



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**December 26, 2021 Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "Getting Ready For A New Year" (continued from last week)**

Let's continue to look for specific ways we can continue to "go back better" in 2022. Here is the list of principles we committed to as we work on our mission to be **Rooted, Growing and Reaching in the New Year.**

- 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.**

Let's connect all seven together using the Youth and Family Ministry as an example of where we are coming into the new year. Wes announced last Sunday that he is starting a new work at the Lake Jackson Church of Christ. (You can read Wes' announcement on page 9.) We of course pray for him and Nichole to have a great ministry there, and great opportunities for Bria and Beckett in their new community. At the same time, we are sad to see them leave, and it has left us with several holes to fill. This gives a perfect illustration of the opportunity to apply all 7 Principles above. As we move forward in the process of preparing ourselves for the minister that will join us in this work, we must pull together in a commitment to all 7. Here are some things we need to do that applies specifically to Youth and Family Ministry, but really they apply to everything we are trying to do at Graham Street Church of Christ.

1. We need to review and better understand the Youth and Family Ministry and set goals in prayer for that ministry and its connection to every ministry of the church that relates to it. We need to understand how this relates to the responsibility of the Minister working in this ministry and make this a part of our search process.
2. We need to commit to a season of prayer believing that God will give us success in finding the right person to work with us to the Glory of God.
3. We need to work together as a whole church in this process with the understanding that we can all contribute something to the success of our mission.
4. We must all be fully committed with a heartfelt desire to fully support the efforts in this ministry, even when a different approach or methodology was chosen than what we suggested.

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### Getting Ready for a New Year (continued)

5. Every member must be committed to support and encourage one another, and protect each other from Satan's efforts to divide us and defeat us in our efforts. We must support the new minister and his family and everyone working in this ministry. We cannot tolerate negative destructive discourse, gossiping, slander, backbiting, etc. We are in this together and God will give us success, unless we let Satan divide us and cause us to focus on ourselves instead of the goal of developing a "Rooted, Growing, and Reaching" Youth and Family Ministry.
6. We must never lose sight of our mission to bring glory to God through our Youth and Family Ministry. We will celebrate our success giving God the glory in worship and praise to Him!
7. We must remember our commitment to the Word and Prayer throughout this process and beyond. Our basic fundamental mission of discipleship summed up in the 3 words: "**Rooted, Growing, Reaching,**" is a reminder of who we are and what we are about. This is what we want for our children and teens, and their parents, and the whole church. We are **rooted** as the disciples of Christ in the Word of God (Scripture and Christ) through prayer; we are **growing** to be like Christ in all we do and say; and we are **reaching** upward to God in worship, outward to impact the world for Christ, and inward to our church family to help every member in all age groups to be **Rooted, Growing and Reaching.**

David Bearden



### WE NEED VOLUNTEERS IN THE CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Contact Darleen Hearne at 254-977-3711 for the opportunity to serve in the Children's Ministry. This is a ministry where there is ALWAYS an opportunity to serve!

Thank you to Megan Becker for offering to teach Cradle Roll on Sunday mornings beginning in January. However, we NEED MORE to sign up. A helper is definitely needed! Also, if more will volunteer to help out, we can rotate so the same ones do not have to do it all the time.

There is also a need for another volunteer for Sunday mornings PK and K Class. This can either be a teacher or a helper. Teachers switch out every other Sunday in this class and it works out very well.



## NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

➤ December 26, 2021: **No Bible Class—Worship Starts at 10:00**

➤ December 27—December 31: **Church Office is Closed**

➤ December 29, 2021: **No Wednesday Night Meal—No Classes**

➤ January 2, 2022: **No Bible Class—Worship starts at 10:00**

➤ January 5, 2022: **Wednesday Night Classes Resume—Wednesday Night Meals Resume**

**Wednesday Night Meals** —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center

(Menu: To Be Announced )

**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 Shaddai—The God of Covenant)

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—LTC (upstairs)

Revive—in Family Center (Youth Group)

Adults—in the auditorium

➤ January 9, 2022: **Sunday Morning Bible Classes Resume at 9:00**

➤ January 16, 2022: **Going Away Lunch for Wes, Nichole, Bria & Beckett Wilson** (hot dogs & hamburgers will be furnished—please bring chips and/or desserts. There will be a money tree. Hope to see you there!)

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DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT

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**SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER**

**Bible Class for all ages at 9:00 a.m. starts back on 1/9/2022**

**Children’s Class: continues on 1/9/2022—The Story: The Kingdom’s Fall**

**GPS Class continues on 1/9/2022—Youth & Family Ministry Discussion**

**Adult Class Hughbert Collier leads a class on the book of Revelation in the auditorium (starts back up 1/16/2022—Landon Kribbs will teach the Adult Class in the Auditorium on 1/9/2022)**

**Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.**



**Community Christmas Dinner, Wednesday, December 15, 2021:**

**1025 meals served and delivered and \$180 given in donations at The Community Christmas Dinner tonight. Thank you to everyone who served in any way...lots of people were reached in our community and they were very appreciative of your time & effort.**

