



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

August 8, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Dear Parents"

Dear Parents:

Blessings to you and your family. In two weeks, **August 22, we will celebrate "Back to School Sunday."** It will be a very special day for the children in the **Children's Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 9:00.** We will start together for some special "Back to School Activities" and then the children will get a chance to visit their classes and meet their teachers. It will be Promotion Day, so this is extra special for the children moving up. It is also Launch Day for our new curriculum – "The Story for Children." Pre-K—5th Grade will meet in the Loft to begin the program. We also invite you to stay after worship services and join us in the Family Center across the street from the main building for hamburgers.

We are honored that your child will be participating in The Story for Kids Curriculum. As you may know, this program has thirty-one lessons—thirty-one beautiful messages of God's love and care for his children. Each lesson is designed to make your child aware of God's message through the Bible verses, Bible points, the stories, and various activities. While they explore God's Word in our Bible classes, we encourage you to extend that exploration to your home. Share your own love of his Word with your child, talk about what they are learning in their class, allow your child time to freely talk and ask questions about what they are learning. Be sure to encourage your child to share Activity Sheets or to tell you the Bible story that has been highlighted each week. Even allow your child to tell you about some of the discussions that have taken place and continue them at dinner or family reflection time. Look for the weekly Parents' Page on our website. Read and do some of the included activities each week. This is a family experience. God is the all-loving Father; we are his children. As The Story unfolds for all of us here at Graham Street Church of Christ share the experience with your child. We have been blessed with the incredible story of the Bible! Let's help make our children incredible and faith-filled storytellers.

The excitement of "Back to School Sunday" will extend into Sunday, August 29th as we restart our Children's Church program designed to help children ages 3-5 prepare for worship in the "Big Church" worship assembly. They will be invited to participate in the Children's Offering, which is used to purchase Bibles used in our mission efforts around the world, and then exit the auditorium for Children's Church during the sermon. You will be dismissed before the close of worship to pick up your child from Children's Church.

Prayerfully yours,

David Bearden, Minister

For the Church Family



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

➤ **August 8, 2021: Graham Street Fellowship Lunch**— following Sunday morning service— please bring a side dish or a dessert

➤ **August 11, 2021: Living Faith—Duracells**—Celebrate our more “experienced” members. Hear their personal stories as well as perspectives of how church and society have changed.

➤ **August 15, 2021: Special Guest Song Leader, Joey Roberts**

➤ **August 18, 2021: Living Faith—Faithful Hands & Feet**—Meet at the Family Center; Assist people around their homes (repairs, lawn care, groceries)

➤ **August 22, 2021: Back To School Sunday** —David Tomlinson cooks hamburgers at the Family Center following Sunday worship service—bring chips, dips, desserts

➤ **August 25, 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.

➤ **August 26, 2021: Night of Casseroles**— drop off your casseroles from 4:00 to 4:45 at the Family Center—help distribute them starting at 5:00 until they are all gone

➤ **August 29, 2021: —Children’s Church restarts**

➤ 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.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS SUMMER

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

1st Wednesday Night *August 4* —Faithful Youth (Foster Home Pavilion)

2nd Wednesday *August 11* —Faithful Duracells (Family Center)

3rd Wednesday *August 18* —Faithful Hands and Feet (In Community)

4th Wednesday *August 25*—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 concludes a 4 part series from Acts 2: 42-47 on "Fellowship"

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday, Living Faith—Faithful Duracells — Celebrate our more "experienced" members. Hear their personal stories as well as perspectives of how church and society have changed

NIGHT OF 100 CASSEROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY July 29:

80 given away—7 workers—all were handed out in just 20 minutes

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; 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;

▶ 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 08/01/2021 \$ To Be Posted Next Week

Budget: \$9,700 a week YTD Contribution \$ Posted Next Week YTD Budget: \$

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

▶ 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



Baby Shower: Caytlin (Rose) Waggoner also has as selections at 4 Kids Only in Stephenville

Baby Shower

PLEASE JOIN US
AS WE CELEBRATE THE
MOM-TO-BE

Caytlin Waggoner

SUNDAY, AUGUST 22ND
2:00PM - 4:00PM

THE PATRICIA
321 S COLUMBIA ST
STEPHENVILLE, TEXAS
PLEASE RSVP BY AUGUST 15TH
719.980.1128
REGISTERED AT BABYLIST.COM

Mark Your Calendars: The Duracells are hosting a picnic for all church members on Saturday, September 18, to be held at the home of Ronnie & Darlene Hearne. Details will come soon!



Sunday, August 22, 2021

New Classes Begin!

Special Programs!

**Hamburgers at the Family Center following
worship service!**





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.