



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**July 18, 2021 Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "The Conduct of the Family of God"**

In 1 Timothy 3:14-15 Paul explains the purpose of writing this particular letter to Timothy:

*Although I hope to come to you soon, I am writing you these instructions so that, if I am delayed, you will know how people ought to conduct themselves in God's household, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and foundation of the truth. (NIV2011)*

There are a few things that Paul makes very clear in this passage:

1. He is writing this letter so that if he is not released from prison, Timothy will be able to teach Christians how to conduct themselves as God's household.
2. God's household (family) is the church of the living God.
3. The church is the pillar and foundation of the truth (the Gospel).

This explains why up to this point in the letter Paul has dealt with what is the true gospel and to beware of false teachers. He has dealt with praying for government leaders so that opportunities for peace and the advancement of the Kingdom of God. He has addressed the role and character of the leaders in the church, both men and women. All of these things are written so that people who are members of the body of Christ, the Church, will act like God's Family and hold to God's expectations for the Family – the Father's House Rules!

My parents had clear cut, non-negotiable house-rules and they started with understanding who we were and what was expected of us as Beardens. Because of who we were, we were expected to love, support, encourage and protect one another in the family. If you picked on my little brother or sister, you picked on me, and I would stand up for them as if I were standing up for myself. And as Beardens we were expected to be honest, always telling the truth, and we would respect the property of others and never take what was not ours. That's the reason why my dad made me at four take back the toy gun that I had accidentally made it home with from my friend's house and apologize for it.

It also means that when a Bearden did something wrong, we would deal with the wrongdoing. My adopted sister found herself in a completely different setting when she came into the Bearden Family, and it was hard on her to be confronted when she did wrong because that was not how her family of origin dealt with wrongdoing.

The Family of God, the Household of God, is the foundation and pillar of the truth. We speak and live truth. Dishonesty is not tolerated, nor is wrongdoing. Why, because that is who we are. It is expected that truth will be a constant virtue of our family. And if you don't live by this basic virtue in this family, you can count on your brothers and sisters to confront you about it. It is because we love you and we love our Heavenly Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We can't just let it go, or make excuses for you, or pretend it didn't happen like it is none of our business. What you do is a reflection on the family. Your life sends the message to the world of who we are, and we are accountable to each other for how it makes us all look when we don't live by the truth!

David Bearden



### NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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) | [scycbandina.com](http://scycbandina.com)

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

Meet at the Family Center; Assist around the church campus (repairs, etc.) and other help as needed

July 25, 2021: **Graham Street Fellowship Lunch**— following Sunday morning service— please bring a side dish or a dessert

July 27, 2021: **Youth Group Tuesday Night Devo** 6:30 p.m.

July 28, 2021: **Living Faith—Faithful Giving**—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

July 29, 2021: **Night of Casseroles**—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.

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)

You may attend class live on campus or on Zoom, or you may watch the recordings later if you prefer. For more information or to register, visit [hst.edu/church](http://hst.edu/church) or call the HST Admissions Office at 901-432-7750.



# 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—**

**Darrell Tucker begins a 4 part series from Acts 2: 42-47 on "Fellowship"**

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

**Wednesday, Living Faith—Faithful Hands and Feet—** Meet at the Family Center;

Assist people around their homes (repairs, lawn care, groceries) Also, assistance on church buildings as well

➤ **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, placed on hospice; 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; the family, friends and associates of Tammy Combs, caregiver at the Foster's Home, who passed away in an auto accident this past week.

➤ **Baby Shower!** You are invited to a baby shower for Lupe Stephen's granddaughter, Sarah Stephen. It will be on 7/25/2021, from 2:30 to 4:30, at Lupe's home (123 Sandra Palmer in Stephenville.) Any gift for a baby boy would be greatly appreciated. Any questions, please see Lupe.

### ➤ 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 07/11/2021 \$10,209**

**Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 266,012 (97.9%) YTD Budget: \$ 271,600**

**Building Fund \$332,674** (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!



**Sunday, August 22, 2021**

**New Classes Begin!**

**Children's Church Restart!**

**Special Programs!**





**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.