



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

July 25, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Going Back Better Than Normal...So Far"

We have been studying principles of "Going Back Better Than Normal," from the book of Nehemiah; and so far we are on Principle 5. Let's do a little review and put some application with it, and then we will take a peak ahead at the 2 remaining principles.

1. **They prayed and started working together on a clear mission (2:17-18).** Practical Application: "Being and Making Disciples of Jesus as a Church" (Mat. 28:18-20). Helping people to be **Rooted** in Christ and His Word, **Growing** to be like Christ through the power, and bearing the fruit, of the Holy Spirit, and **Reaching** up to our Lord, into the Church Family, and out to the lost around us and all over the world.
2. **They believed God would give them success as they worked together (2:20).** Practical Application: "Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. (Eph. 3:20-21) Knowing this we will dream big and ask in faith!
3. **They worked together, but they divided up the work (chapter 3).** Practical Application: Our Leaders will try to involve all members and equip them to do good works (Eph. 2:10; 4:11-16).
4. **They all worked with all their hearts (4:6).** Practical Application: We are motivated by the Lord's Greatest Command to Love God and Others with all our being (Mat. 22:34-40). We will fellowship and work together in small groups to be more motivated by love toward God and our fellow man to show Christ in all we do.
5. **They supported, encouraged and protected each other as they worked together (4:9-23).** Practical Application: Because we are the Family of God, the Body of Christ, the Temple for God's Glory, the Bride of Christ, the Army of God we will speak positively about this church and its members and do our best to support, encourage and protect one another.
6. **They celebrated their success giving God the glory in worship (6:15-16; 8:3-5).** Practical Application: We will refocus our worship on celebrating God's success through Christ and His Church giving Him the glory! (Eph. 3:10-11, 20-21).
7. **They recommitted themselves to God's Word (Chapter 8)** Practical Application: We will examine carefully God's Word, applying it carefully to our lives and to the mission of the Church, and recommit ourselves as a Church to living out Christ's mission in the world (2 Cor. 5:16-21)

David Bearden



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

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

➤ **July 25, 2021: Baby Shower** honoring Sarah Stephen, granddaughter of Chris & Lupe Stephen, 2:30—4:30, at 123 Sandra Palmer, Stephenville.

➤ **July 27, 2021: Youth Group Tuesday Night Devo 6:30 p.m.** Hosted by Hughbert & Gail Collier

➤ **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.

➤ **August 1, 2021: Youth Group Lunch** at the Gilley’s home

➤ 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 or call the HST Admissions Office at 901-432-7750.

➤ **Rejoice! Nick Bullard followed the gospel and put Jesus on in baptism at Camp Bandina this week.** Please welcome him to our church family. Cards can be sent to him at: 1779 N. Graham, Stephenville, TX 76401.



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 continues a 4 part series from Acts 2: 42-47 on "Fellowship"

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, 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.

➤ 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>

➤ To enhance our on-line Church Directory, we will be asking you to help us get it updated and current. Please send your new phone numbers, address, and/or any current photos of your family that you would like to be used to:
office@grahamstreetchurch.com



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; Wendall Ash; the family, friends and associates of Tammy Combs, caregiver at the Foster's Home, who passed away in an auto accident last 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 07/18/2021 \$9,805

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ 275,817 (98%) YTD Budget: \$ 281,300

Building Fund \$334,684 - Our goal is \$350,000—We are almost there!



Sunday, August 22, 2021

New Classes Begin!

Children's Church Restart!

Special Programs!





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.