



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

January 9, 2022 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Turning Challenges into Opportunities"

As we begin 2022, we have some challenges in front of us, but God is with us, and we pray for him to grant us the wisdom and grace to turn those challenges into opportunities to do great things for His Glory.

I have enjoyed working with Wes and Nichole and I will miss them as they begin their new work at the Lake Jackson Church of Christ. Be sure to plan to stay for lunch after services Jan. 16 to wish them well and leave a gift for the money tree to help them with their transition. They both have tremendous talent and great desire to serve, and I have no doubt they will be a blessing to the church there.

As we begin the process to fill the holes they leave, we need to take a little bit to re-examine our church health and the mission of the Youth and Family Ministry. Soon our Elders will be asking us to take the Church Health Assessment offered by the Siburt Institute for Church Growth at ACU. From this assessment we will identify some areas we need to work on to improve our spiritual health as a church. For the next few weeks, I will be looking at what we mean by the term, "Youth and Family Ministry" and its mission for our church in the GPS Class. I encourage parents of all age children to join us in this class as we take a deep dive into understanding what the Youth and Family Ministry should be and what we want to see it accomplish in the next 5 to 10 years.

We are going to need volunteers to step into the roles that Wes and Nichole have filled, and to be a part of the process of making Youth and Family Ministry function now and prepare for the new minister. A Big Thank You to all of you who have already stepped up to help. The Elders will announce Sunday that two of our Deacons, Aaron Collier and Andy Brewer, have volunteered to coordinate volunteers working with the Youth and Family Ministry (children and teens). They will need lots of help, so let them know what you can do. Kayce Reed has stepped up to coordinate Children's Church, again she'll need help! We are going to change up the Family Bible Class on Wednesday nights to go to a group class for the children with learning stations, but again we need volunteers. This will allow parents to rotate into teaching and be able to attend the Men's and Women's groups on Wednesday nights at other times. We also need more children's Bible class teachers on Sunday mornings. Please help our Youth and Family Ministry be a great success by volunteering to help!

David Bearden



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 8, 2022: **Men's Prayer Breakfast**— 8:00 a.m. at the Tri-C (corner of Ollie & Tarleton)
- January 9, 2022: **Children's Bible Class**—**The Story** continues: The Kingdom Falls
- January 9, 2022: **Children's Church** continues
- January 9, 2022: **GPS Class resumes**: Youth & Family Ministry Discussion
- January 9, 2022: **Adult Class in Auditorium**—Landon Kribbs guest teacher (Hughbert Collier resumes teaching Revelation on January 16, 2022)
- January 9, 2022: **Grades 3rd—6th meet with Megan Becker** at the Family Center following church to discuss LTC. **Pizza provided—please bring a fruit or dessert**
- January 12, 2022: **Wednesday Night Classes Resume—Wednesday Night Meals Resume**
Wednesday Night Meals —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center
(Menu: Tostadas, Rice, Beans, Dessert)
Wednesday Night Bible Classes —6:30 in the main building.
Classes for all ages. The Children's classes will NOT meet in the auditorium, but go to the room where your class is meeting. The Adults will meet in the auditorium to introduce the lesson theme and then break into Men's and Women's Discussion Groups.
Age 3 to 2nd Grade—in The Loft
3rd—6th Grade—LTC (upstairs)
Revive—in Family Center (Youth Group)
Adults—meet in the auditorium at 6:30 for introduction of lesson theme, then divide in groups
"What's in a Name of God?" (Yahweh Jireh—Providing the Love Sacrifice)
- January 12, 2022: **Grades 7th—12th meet with Melissa Divin** in the Family Center for information regarding LTC. 6:30 p.m. REVIVE will still meet.
- 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!)
- January 21, 2022: **Family Movie Night in the Family Center** Details coming soon



SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

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

Children’s Class: —The Story: The Kingdom’s Fall

GPS Class continues —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.

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 12/26/2022 \$ 13,146 Budget: \$ 9,700

YTD Contribution for 2021 \$ 495,339 (98.2%) YTD Budget: \$ 504,400

Contribution 01/02/2022 \$ 6,339.00

Building Fund \$375,849 - Our goal is \$350,000—We are currently working on the strategies for the renovation of the Auditorium and the Education Wing.

Disaster Relief \$12,467

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.



Charles Williams; 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; 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

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

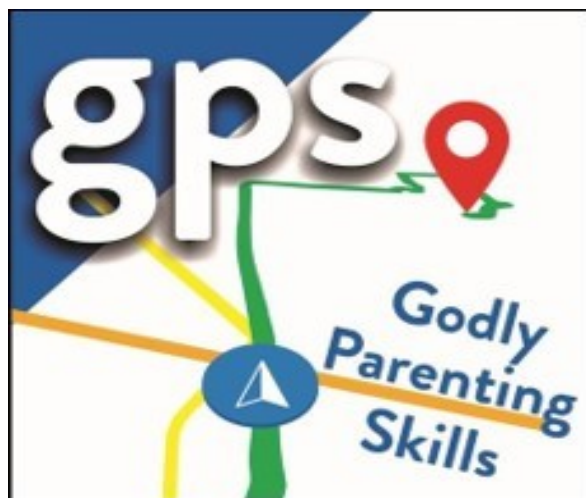
To Our Church Family

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.

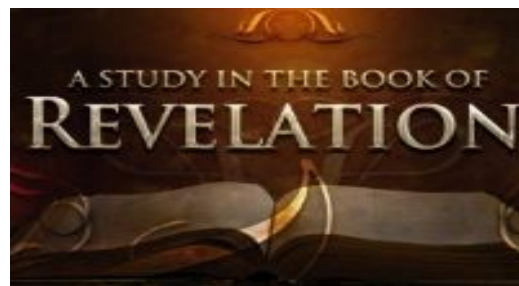


Sun., January 9, 9:00am GPS room.

GPS Class Meets

“Youth & Family Ministry Discussion”

Starts 1/9/2022



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book of Revelation

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Worship 10:00 a.m.

HELLO
my name is

Yahweh Jireh

Providing The Love Sacrifice

Wednesday Night Bible Classes

6:30 Auditorium

“What’s In a Name (of God)?”



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 or call the HST Admissions Office at 901-432-7750.



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**CHURCHES OF CHRIST
DISASTER RELIEF EFFORT**

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**Help for recent
tornado victims**

**Graham Street Church of Christ
will be sending funds to help the
tornado victims**

**If you wish to help, please mark
your checks with the words
Disaster Relief in the memo line**



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