**The next Night of Casseroles is Thursday, January 27, 2022.**



**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>

**Giving Update**

**Contribution 12/19/2021    \$ 14,485                      Budget:            \$ 9,700**

**YTD Contribution                      \$ 482,193 (97.47%)    YTD Budget:    \$ 494,700**

**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, now in rehab in Weatherford; Johanna Graham; Ben Lewis, recovering from Covid; Tony Territo; Jeannette Parker; Rebecca Stephens; Mike Dacus; Margie Phillips;

### 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](mailto: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***

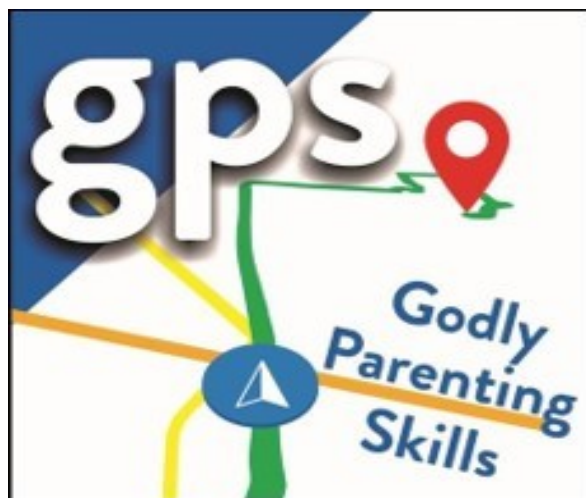
**Recommitting to Small Groups**

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.**

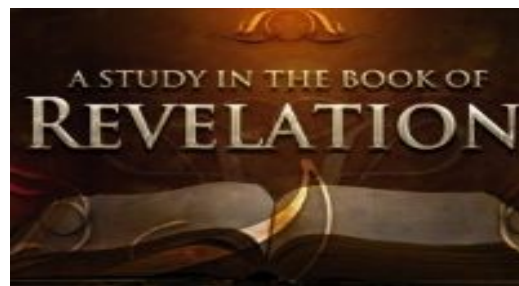


Sun., January 9, 9:00am GPS room.

***GPS Class Meets***

***“Youth & Family Ministry Discussion”***

***Starts 1/9/2022***



***Adult Class in Auditorium***

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***starts back 1/16/2022***

***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)?”**



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If your children, ages **3rd through 6th grade**, are interested in participating in LTC, 2022, please contact Megan Becker.

THE  
PROMISE  
LTC 2022



Members of our congregation are eligible to participate in the Church Audit program at Harding School of Theology. You may audit select courses for only \$50. Spring 2022 courses include:

Global Evangelism: Alan Howell (Tuesdays, 8:15-10:55 am, Jan. 11 - Apr. 26) – Zoom only

Galatians and Romans: Dr. Richard E. Oster, Jr. (Tuesdays, 6:00-8:45 pm, Jan. 11 - Apr. 26)

Survey of the Old Testament: Dr. Lance Hawley (one week intensive, Feb. 28 - Mar. 4, 8:00-4:15 daily)

You may attend class live on campus or on Zoom, or you may watch the recordings later if you prefer. For more information or to register, visit [hst.edu/church](http://hst.edu/church) or call the HST Admissions Office at 901-432-7750.



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**Statement from Wes on December 19, 2021**

Dear Church Family,

On December 12, I was privileged and blessed to share with you in a sermon, the idea that God's story is "To Be Continued" through us. I hope we all understand that God has huge expectations of us, but he expects those things because he knows we can fulfill them. I pray that you will not overlook the urgency to re-prioritize your lives, to live your life in a way unlike never before, so that *to tell your story is to tell of him.*

In January, my family's story will be continued. We will say goodbye to Stephenville being our home, but the Graham Street Church of Christ will always be part of who we are.

It is with both sorrow and excitement that we announce that we will be moving to Lake Jackson, Texas to begin serving with the Lake Jackson Church of Christ.

We are saddened because we will miss the friendships and relationships that we have formed here, for the community that we've been surrounded by. Distance does not mean the end of friendships and relationships, but rather the strengthening of both.

We are excited because we know that God IS CONTINUING and WILL CONTINUE to do amazing things at the Graham Street Church. I encourage you, don't just support the Graham Street Church, be invested in it, be involved in it. Look for future opportunities to grow and change who you are... not for your benefit, but for the benefit of others. To share this quote again from my cousin, "*You don't treat someone a certain way because of who they are. You treat someone a certain way because of who you are.*"

It was not an easy decision for us to go, but we have been praying for God to make it evident to us; and despite our best efforts to ignore God's signs, we have accepted that our plan and timing may not have been perfectly in sync with God's.

So we are taking a leap of faith, for our story to be continued, in order to follow God's plan for our lives.

Our time here has not been perfect or easy, but it has been a blessing and growing experience for my family. We know that God has been preparing us for this move. Our time and service here has been preparing us for our future service in ministry. We thank you for molding us into who we are today.

Thank you to those of you who welcomed us, loved us, and accepted us as part of your family. We have cherished the privilege to be a part of your children's lives.

We will appreciate all of your prayers as we continue our journey elsewhere. Each of you will be in our prayers, even from afar. We look forward to sharing these final weeks with you.

Thank you for being our family, for letting this be home. May God strengthen you and your service in this community in the years to come. We love you.

In His Service,

Wes, Nichole, Bria & Beckett Wilson