



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

October 24, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Church Calendars"

You might be surprised to hear that "Church Calendars" are challenging. I am so thankful we have Linda Stewart and Denise Kribbs to superintend the Graham Street Church Calendar. In addition to regularly scheduled activities at our main building, the Family Center and the Campus Center, they handle reservations for building use by the community. The more church family ministry and service in our community, the more complicated our church calendar becomes. All our ministries (Celebrate Recovery, Missions, Basic Needs, Campus Ministry, Young Moms, Bible Classes, Small Groups, Prison Ministry, etc.) serve better when they are scheduled on the church calendar where our ministry staff can answer church and community questions about their schedules of service. But what is more challenging to our scheduling is trying to keep it all in tune with the mission of our church.

This time of the year, from now until the first of the year, is very busy and complicated for our church and its families. I thought it might be helpful to look at some group events we have coming up and what we are doing to help us better enrich our family connections and our service in the community. This is in addition to regularly scheduled events by the various ministries of this church.

Wednesday night, Oct. 27, we will have the meal as usual at 5:30 and an adult Bible class in the auditorium at 6:30, but because of the Stephenville Safe Trick-R-Treat, our Church Fall Festival, and the Casserole give away, Thursday night, Oct. 28, our Family Bible Class we will not meet. Instead, we are encouraging the parents to move their family outing from Wednesday night to Thursday night and enjoy the activities of Fall Festival and Safe Trick-R-Treat. So, on Wednesday, several of our congregation, including our teens in REVIVE, will be working in preparation for Thursday night, including preparing casseroles. You are invited to join the fun and volunteer on both Wednesday and Thursday nights. Don't forget we will need more casseroles than ever, so please donate casseroles or money to purchase them.

Sunday night, Oct. 31, no evening service.

Wednesday night, Nov. 3, We will not have a meal, classes, or REVIVE at the church building. This is the night for the big Bonfire before game with Brownwood. This is an extra big deal for our church this year with our connections to the football team and all the players, coaches, cheerleaders, parents, fans, etc. **So, we are going to meet in the city park at 6:00 and have pizza and a devo then go to bonfire.** (Continued on Page 2)



Church Calendars Continued

Sunday Nov. 7 Cross-Connect Regional Youth Event at Graham Street this will impact some of our Sunday afternoon and evening events in the Family Center. Prep for the Basic Needs Garage Sale is also scheduled to begin this day. Wes is coordinating with Deborah Swanson and Jacob Russell to begin the loading of garage sale items in the trailers for transport, but they will not be unloaded into the Family Center until the end of Cross-Connect that evening.

Thursday, November 18, will be the Night for Casserole Giveaway due to Thanksgiving the following week.

Wednesday night, Nov. 24 (Day before Thanksgiving), we will not have a meal, classes, or REVIVE at the building, but we will send out some Thanksgiving family devotional ideas that you may wish to share during the holiday.

Sunday morning, Nov. 28, (Sunday after Thanksgiving), we will only have our 10:00 Worship Service. We will not have Bible Classes, Children's Church, or the 4th Sunday Luncheon.

Wednesday, Dec. 15 will be our Community Christmas Dinner, and this will also serve as the Night for the Casserole Giveaway in December.

Wednesday Night Dec. 22, we will not have Bible Classes, but we will have a special Family Christmas Devotional.

Sunday Dec. 26, (the day after Christmas), we will only have our 10:00 Worship Service. We will not have Bible Classes, Children's Church, or the 4th Sunday Luncheon.

Wednesday Night, Dec. 29, we will not have services or Bible classes at the building.

Scheduling building use and church activities on the Church Calendar can be a complicated process, but more importantly it takes prayer and wisdom to schedule what is best for the benefit of our family connections and our service in the community. Thank you for your understanding, patience and cooperation in the effort to make the best use of our resources to the glory of God.

