



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

December 12, 2021 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Getting Ready For A New Year"

With Christmas on our minds, we may not have thought much about the New Year. On the other hand, with the challenges of the last two years, you may be looking to the New Year more than you have in the past. I spent much of 2021 preaching on "Going Back Better Than Normal" using principles of "Teamwork" from the book of Nehemiah and applying them to what we should do as a church to not just go back to normal but do better than normal. Although we have already started applying these principles to our planning and ministries, 2022 offers a new opportunity to put these principles into specific function in our church efforts to bring glory to God. Let's review these principles and put some concrete plans and strategies with them.

- 1. Commit to shared goals and work on them together in prayer.**
- 2. Through Prayer, believe God will give success as we work together to His Glory.**
- 3. Work together dividing up the work involving the whole church.**
- 4. Every member gives full-hearted commitment to the work.**
- 5. Protect, support, and encourage each other as we work together.**
- 6. With every success give glory to God and celebrate in worship.**
- 7. Recommit ourselves to the Word of God and Prayer.**

Principle 1: Commit to shared goals and work on them together in prayer.

We have been able to review our ministries in 2021 and we understand some vital areas we need to improve and emphasize as we go forward, for example:

- 1). Recommit as a whole church to our vision of being Rooted, Growing and Reaching.** Rooted in the Word of God (Scripture and Christ), Growing to Be Christlike, Reaching Up to God and Out to others through love and service.
- 2). Take care of the physical, emotional, spiritual needs of the church family.**
- 3). Improve our infrastructure for ministry,** including renovating our facilities and improving our technology, organization, and administration.
- 4). Emphasize Multigenerational Family Ministry.** Do greater planning and give more effort in family support and outreach to every age group and life circumstance.
- 5). Improve our hearts and actions in worship to God!**

David Bearden (to be continued)



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 12, 2021: **Children's Bible Class - The Story**—God's Messengers
- December 12, 2021: **Children's Church Continues**
- December 12, 2021: **GPS Class**—There will be no GPS Class today—class members are encouraged to help Megan prepare for the Children's Santa Supper at the Family Center, or meet to make a list of "Tough Questions Parents Have to Answer" to discuss in next semester's GPS Class.
- December 12, 2021: **Youth & Family Ministry Emphasis Day**—lesson given by Wes Wilson
- December 12, 2021: **Christmas Party**—5:00 p.m. at the Family Center (please bring finger foods—Santa Will Be There!)
- December 12, 2021: **GYSG Christmas Party**—12:15 at the Tri-C (food, games & gifts!)
- December 12, 2021: Please bring your Gift Cards to give away at the Community Christmas Dinner (You can put them in the decorated box in the church foyer.)
- December 12, 2021: Please bring cookies (pre-bagged, 2 cookies per bag) to include in the meals of the Community Christmas dinner (leave at the Family Center or on the WORK TABLE in Basic Needs)
- December 14, 2021: 9:00 a.m., Food Prep, baking & deboning turkeys—Servant Supper 6:00 pm
- December 15, 2021: Community Christmas Dinner—9:00 a.m., Begin Cooking 3:00 p.m. Delivery Drivers Needed 5:00 Food Lines start (we need help with the following areas: servers, food handed out, traffic coordinators, clean up—we stop serving food at 7:30 p.m.)



Welcome to our newest member, Kaylea Duvall. Kaylea is a college student and was baptized last Sunday. Please welcome her to our church family. You can write her at: 302 Cactus Drive, Haslet, TX 76052



SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m.
Children’s Class: The Story: God’s Messengers
GPS Class continues—Better Parenting Through Better Marriages
Adult Class: Hughbert Collier leads a class on the book of Revelation in Auditorium
Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

NIGHT OF 100 CASSEROLES TOTALS FOR THURSDAY November 18:

There were 19 volunteers who handed out 72 casseroles in less than 17 minutes.
Plus \$33 was donated to help pay for next month’s Night of Casseroles.

The next Night of Casseroles is Thursday, January 27, 2022. Community Christmas Dinner is Wednesday, December 15, 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>

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Giving Update

Contribution 12/05/2021 \$12,433 Budget: \$9,700

YTD Contribution \$ 459,295 (96.63%) YTD Budget: \$ 475,300

Building Fund \$374,649 - Our goal is \$350,000—We are currently working on the strategies for the renovation of the Auditorium and the Education Wing.



Charles Williams; Rusty Rose; Bill Hodgson; Ronnie Moring, still grateful for our prayers; Carol Moring (heart ablation in Ft Worth, 12/10); Paula Busby; Micaela Moore; Jody Caudle; Peggy Glover; Mildred Buchanan; Chuck & Kathy Gruenwald; Bill Scott; Chuck Arpe; Ricky Caudle; Charlie Hart; Brenda Caraway; Vincent Lopez; Patty Jones; Tim Childers; Hartley Hearne, great-niece of Ronnie & Darlene Hearne, cancer reoccurrence; Tommy Wilson, father of Wes Wilson; Paul Schulze; Billy Powell; Fred Alvord; Bobby Tate; Johanna Graham; Ben Lewis, recovering from Covid; Tony Territo; Jeannette Parker; Rebecca Stephens

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

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.



“Family Connection”

2nd Sunday Emphasis

Recommitting to Small Groups

Your Family Connection

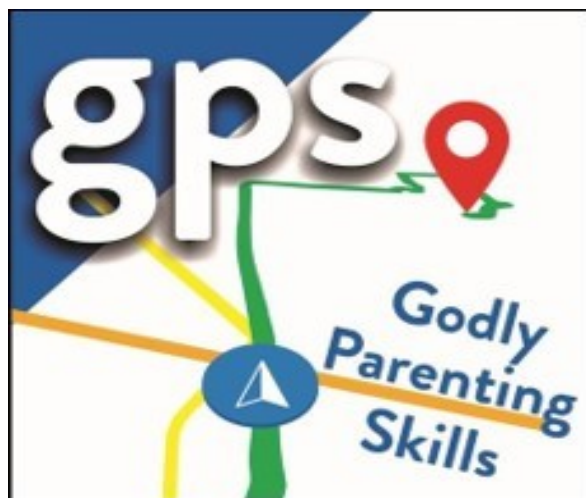
To Our Church Family

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?

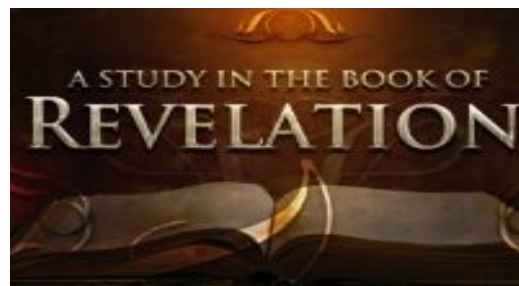
Take Steps as a Family to Make Connections to Our Church Family.



Sun., Dec. 12, 9:00am GPS room.

No GPS Class This Week -

See Page 2 for details



Adult Class in Auditorium

Hughbert Collier leads a class on the

book of Revelation

Worship 10:00 a.m.

HELLO
my name is

El Shaddai (next class 01/05/22)

The God of Covenant

Wednesday Night Bible Classes

6:30 Auditorium

“What’s In a Name (of God)?”



If your children, ages 3rd through 5th grade, are interested in participating in LTC, 2022, please contact Megan Becker.

