



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

August 22, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Loving to Learn"

I was asked to lead a Prayer Walk at Central Elementary, so Tuesday, the day before the first day of school, I had a wonderful experience with Wes Wilson and Cory Devivo walking the hallways with the staff and teachers saying prayers for each section of the school in preparation for the next day. Before we started, I read Mat. 19:13-15 along something I wrote for the occasion. I wanted to share it with you and apply it to our "Back to School Sunday."

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." And he laid his hands on them and went away. (Mat. 19:13-15) Parents will bring their children to Central for a blessing, but some will think what happens here is not worth the time, effort and money spent on it. But like Jesus, Central brings the children in and blesses them, because

CENTRAL IS SACRED GROUND

We stand in a sacred place.

*A place where young minds and hearts will develop an attitude,
about school and learning that will last throughout their lives.*

*They will come with their excitement and anticipation,
and with their anxiety and fears.*

*This will be a place where they will learn about:
numbers, letters, shapes, colors, patterns and how they all work together
to read, write, count, and create.*

And this will open for them a whole new world.

*But they will also learn to learn, and if they do,
and love it, they will be life-long learners.*

And with that foundation, they will approach all of life as a learner.

*One who applies themselves to truth, and honest evaluation,
and in finding ways to make the world a better place
and to form better relationships.*

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"Loving To Learn" Continued

*And as a learner, they will leave room to discover the spiritual
beyond the physical, and the values that go beyond self-interest.*

*But if we break their trust, and squander this opportunity,
allowing them to pass through these halls and not learn to love learning,
they may well accept a cruel world of hurt from which
it will be impossible for them to find the tools to escape.*

*What we pray for, as we walk these sacred hallways, is more than for a good year.
For here, on this sacred ground, we ask God to work a miracle,
an eternal impact on every individual piece of eternity
that is touched by what happens here.*

If it is important for us to realize this about the education in our local schools, don't you think we should feel a strong responsibility to making our very best effort for our children in our Bible Classes? Doesn't that make our investment and efforts into our Youth and Family Ministry a top priority for this church? Isn't making "Back to School Sunday" a day to excite children to love to learn about God and find studying the Bible a joyful experience a very important mission for the Graham Street Church of Christ?

Remember the emphasis Jesus put on children:

At that time the disciples came to Jesus, saying, "Who is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven?" And calling to him a child, he put him in the midst of them and said, "Truly, I say to you, unless you turn and become like children, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven. Whoever humbles himself like this child is the greatest in the kingdom of heaven. "Whoever receives one such child in my name receives me, but whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in me to sin, it would be better for him to have a great millstone fastened around his neck and to be drowned in the depth of the sea. (Mat. 18:1-6)

What we do with our Youth and Family Ministry to make children love to learn spiritual things is one of the most important things we can do, and something we want to do right! We need you to be here with your children for Bible Classes. We need you to volunteer to help! We need you to give generously to provide the best environment and curriculum we can provide for their learning experience. We need your prayers and your support! The Lord will hold us responsible if we squander this opportunity and cause a child to lose their soul because we didn't give it our best effort!

David Bearden



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **August 22, 2021: Back To School Sunday** —9:00 Class Promotions, Special Program and Activities. David Tomlinson cooks hamburgers at the Family Center following Sunday worship service—bring chips, desserts & freezers of homemade ice cream—Be there by 9:00 so you don't miss a thing!
- **August 25, 2021: Living Faith—Faithful Giving**—Bring/make casseroles for the “Night of 100 Casseroles” (or give money to buy one); Make cards/letters for casseroles; Pray over the food and for the community; Members take a casserole home to personally bless someone they know
PLUS Faithful Hands & Feet: Meet at the Family Center 6:00; Assist people around their homes (repairs, lawn care, groceries)
- **August 26, 2021: Night of 100 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 Bible Class—The Story:** The Beginning of Life
- **August 29, 2021: Children's Church Restarts**—Worship Training for ages 3-5 during sermon.
- **August 29, 2021: 5th Sunday Singing** 5:00p.m. in the Auditorium. Various song leaders from the youngest to the oldest. We will also sing some songs from the oldies to some young (new) ones. We also get a chance to see what Children's Church looks like.
- **September 1, 2021: Revive Restarts** (Grades 6—12)
- **September 1, 2021: Living Faith Wrap-Up with a Soup & Sandwich Supper 5:30 to 6:30 in the Family Center.** Let's get together and share some Living Faith stories about this summer's activities. We will also talk about some things to do in the future, including what we are going to do on Wednesday nights during the fall semester.
- **September 8, 2021: Wednesday Night Classes Start—Wednesday Night Meals Start**
Wednesday Night Meals are back—5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center
Wednesday Night Bible Classes are back—6:30 in the main building.
“What's in a Name? A Study of the Names, Titles, and Descriptions of God”
Classes for all ages. We will all meet in the auditorium for a short devotional focused on God's Name and then break into classes in various places in the building.
- **September 12, 2021: GPS Class Starts—“Better Parenting Through Better Marriages”**
- **September 18, 2021: Duracells's Church-Wide Picnic**—to be held at the home of Ronnie & Darlene Hearne
- **September 26, 2021: Visitor and New Member Luncheon—**
We will use our monthly 4th Sunday Church-Wide Luncheons to meet New Members and for Fellowship with our Visitors



LIVING FAITH

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS SUMMER

4th Wednesday *August 25*—Faithful Hands & Feet + Faithful Giving

Although we are very thankful that the Lord blessed us with rain this week, we had to cancel our outdoor service projects we had for last Wednesday's Living Faith Night. We have combined those projects with casserole prep for this Wednesday night. You are encouraged to bring a casserole, or money for one, and be prepared to either help prepare casseroles, or go out with one of the crews to serve in the our community.

Fall Semester Wednesday Night Bible Classes start September 8

➡ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Adult Class—

Hughbert Collier begins a study of Book of Revelation in Auditorium

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

➡ Wednesday, Living Faith—Faithful Giving — Bring/make casseroles for the "Night of 100 Casseroles" (or donate money); Make cards/letters for casseroles; Pray over the food and for the community; Members take a casserole home to personally bless someone they know **AND Faithful Hands & Feet—** Meet at the Family Center 6:00; Assist people around their homes (repairs, lawn care, groceries)

➡ 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; Tim Childers; Wendall Ash; Ben Lewis; Carolyn Cook's mother and niece ; The Nix family as Frances Nix passed away this week; Mike Kribbs; Vickie Bearden

► 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 08/15/2021 \$ 11,958

YTD Contribution \$316,580 (98.90%) YTD Budget: \$ 320,100

► Building Fund **\$343,764 - 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



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!



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



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Be here PROMPTLY at 9:00

So you don't miss a thing!

**Hamburgers at the Family Center following
worship service! Bring chips, desserts and
freezers of homemade ice cream!**

