March 13, 2022, Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Daylight Savings Time"

This Sunday, March 13, we will again practice Daylight Savings Time by running our clocks forward. This practice has been experimented with for hundreds of years, but it has only received widespread acceptance in modern history. The idea behind it is that by running our clocks forward one hour our workday begins sooner and lasts longer if we get up at the same time as before, for the sunrise and sunset times will be later based on clock time.

Jesus was not talking about DST in John 4:34-35, but he does call for an adjustment in our perception of the time to begin planting and when to begin the harvest. "My food," said Jesus, "is to do the will of him who sent me and to finish his work. Don't you have a saying, 'It's still four months until harvest'? I tell you, open your eyes and look at the fields! They are ripe for harvest." Proverbs 3 states there is a time for everything, including a time to plant and a time to harvest. Jesus is saying the time for spiritual planting and harvesting overlaps. John 4:36-38 "Even now the one who reaps draws a wage and harvests a crop for eternal life, so that the sower and the reaper may be glad together. Thus, the saying 'One sows and another reaps' is true. I sent you to reap what you have not worked for. Others have done the hard work, and you have reaped the benefits of their labor." Jesus is saying that in the discussion of a spiritual harvest, the time is now, not in four months. But it is also a time to sow the seed. From the perspective of the work of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ, one might be tempted to say that the Kingdom had not started and therefore the harvest could not start until it did, after the crucifixion, resurrection, and ascension of Christ. But Jesus is saying that both planting and harvesting had already started. Even in the sharing with the Samaritan woman at the well, the harvest had started. At any given time, there was a harvest that came from the work of the prophets, John the Baptist and Jesus had done in preparing people for the Kingdom. We often think of harvest as only being an end of time event when Jesus returns and gathers the saints and judgement takes place (e.g., Mat. 13; 25; John 5; 2 Cor. 5; 1 Thes. 4; 2 Thes. 1; Rev. 14; 20); but obviously Jesus wanted His apostles to realize they were called to both sow and harvest at the same time.

So, what does this have to do with us? A LOT! We speak of our mission as a church in 3 words: **Rooted, Growing and Reaching.** Impossible, if you are not sowing and reaping at the same time! One of the most important principles of "intergenerational youth and family ministry" is the principle that sowing and reaping are happening at the same time within the church family and out into the world. In the coming weeks I will try to explain this in more detail right here on this front page of our Online Newsletter. To be continued....



Rooted - Growing - Reaching

NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 13: Children's Bible Class—The Story continues: Jesus The Son Of God
- March 13: Children's Church—continues
- March 13: GPS Class continues: Youth & Family Ministry Discussion (Parents & Teen combine this week)
- March 13: Adult Class in Auditorium—Guest Teacher Douglas Young
- March 13: Bible 101— -Postponed—meets again March 20th
- March 13: Memory Verse Starts Again—(Matthew 22:37-39)
- March 13: Daylight Savings Time Begins (Spring Forward)
- March 16: Wednesday Night Classes Continue—Wednesday Night Meals Continue Wednes-

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

(Menu: Tacos, Rice, Beans, 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)

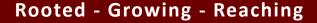
LTC for 7th—12th Grade (Youth Room)

Adults—meet in the auditorium at 6:30 for introduction of lesson theme, then divide in groups "What's in a Name of God?" (**Elohim Ruah** —**God of Revelation**)

March 31, 2022: Night of Casseroles—Bring casseroles to the Family Center between 4:00 and 4:45 p.m. Distribution starts at 5:00 and continues until they are all gone



- March 27, 2022—Fourth Sunday Fellowship Lunch
- April 10, 2022—Easter Egg Hunt at the Museum Grounds following worship service
- **WES** is coming—July 24th through 27th—watch for more information 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: Jesus, The Son Of God

GPS Class continues — Youth & Family Ministry Discussion (Teens & Parents Combine This Week)

Adult Class: Doug Young is guest teacher this Sunday 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

College Graduate Sunday will be May 1st, 2022

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



Please welcome the following new members:

Taylor & London Fair, 1440 N. Inglewood, Stephenville, TX 76401

Jonathan, Chelsea, Andi & Lyle Brookshire, 1251 N. Wildwood, Stephenville, TX 76401 Brad, Lynn, Elle & Emma Hart, Stephenville, TX 76401



Homeless Help Lunch—Saturday, March 12, at Family Center. Come at 10:00 and help with food preparation.

Stay from 11:00 to 1:00 to assist with food distribution.

April 24th-Wedding Shower honoring Allison Divin, bride-elect of Calahan Storey (at the Family Center—details soon)







Charles Williams; Bill Hodgson; Ronnie Moring, still grateful for our prayers; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore; Jody Caudle; Peggy Glover; Mildred Buchanan; Bill Scott; Ricky Caudle; Brenda Caraway; Vincent Lopez; Paul Schulze; Billy Powell; Fred Alvord & his wife, Cathey; Bobby Tate; Johanna Graham; 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 02/27/2022 \$ 9,639 (90.00%) Budget: \$ 10,700

Contribution 03/06/2022 \$ 14,609 Budget: \$ 10,700

YTD Contribution for 2022 \$ 93,527 (87.40%) YTD Budget: \$107,000

Building Fund \$432,049 - Our goal is \$350,000—We are currently working on the strategies for the renovation of the Auditorium and the Education Wing.

Children's Giving will go toward the Glen Moody Bible Fund



Special Contribution for Ukraine

Sunday: March 20th & March 27th.





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

March 13th-Class @ 9:00am-

Class @ 9:00am Youth will be joining the GPS Class today for class. ""Youth & Family Ministry Discussion"

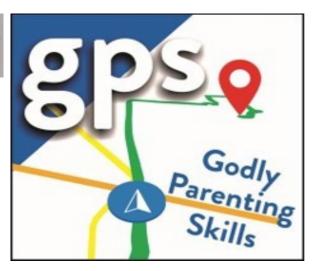
<u>March 16th</u>—6:30pm REVIVE (FC); LTC (Youth Room)



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

Memory Verse is back—Come find the Memory Verse person in the lobby between Bible Class & worship service to recite the verse.

(Matthew 22:37-39)

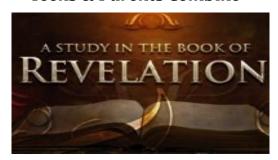


Sun., March 13, 9:00am GPS room.

GPS Class Meets

"Youth & Family Ministry Discussion"

Teens & Parents Combine



Adult Class in Auditorium

Hughbert Collier leads a class on the
book of Revelation (Hughbert returns
on 3/27—this week, Doug Young
teaches)

HELLO my name is

Elohim Ruah
God of Revelation
Wednesday Night Bible Classes
6:30 Auditorium
"What's In a Name (of God)?"