



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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October 10, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Family Connections"

I started writing a series of articles for the online bulletin this week about "family connections," but when I heard about Debbie Kitchens' death, I decided to write something else about the topic. Debbie is a perfect example of what we are meaning by Church Family Connections. She was loved, respected, and cherished by so many people beyond her blood family. That of course was because of the amazing person she was and how she showed loving care for so many. But it was also because of her connection to the Church Family and the Foster Home Family.

Mischelle Oliver said it well, "Debbie will be greatly missed, her words of wisdom and heart of overflowing love lives on in all she taught us about God and life." Many family members will say something like this about a loved one who has passed, but Mischelle is not a biological family member. But she is family! Because of her Church Family and Foster Home Family Connections to Debbie. She illustrates what we mean by Family Connections that we are trying to build in our Church Family here at Graham Street.

All generations of our Church Family have been blessed by Debbie Kitchens. She made it part of her life's mission as long as she was able to build relationships of love and spiritual support with the youngest to the oldest. If you were a parent and you knew Debbie, you wanted your child to know her, and she wanted to know them. That is the Family Church Connections we are talking about. Every generation can be a blessing to the other generations in the church. It would be a shame for us to let a generation of kids miss out on meeting people like Debbie while we have the time.

So, this Sunday as a Family Connection activity we are encouraging you and your family to send a note of encouragement to another member or family. We will even provide some cards and postage if you need it. It is up to you to provide the connection.

David Bearden



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 10, 2021: 2nd Sunday—Graham Street Family Connection**
- **October 10, 2021: Children's Bible Class—The Story: The Battle Begins**
- **October 10, 2021: Children's Church** continues
- **October 10, 2021: GPS Class Continues—"Better Parenting Through Better Marriages"**
- **October 12, 2021: Duracells—Potluck at the Family Center—5:30 p.m.** If you can, bring pre-wrapped candy or prizes to be given out at Safe Trick or Treat
- **October 13, 2021: Wednesday Night Classes Continue—Wednesday Night Meals Continue**
Wednesday Night Meals —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center
(Menu: Tostados, Dessert)
Wednesday Night Bible Classes —6:30 in the main building.
"What's in a Name? A Study of the Names, Titles, and Descriptions of God"
(Yahweh Qara - Lord of Calling)
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.
Under age 3—in the Nursery
Age 3 to 2nd Grade—in The Loft
3rd—5th Grade—In Orange Room (upstairs)
Revive—in Family Center (Youth Group)
Adults—in the auditorium
- **October 13, 2021: Revive Continues** (Youth Group in Family Center—6:30 -meal provided)
- **October 28, 2021: Graham Street Church Fall Festival/ Night of 100 Casseroles/ Stephenville Safe Trick 'R Treat—we are going to need a LOT MORE CASSEROLES!** If you would like to donate money for casseroles, put "Casseroles" in the memo line of your donation check.





➡ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. Children's Class:

The Story: The Battle Begins

GPS Class continues

Adult Class: Hughbert Collier returns to teach a study of Book of Revelation in Auditorium
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

➡ NIGHT OF 100 CASSEROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY September 30:

18 volunteers hand out 102 casseroles in 47 minutes . We also received \$138 in donations to go toward next month's event

The next Night of Casseroles is Thursday, October 28, 2021.

➡ **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>

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 \(grahamstreetyouth.org\)](https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org)

➡ Giving Update

Contribution 10/03/2021 \$9,902 Budget: \$9,700

YTD Contribution \$377,201 (97.21%) YTD Budget: \$ 388,0000

Building Fund \$354,399 - Our goal is \$350,000—We have arrived, but let's keep going!

➡ A basket is in the foyer for a **Gift Card Shower** honoring **Tyler and Amber Nabors**. They were married during all the chaos of Covid and we want to honor this sweet couple with a Shower of Gift Cards (This is the last Sunday.)



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 & Kathy Gruenwald; Bill Scott; Chuck Arpe; Ricky Caudle; Charlie Hart; Brenda Caraway; Vincent Lopez; Patty Jones; Tim Childers; Sherri Carraway ; Hartley Hearne, great-niece of Ronnie & Darlene Hearne, cancer recurrence; Judy Vaughn; The family & the Foster's Home family of Debbie Kitchens, who passed away this week.

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>

GPS Resources:

[GPS | Graham Street Church of Christ](#)

➤ **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: office@grahamstreetchurch.com**

➤ Graham Street is currently raising money to provide Shona language Bibles for distribution throughout Zimbabwe. World Bible School is partnering with us in this effort and is challenging their supporters to match the funds that we raise. To date Graham Street has given \$16,112.50 with \$10,000 of the total coming from Mary Batchelor's gift to the congregation. Each Bible cost \$8.50. If we raise \$20,000, with matching funds it will be possible to purchase 4,700 Bibles!

Please consider contributing to this effort. Checks should be made out to: Graham Street Church of Christ, Shona Bibles. **(Amount requested \$20,000—amount given to date: \$16,112.50)**



"Family Connection"

2nd Sunday Emphasis

Recommitting to Small Groups

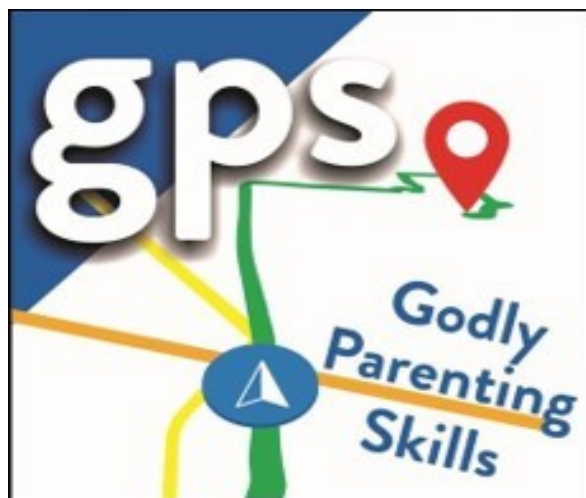
Your Family Connection
To Our Church Family
Starting September

Some Family Discussion Questions:

1. 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.

This Sunday work with your family to send another family an encouraging note or card.



Sun., October 3, 9:00am GPS room.

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

10:00am Worship





➤ If you are New or Visiting? Connect with Us! Use your phone camera to scan this QR Code and fill out a Connection form online! If you started attending here sometime since January 2020, please fill out the form so we can update our information.



QR Code to access
Connection Form.

➤ October marks the release of two video projects on the Seven Churches of Revelation. The first is *The 7 Churches of Revelation: Times of Fire*, premiering as a Fathom Event around the US on October 11 and 12. It will be shown at the **Stephenville Cinemark Cinema 6 both nights at 7 pm.**

The second is *Triumph & Trial: Revelation's Churches* produced by Appian Media. As a crowd-sourced production, it is free to watch at <https://appianmedia.org/trial-triumph-revelations-churches/>. Both have high production values with wonderful footage shot on location at the seven cities. Entertaining and informative, they are also spiritually stimulating.

Guest at Mission Committee Meeting
Sunday, noon at Collier Consulting
Howell Ferguson