David Bearden



Church Calendars Continued

NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **October 24, 2021: Children’s Bible Class—The Story:** The Faith of a Foreign Woman
- **October 24, 2021: Children’s Church** continues
- **October 24, 2021: GPS Class Continues—”Better Parenting Through Better Marriages”**
- **October 24, 2021—Graham Street Fellowship lunch** following services (Pot Luck—bring side dish or dessert)
- **October 27, 2021: Wednesday Night Meal - preparations for Night of Casseroles + Fall Festival**
 Wednesday Night Meals —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center
(Menu: Hot Dogs with Chili, Chips, Dessert)
 Adult Bible Class—6:30 in the main auditorium
 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”
 (El Elyon - God Most High Possessor of All) - discussion continues on priesthood of Melchizedek
 Revive—in Family Center (Youth Group)
 No Family Bible Class
- **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. *Everyone bring bags of candy & leave in the lobby to give out to the kids at the Trick or Treat & Fall Festival events*
 These events start at 5:00. Drop off for the casseroles is from 4:00 to 4:45. Casserole giveaway begins at 5:00 and continues until they are all gone.
 The times for the Save Trick R Treat & Fall Festival are 5:00 to 7:00



- **October 31, 2021: No 5th Sunday Singing**
- **November 3, 2021: Meet at City Park for dinner & a devotional—stay for “Burn The Wood” bonfire**
- **November 7, 2021: Cross Connect (Youth Group)**
- **November 9, 2021: The Duracells** are inviting our college students to their Thanksgiving Celebration, at Bob & Darla Doty’s home, 5:30 p.m. (Those that regularly attend Duracells functions are requested to bring a side dish and/or dessert—bring extra for the guests!)



➤ OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

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

The Story: The Faith of a Foreign Woman

GPS Class continues—Better Parenting Through Better Marriages

Adult Class: Hughbert Collier continues 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 10/17/2021 \$8,843 (91.11%) Budget: \$9,700

YTD Contribution \$394,453 (96.57%) YTD Budget: \$ 407,400

Building Fund \$356,399 - Our goal is \$350,000—We have arrived, but let's keep going!

➤ **Bring your candy for the Fall Festival/Safe Trick or Treat and put in the baskets in the lobby.**



Charles Williams; 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 reoccurrence; Judy Vaughn; The family of Mike Hughes, who passed away last week; Tommy Wilson, father of Wes Wilson; Cori & Tommy, daughter & son-in-law of Mike & Julie Dacus; Paul Schulze; Thurman Goleman, who's father, Steve, passed away on Wednesday

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 are 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 \$17,692.50 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: \$17,692.50)**



“Family Connection”

2nd Sunday Emphasis

Recommitting to Small Groups

Your Family Connection

To Our Church Family

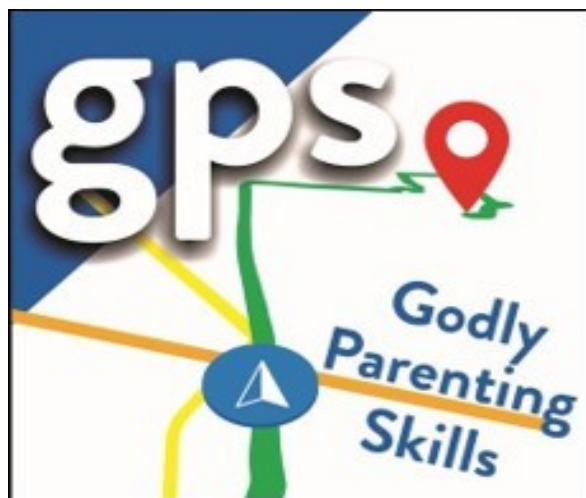
Starting September

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 24, 9:00am GPS room.

GPS Class “Better Parenting Through Better Marriages”

Adult Class in Auditorium—Hughbert Collier leads a class on the book of Revelation

10:00 a.m. Worship

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my name is

**El Elyon- (Discussion Continues)
God Most High Possessor of All
Wednesday Night Bible Classes
6:30 Auditorium
“What’s In a Name (of God)?”**



➤ **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 video projects on the Seven Churches of Revelation. One 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.



The Duracells are inviting our college students to their Thanksgiving Celebration to be held November 9, 2021, at Bob & Darla Doty's home, 5:30 p.m. (Those that regularly attend Duracells functions are requested to bring a side dish and/or dessert—bring extra for the guests!)

➤ Please see the original Thank You Note from Brenda Caraway posted on the Bulletin Board in the hall. Here is what it says:

Dear Deacons,

I just wanted to thank you all of you that came to my aid during my down time. I have been blessed by the best and I wanted you to know I appreciate you all.

You have a very good program going....being selfless and reaching out.

Thanks so much.

Love,

Brenda Caraway