October 31, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: Guest Contributor: Le Jones

Since I have been preaching on "Recommitting to the Word of God," I wanted to share with you a plan that Le Jones has developed to help us do it. Maybe you would like to join his class, or do something similar with your small group. David

Bible 101

Labor Day weekend 2021, I heard a sermon in which the preacher stated that the church wasn't doing much about seeking the lost, but that basically churches were shifting and trading believers from denomination to denomination or congregation to congregation; we weren't doing a very good job at seeking and saving the lost.

So I began to think, "What can I do about this?" and thought about who the lost were.

I feel there are two kinds of lost; the LOST who do not know God or the way. These people have never heard or learned of God and His plan of reconciliation to man. The other LOST are those who have strayed from the path they once were on and need to find their way back.

I felt if I could find others who wanted to help the LOST, that we could provide a light to guide their way. We could offer a basic Bible class, a survey class, if you will, to open the Bible in a non-threatening environment, allowing people to investigate God and learn of His plan for mankind.

This study needed to be in a "neutral site". Many are daunted by church buildings and of the "judgmental" people that are there. "Neutral" would also be a byword for the study; students are invited to learn the story of the Bible. Great care will be taken to not teach doctrine or application. Effort will be made to allow Spirit to do the drawing, not the facilitators. A list of ministers and their contact information would be provided, and facilitators would stay behind to answer any personal questions after class. It is not the intent to create Baptists, Methodists, or Church of Christers, but followers of Christ.



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The beauty of the class lies in that the facilitators will be living 1 Peter 3:15, giving an answer for the hope he/she has because of the lesson for the week. The goal is to have two facilitators per table.

A location has been found to meet on Sunday nights at 7:00 p.m. starting in January 2022. The group is forming to shape the lessons. The textbook is the Word of God. The curriculum has a basic structure, but will be alive so it may ebb and flow within the outline. The objective is to explore the Bible in one year, and then begin again the next January. The class will be open always and taught such that one isn't "punished" for missing a week. The same goes for facilitators.

The objective of the course is to expose the participant to the Bible, not to prove or convince. If the person wants to investigate further, resources can be provided.

The assertion will be that we believe the Bible is the Word of God and tells of His love for mankind, and His desire and ongoing attempt to reconcile a broken world unto Himself. God has given mankind freewill and will not force anyone into a relationship (present or eternal) with Him.

If students are in need of a Bible, a Bible Harvest is intended to coincide with the Community Christmas Dinner, allowing people to donate used Bibles (name pages removed) for the new user. Arrangements could be made if persons want a "new" Bible.

Le Jones

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QR Code to access Connection Form.



Church Calendars Continued

NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

October 31, 2021: Children's Bible Class—The Story: Messages from God

October 31, 2021: Children's Church continues

October 31, 2021: GPS Class Continues—"Better Parenting Through Better Marriages"

October 31, 2021: Special Guest Song Leader: Joey Roberts

October 31, 2021: No 5th Sunday Singing

November 3, 2021: Meet at City Park for pizza & a devotional—stay for "Burn The Wood" bonfire (6:00 p.m.)

November 6, 2021: Men's Prayer Breakfast; 8:00 a.m. at the Tri-C (corner of Ollie & Tarleton)

November 7, 2021: First Day without Daylight Savings Time (turn your clocks back one hour on Saturday, November 6)

November 7, 2021: Cross Connect (Youth Group) - 4:15 Auditorium: Games 5:15 Auditorium: Devotional 5:45 Family Center: Supper 6:30 Family Center: Service Project

November 7—10: Basic Needs Garage Sale Preparation

November 10—13: Basic Needs Garage Sale is live



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!)



Please welcome our new members, Ryan & Kasey Reed, and their children, Harper & Kinslee. Their mailing address is: 333 N. Floral Street, Stephenville, Texas 76401.



OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

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

Children's Class:The Story: Messages from God

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 October 28:

At least 25 volunteers handed out 181 casseroles in less than 90 minutes. Plus \$495 was donated to help pay for next month's Night of Casseroles. The next Night of Casseroles is November 18, 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)

Giving Update

Contribution 10/24/2021 \$8,320 (85.77%) Budget: \$9,700

YTD Contribution \$402,773 (96.56%) YTD Budget: \$417,100

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





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 recently; 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 last 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:

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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 \$19,950.10 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: \$19,950.10)





"Family Connection"

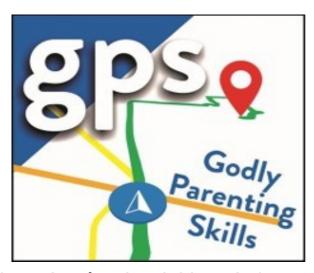
2nd Sunday Emphasis Recommitting to Small Groups

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.



Sun., October 31, 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

HELLO my name is

Yahweh Mayen (Next Class 11/10)
Lord Your Shield (Protection)
Wednesday Night Bible Classes
6:30 Auditorium
"What's In a Name (of God)?"



Graham Street Church Family will meet in City Park at 6:00 for Pizza (bring your own beverages) and we will have a devotional at 6:30.

We will then walk over to the bonfire. It will be beside McCleskey softball field at 7:00, and they light the fire at 7:30 and a FCA Student will lead a prayer.



