrated the success together after completing the wall in 52 days (6:15-16)
7. They recommitted to continuing to build on the foundation of God's Word (Chp. 8)

We are on principle #5 making application of the church protecting and encouraging each other because we are the "Family of God." Again, the emphasis I am making in my sermons is directed to the Graham Street Church Family, but we need to remember that the Family of God is worldwide and the principles we are applying to our specific church family can also be applied to the larger family of God all over the world.

I was readily reminded this week of what a wonderful church family we are a part of at Graham Street as so many reached out to us while Vicki is recovering from knee replacement revision surgery. So many offered to bring food that it was somewhat overwhelming. I can't begin to count how many calls, texts and emails I have received from our church family that we are being prayed for. I have had all kinds of offers from my GSCOC brothers and sisters to help with whatever I need as I take care of Vicki. Thank you so much for demonstrating what it means to be a church family. I love you all.

In addition to having a great local church family, we have a much larger Church Family! My Christian neighbors who were part of our "house church" meeting during COVID have extended the same loving care. My grass has been mowed, food given, and when they heard that Vicki's pathology report showed an infection that would need treatment, they circled around her in our living room to pray for her. We have had well wishes and prayers from the Christians at the school where Vicki works. We are in the prayers of the ministers in the Ministerial Alliance and the churches affiliated. I have received prayer messages from churches all over the United States. But I have to admit my eyes teared up when I began to get encouragement from brothers and sisters in Zimbabwe, China, Ireland, and Turkey. Praise God that we are a part of, not only a great local church family at Graham Street Church of Christ, but also the Family of God Worldwide!

David Bearden



### NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Honoring Jessica Holt, bride-elect of Kevin Teague

(Selections at Home Place, Wal-Mart & Amazon) (No Fellowship Lunch this week)

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&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail\\_form\\_link](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScqtibuxhVUt6yic_Z7N3UKJX04Ih_I7NpzPUKYc6HyYNthYQ/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1&flr=0&usp=mail_form_link)

July 14, 2021: **Living Faith- Faithful Duracells**—6:00 p.m. at the Family Center—  
**Generational Game Night! Fun for all ages!**

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

Members of our congregation are eligible to participate in the **Church Audit program at Harding School of Theology**. You may audit select courses for only \$50. Fall 2021 courses include:

Systematic Theology: Dr. Mark E. Powell (Mondays, 8:15-10:55 am, Aug. 16 - Dec. 6)

Counseling Skills: Dr. Ed Gray (Tuesdays, 1-3:45 pm, Aug. 17 - Dec. 7)

Survey of Paul's Letters: Dr. Richard E. Oster, Jr. (Thursdays, 6-8:45 pm, Aug. 19 - Dec. 2)



# 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 Duracells —Generational Game Night—Fun For All Ages

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

➤ NIGHT OF 100 CASSAROLES 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; 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; Vincent Lopez; Patty Jones; Vicki Bearden's recovering from surgery; Tim Childers

### 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 07/04/2021 \$9,322 (96%)

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 255,803 (97.7%) YTD Budget: \$ 261,900

**Building Fund** \$328,826 (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.