

September 12, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Sunday Morning & Wednesday Night Classes"

I want to encourage everyone to be a part of our Sunday Morning and Wednesday Night Classes, and especially our families with children still at home. We have some very special classes available that will help your family.

We restarted our Wednesday night classes this Wednesday night. We have a meal at 5:30; and begin Bible Classes at 6:30. We all start in the auditorium for a short devotional focused on our theme for the evening and then break into class groups for all ages (Except for REVIVE for grades 6 through 12 which will start in the Family Center). One class will be the Family Bible Class for parents and their children ages 3 through 2^{nd} grade. We also have a class for the $3^{rd} - 5^{th}$ grade, and one for children under 3 years old. The adult class will remain in the auditorium after the devotional. We will be studying the names of God and how they remind us of the hope and help we have in the Lord in every difficulty we face.

This week I have thought a lot about the morning of September 11, 2001 and the months that followed in our family. I have wondered how it impacted our three daughters. I look back on that time and I see ways that it helped shape our daughters. They have all shown a deep respect for first responders, and have jumped in to help in time of floods, hurricanes, tornadoes, earthquakes, fires, etc. They have all moved in the direction of education dealing with trauma. They have all trained in conflict resolution and the development of common ground for better understanding and de-escalation. Knowing that our home environment had some influence in how our children deal with the challenges, conflicts, and crises in their lives, I am excited to pursue a topic of study in our GPS Class this semester that can help our parents form a better team to help their children deal with the conflicts and crises they will face.

The GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) Class begins Sunday morning at 9:00. I don't want to appear in anyway to be in competition with Hughbert's Revelation class, and if you are attending his class, please continue if that is best for you. But if you would benefit from GPS, please join us.

Our focus this semester is, "Better Parenting through Better Marriages." This class will attempt to help us improve our marriages through the class material and member support for one another. Improving our marriages will improve our parenting, but even if we didn't have children, we should try to have the best marriages we can. We would love to have everyone who wants to improve their marriage join us. This Sunday we will begin the class by looking at 5 Major Causes of Conflict and Crisis in Marriage. I will also give you some inventories to help you analyze how you deal with these conflicts and crises, and where you could make adjustments to improve your marriage.

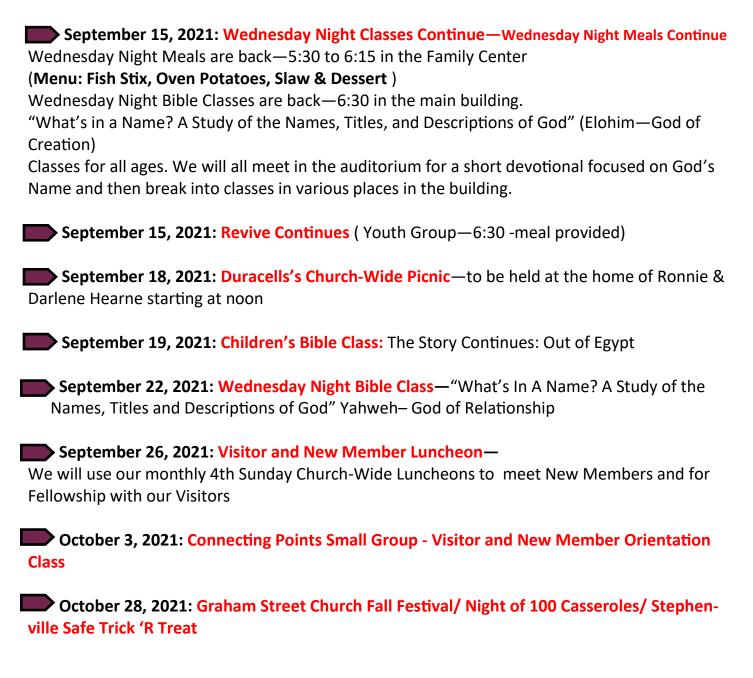


NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

September 12, 2021: Children's Bible Class—The Story Continues: Joseph– From Slave to Deputy Pharaoh

September 12, 2021: Children's Church continues

September 12, 2021: GPS Class Starts—"Better Parenting Through Better Marriages"



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Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Children's Class: The Story: God Builds A Nation GPS Class continues Adult Class: Hughbert Collier continues a study of Book of Revelation in Auditorium Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

NIGHT OF 100 CASSEROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY August 26:

28 volunteers handed out 97 casseroles in 42 minutes tonight (the first 90 in just 22 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 <u>https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org</u>



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. (Starting at noon.)



Rejoice! Kent Dotson was baptized last Sunday afternoon. You can send Kent a card at: 125 W Hyman Street, Apartment 10, Stephenville, Texas 76401





Charles Williams; Mike Hughes; Rusty Rose; Courtney Clayton; Bill Hodgson; Ronnie Moring; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore; Jody Caudle; Peggy Glover; 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, who's mother, Margaret Ash, passed away this past week; Ben Lewis, son of Marion & Ann Lewis. Sherri Carraway who lost her brother, Carl House.

ONLINE RESOURCES

Audio with Slides Recording on website (<u>https://grahamstreetchurch.com/sermons</u>) Family Resources: <u>https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com/house-church</u> Small Group Lessons and Study Materials are on the website: <u>https://grahamstreetchurch.com/small-group-materials</u> Chronological Bible Reading: https://www.biblestudytools.com/bible-reading-plan/chronological.html

Giving Update

Contribution 09/05/2021 \$9,208 (94.9%) Budget: \$9,700

YTD Contribution \$341,764 (97.87%) YTD Budget: \$349,200

Building Fund \$348,559 - Our goal is \$350,000—We are almost there!

To enhance our on-line Church Directory, we will be updating the information. We need your new phone numbers, address. We especially need any current photos of your family that you would like to be used. Please send to: <u>office@grahamstreetchurch.com</u>

Wes & Nichole Wilson would love to have us help with their Youth Group meals on Wednesday nights at 6:30. You can either provide the whole meal, which would be for 10-15 people, or you can provide just the main dish and let them know they can provide a side dish. Drinks such as tea and lemonade can also be provided or the Wilsons can make those at the Family Center. This is a great way to support our Youth Group. You can drop off the meal or you can stay and eat. Another option would be to have more than one person provide the meal. Please click the link below to see what dates are available and to sign up. Home | Mysite (grahamstreetyouth.org)

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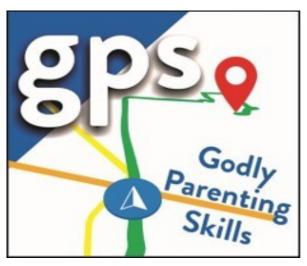




Some Family Discussion Questions:

- Who outside our family do we know in the church? How could we make that a stronger connection?
- 2. Who is someone outside our family that we don't know that we could make a connection with?
- 3. Who is outside our family who needs a stronger connection to our church family that we could help become better connected?

Take Steps as a Family to Make Connections to Our Church Family.



Sun., Sept. 12th 9:00am GPS room.

9:00am Class; GPS Class Starts "Better Parenting Through Better Marriages" 10:00am Worship

> "Family Connection" 2nd Sunday Emphasis

Recommitting to Small Groups

Your Family Connection To Our Church Family Starting September