



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

February 20, 2022, Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Hiring a Youth Minister for a Past Culture "

Because many churches try to be the church of their long-gone glory years, they make the mistake of trying to hire ministers to fit the past rather than to reach ahead into the future. There is probably no more evident practice of this than with Youth Ministers. While the job description may not say it, they are looking for someone to do a job that in many ways is outdated and unrealistic. The job description would more aptly speak of being an activities director for youth events that are without competing school academics, sports and extracurriculars. To be a qualified Biblical scholar who can teach Bible Classes in an entertaining way on Sunday morning and night, and Wednesday nights in an environment where the community refuses to schedule competing activities so the children can "go to church." And very important to the job would be to schedule and guide parent volunteers (especially the non-working moms who work full-time for their families) without getting in the way of the organization that does not need the Youth Minister's help to run effectively as a well-oiled machine. We all know this is not our current reality, but there is still a trend to evaluate the effectiveness of a Youth Minister on the basis of the performance in the above description.

So, will Graham Street Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas do better? Not if we don't grow in understanding the needs of young people and the culture they live in, and as a whole church determine that every one of us in every generation will accept responsibility for raising up the younger generation in faith. Let me give you an example of our responsibility to teens.

Did you know that "anxiety is the most common psychological disorder in the US, affecting nearly one-third of adolescents and adults in their lifetime"? That means that a Youth Minister with 20 teens in his youth ministry may be dealing with 7 students that could be suffering from a diagnosable anxiety disorder. And that is based on BC research (Before Covid)!

During the COVID-19 pandemic, mental health challenges skyrocketed in the US. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, anxiety tripled (from 8.1 percent to 25.5 percent) and depression almost quadrupled (from 6.5 percent to 24.3 percent). Approximately half of young adults ages eighteen to twenty-four during the pandemic were wrestling with anxiety or depression. Suicide is currently the second leading cause of death for US young people ages ten to twenty-four. What's more, approximately two out of every three young people who have suicidal thoughts never get help. (3 BIG Questions That Change Every Teenager, p. 22)

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“Hiring a Youth Minister for a Past Culture ” continued

I am not trying to scare you, in fact, I am trying to encourage you. The Church, through the power of the Holy Spirit, the Lordship of Jesus Christ, and the fatherhood of our loving God, can help the younger generation cope with this crazy world we live in. But we have to do some things differently, and do it together as the Body of Christ!

David Bearden

Next week on Thursday, February 24, 2022, is Night of Casseroles.

Please prepare casseroles to give away, donate funds for the making of casseroles, or be at the Family Center starting at 5:00 to help distribute them until they are all gone.



Next Sunday , February 27, 2022, is Fourth Sunday Fellowship. —Fellowship Luncheon follows services—chicken will be furnished—please bring your favorite side dish or dessert

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NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- ➡ February 20, 2022: **Children's Bible Class—The Story** continues: Jesus Ministry Begins
- ➡ February 20, 2022: **Children's Church** continues
- ➡ February 20, 2022: **GPS Class continues:** Youth & Family Ministry Discussion
- ➡ February 20, 2022: **Adult Class in Auditorium**—Hughbert Collier is teaching Revelation
- ➡ February 23, 2022: **Wednesday Night Classes Continue—Wednesday Night Meals Continue**
Wednesday Night Meals —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center
(Menu: Frito, Salad, Dessert)
Wednesday Night Bible Classes —6:30 in the main building.
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)
LTC for 7th—12th Grade (Youth Room)
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 Barak—God of Blessing)
- ➡ February 24, 2022: **Night of Casseroles**—drop off at Family Center from 4:00 to 4:45. Stay to help distribute starting at 5:00 (until they are all gone.)
- ➡ February 27, 2022: **Fourth Sunday Fellowship Day**—Luncheon after services—chicken provided—please bring side dishes & desserts
- ➡ March 5th—11th: **Spring Break Mission Trip to Bowling Green** (February 20th is the last day to sign up)
- ➡ March 5, 2022: **Men's Prayer Breakfast**, 8:00 a.m. at the Tri-C (Corner of Ollie & Tarleton)
- ➡ March 5, 2022: **Foster's Home Auction**—
- 9:00am-Outdoor/Silent Auction
 - 11:30-Brisket Sandwich Lunch \$5
 - 12:30-Live Auction
- RV, Fibergrate and Vehicles to follow
- Check back to this photo album often! Lacy Barton, VP of Development at Foster's Home, will be updating it regularly.
2022 Auction <https://photos.app.goo.gl/K8EqrCbs9XWuFxD7>
- If you have an item you wish to donate, please let Lacy Barton know.



SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

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

Children's Class: —The Story: Jesus Begins His Ministry

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>

Graham Street Church of Christ is organizing a **Mission Trip to Bowling Green, KY** to help with Tornado Relief and Rebuilding. The trip is **March 5th-11th** and will cost \$75 per person (\$50 for children 12 and under). This rate will cover lodging, meals (excluding travel days), and will help cover a portion of the building materials and other supplies. **February 20th is the last day to sign up.**

All ages are welcome, but students in 8th grade and below are required to have an accompanying adult sponsor that is willing to take responsibility for the student while on the trip.

Our group will likely assist in 2 specific ways:

1.) **Neighborhood Rebuilding Projects:** could be jobs such as roofing, framing, hanging dry-wall, etc.

2.) **Volunteering at the Bowling Green Disaster Resource Center Storefront:** sorting and stocking supplies, checking “shoppers” in, helping “shoppers” get what they need, etc.

In addition, we will be staying at [Big Reedy Christian Camp](#) (just north of Bowling Green), and will need some volunteers to stay at camp each day to help prepare and cook meals, provide childcare for some of the younger children, etc.

Click on the appropriate link below to sign-up.

If you cannot go but would like to donate towards the trip, earmark your offering with a note that it is for “Bowling Green Mission Trip.” Additionally, our Children's Offering during our weekly Sunday morning service is currently designated towards this trip.

If you have any questions, please direct them to Taylor or Whitney Holt.

[Bowling Green Mission Trip Registration \(Individuals\)](#)

[Bowling Green Mission Trip Registration \(Families\)](#)



Charles Williams; Bill Hodgson; Ronnie Moring, still grateful for our prayers; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore; Jody Caudle; Peggy Glover; Mildred Buchanan; Bill Scott; Chuck Arpe; Ricky Caudle; Brenda Caraway; Vincent Lopez; Hartley Hearne, great-niece of Ronnie & Darlene Hearne, cancer reoccurrence; Paul Schulze; Billy Powell; Fred Alvord & his wife, Cathey; Bobby Tate; Johanna Graham, recent surgery in Houston; Rebecca Stephens; Margie Phillips; Joanna Lay; Jessica Kribbs; Marilyn Schulze; Linda Knowles; Chuck Gruenwald

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](#)

Giving Update

Contribution 02/13/2022	\$ 10,766	Budget: \$10,700
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YTD Contribution for 2022	\$ 60,718 (81.06%)	YTD Budget: \$74,900
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Building Fund \$429,949 - Our goal is \$350,000—We are currently working on the strategies for the renovation of the Auditorium and the Education Wing.

Spring Break Mission Trip	\$ 3,833
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Children's Giving will go toward Spring Break Disaster Relief Mission Trip



Heart | Soul | Mind | Strength
Graham Street Youth Group

Youth Group Announcement: For details and updates for 6th-12th grade students and their parents, go to:

<https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org>

February 20th- Class @ 9:00am- Series on Romans

February 23rd- 6:30pm REVIVE (FC); LTC (Youth Room)

Let Andy Brewer know if you want to participate in the Mission Trip.

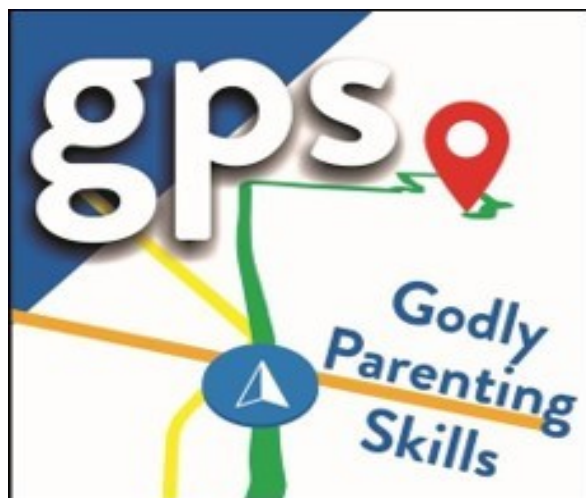


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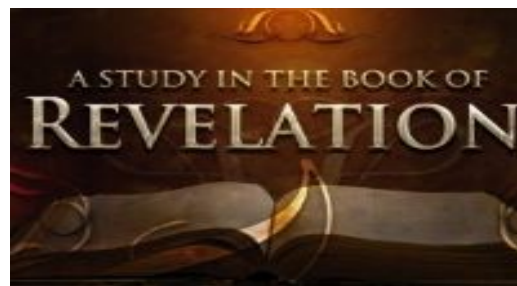


For ages 3, 4 & 5
Upstairs in the Loft
Volunteers See Casey Reed



Sun., February 20, 9:00am GPS room.

GPS Class Meets
"Youth & Family Ministry Discussion"



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book of Revelation
Worship 10:00 a.m.

