



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**January 16, 2022 Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "Better Understanding What We Need To Do Better"**

We have been encouraging one another to "Be Better Than Normal" this year. But in order to do that we need to evaluate what we need to do better. This is especially true now that we are needing to engage in a Youth and Family Minister Search. To do this we need to identify the areas where we need to improve, and it would help to have a neutral perspective. Churches, like individuals, tend to see themselves from built-in biases and with incentives to look at themselves in a more favorable view than reality. The Siburt Institute for Church Growth has developed the Church Health Assessment (CHA) to help churches have an honest and fair evaluation tool into some of the most basic areas that influence the health of the church. Although other similar tools exist for congregational assessment, this is the only tool available today that is tested for reliability and specifically designed for Churches of Christ. It takes the guesswork out of measuring congregational attitudes and perspectives. The CHA measures the following key factors:

1. Vision, mission, and goals
2. Ministry and activity effectiveness
3. Family life stages
4. Spiritual formation and discipleship
5. Worship
6. Congregational culture, communication, and conflict
7. Leadership
8. Church relationships
9. Finance and facilities

The instrument gathers numerical ratings and open-ended comments from participants, and summarizes member involvement and demographics. Its online platform makes it reasonably priced and simple to administer, and the report for church leaders is user-friendly.

The Elders are asking the church to take this online assessment beginning January 23 through January 30. It generally takes only 15 minutes to respond to this questionnaire. It will be evaluated by Siburt Institute and returned to us. The Elders have asked Grady King to go over the results with us after the results are tabulated. This will probably take place in mid-February. We feel we need to take this evaluation of ourselves before we start our Youth and Family Minister Search.

Also, you are invited to be a part of the discussion of the "Youth and Family Ministry" in the GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) Class on Sunday Mornings at 9:00. We will talk about such subjects as defining the ministry and its mission. What should be the expectations of the minister? How engaged should the parents be in the ministry? What is expected of the students? What should be the mix of teaching and activities? How do you build the unity of the group? And more...

David Bearden



### NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **January 16, 2022: Children's Bible Class—The Story** continues: God Watches Over Daniel
- **January 16, 2022: Children's Church** continues
- **January 16, 2022: GPS Class resumes:** Youth & Family Ministry Discussion
- **January 16, 2022: Adult Class in Auditorium**—Hughbert Collier resumes teaching Revelation on January 16, 2022
- **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 19, 2022: Wednesday Night Classes Resume—Wednesday Night Meals Resume**  
**Wednesday Night Meals** —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center  
(Menu: Sausage Links, Oven Potatoes, Broccoli, 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—starts at 6:30—Lessons are on: Characteristics of God  
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 Elohim Heseb Emet—Lord God of Steadfast Love & Faithfulness)
- **January 21, 2022: Family Movie Night in the Family Center** Details coming soon
- **January 23, 2022: Church Health Assessment** (CHA) becomes available for us to complete
- **January 27, 2022: Night of Casseroles**—drop off before 5:00 at the Family Center—casseroles are handed out starting at 5:00 p.m., until they are all gone
- **February 11, 2022: Parents Night Out**—Childcare provided at the Family Center 5:30 to 8:30 so parents can go out!
- **February 18, 2022: Father Daughter Night**—Details coming soon
- **March 4th—11th: Spring Break Mission Trip** (to help with Disaster Relief)



**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 Watches Over Daniel

GPS Class continues —Youth & Family Ministry Discussion

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

Sunday Morning Worship 10:00 a.m.

**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 01/09/2022**                      \$10, 690                      Budget: To Be Determined

**YTD Contribution for 2022**                      \$ 17,029                      YTD Budget: To Be Determined

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

**Building Fund \$376,849 - Our goal is \$350,000—We are currently working on the strategies for the renovation of the Auditorium and the Education Wing.**

**Disaster Relief \$13,006**

**Children’s Giving will go toward Spring Break Disaster Relief Mission Trip**

**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!

We NEED MORE to sign up. Helpers are 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, upcoming surgery in Houston; Ben Lewis, recovering from Covid; Tony Territo; Rebecca Stephens; Margie Phillips; Joanna Lay, had surgery this week to repair her fracture; the family of Lisa Rose, her uncle, Lemuel Phillips, passed away last week; the family of Doug Young, who lost his mother this 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:

[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***

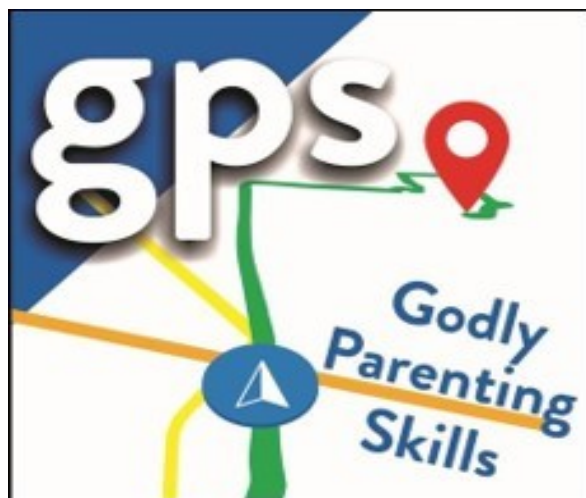
**Recommitting to Small Groups**

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?

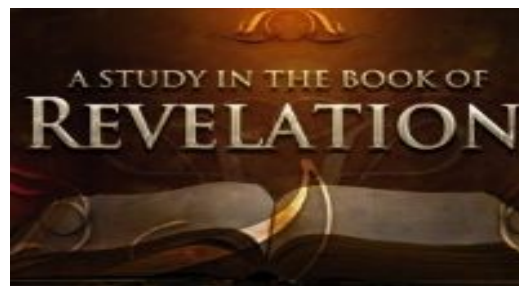
**Take Steps as a Family to Make Connections to Our Church Family.**



Sun., January 16, 9:00am GPS room.

***GPS Class Meets***

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



***Adult Class in Auditorium***

***Hughbert Collier leads a class on the book of Revelation***

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

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

**HELLO**  
my name is

**Yahweh Elohim Hesed Emet  
Lord God of Steadfast Love & Faithfulness  
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](http://hst.edu/church) or call the HST Admissions Office at 901-432-7750.



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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**