



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

March 20, 2022, Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "INTERGENERATIONAL SOWING AND REAPING"

We concluded last week's article with: We speak of our mission as a church in 3 words: **Rooted, Growing and Reaching**. This is 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 order to understand how we intergenerational sow and reap at same time, we must first understand what we are meaning by sowing and reaping. Here are some ways these terms are used in the Bible.

We obviously cannot reap or harvest if we don't sow or plant (Prov. 20:4), for we understand that if there is no seed in the ground, we can't expect a plant to grow out of the ground that will bear fruit. We also understand that it is God's plan that seeds will bring forth plants and future seeds according to their kind (Gen. 1:11-12; 1 Cor. 15:37-38). So as Eliphaz told Job, "As I have observed, those who plow evil and those who sow trouble, reap it." (Job 4:8). And according to Gal. 6:7-10 "Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

So, from these verses we can see that we need to sow the seeds of the Spirit that will reap the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23). We need to sow the seeds of the Word of God so that it will bear the fruit of disciples of Christ (Luke 8). We need to sow the seeds of generosity and good deeds so that we might reap a harvest of righteousness and thanksgiving (2 Cor. 9:6-15). We need to show the seeds of righteousness so that righteousness will go before us and make a way for our footsteps in steadfast love (Psalms 85:11-13; Hos. 10:12). By doing this we will stay connected to Jesus as the vine and branches so that we will have a fruitful harvest for the Lord (John 15:1-11).

But how do you do the sowing and reaping of righteousness, good deeds, the fruit of the Spirit, the Word of God and Discipleship all at the same time and do it intergenerationally, or all generations at the same time? Well, that's next week. Until then, remember what Jesus said in John 9:4-5: "As long as it is day, we must do the works of him who sent me. Night is coming, when no one can work. While I am in the world, I am the light of the world." Let's keep working together!

David Bearden



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 20: Children's Bible Class**—The Story continues: The Hour of Darkness
- **March 20: Children's Church**—continues
- **March 20: GPS Class continues:** Youth & Family Ministry Discussion
- **March 20: Adult Class in Auditorium**—(Both Adults & Teens Meet in the Auditorium)
- **March 20: Bible 101**— 7:00 p.m. at the Stephenville Funeral Home Annex (This Week: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)
- **March 20: Memory Verse Starts Again**—(Psalm 150:6)
- **March 16: Wednesday Night Classes Continue—Wednesday Night Meals Continue**
Wednesday Night Meals —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center
(Menu: **Breakfast for Supper—donations are requested**) {These meals are not part of the Graham Street Church Budget}
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**)
- **March 27, 2022—Fourth Sunday Fellowship Lunch**— Taylor Holt will do presentation on the recent Mission Trip to Kentucky
- **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
- **April 10, 2022—LTC Prsentation 9:00 a.m. in Auditorium—all classes meet in auditorium**
- **April 10, 2022—Easter Egg Hunt at the Museum Grounds** following worship service



VBS 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

Adult Class: Teens and Adults meet 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>

March 27th—Taylor Holt will give presentation on Mission Trip during Fellowship Lunch (following worship service)

April 1st –3rd: College Lady's Retreat

April 8th—10th: College Men's Retreat

May 1st—College Emphasis Day & Tarleton Graduates Honored

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

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



Duracells next meeting will meet Tuesday, April 12th—details Coming soon



Easter Sunrise Service will be at the City Park on Sunday, April 17th at approximately 6:55 a.m.



Basic Needs Garage Sale coming in May—Set up May 8th through 11th Garage Sale held May 12th—14th—more details coming 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](#)

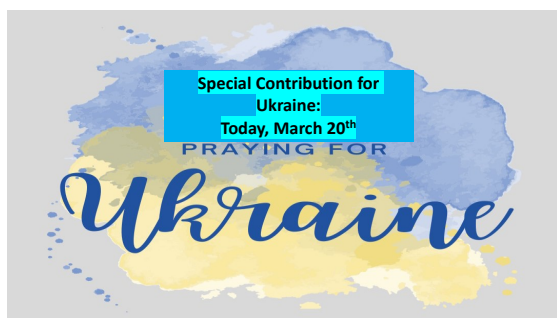
➡ Giving Update

Contribution 03/13/2022 \$ 5,933 (55.44%) Budget: \$ 10,700

YTD Contribution for 2022 \$ 99,480 (84.52%) YTD Budget: \$ 117,700

Building Fund \$433,049 - 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

Today, 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 20th- Class @ 9:00am- Teens meet in auditorium with Adults

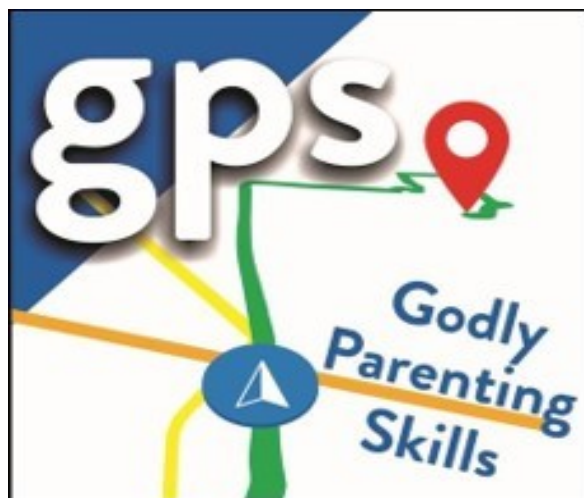
March 23rd—6:30pm REVIVE (FC); LTC (Youth Room)



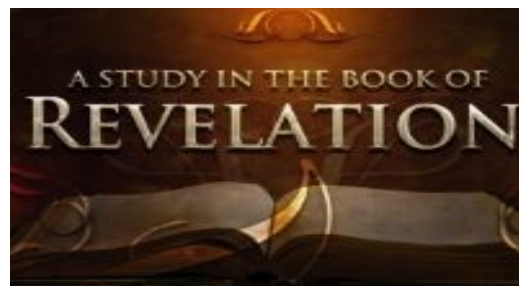
For ages
3, 4 & 5

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. Psalm 150:6 (Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord!)



Sun., March 20, 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 (Hughbert returns on 3/27—this week, Teens & Adults meet in Auditorium)
Worship 10:00 a.m.

HELLO
my name is

Yahweh Barak
God of Blessing
Wednesday Night Bible Classes
6:30 Auditorium
“What’s In a Name (of God)?”



Hamburger Cookout—Sunday, May 15th honoring graduating High School Seniors (Family Center following worship service). More information to follow soon.



If you have a graduating high school senior, we need 5-6 pictures turned in to the office no later than **Sunday, April 10th** for the slideshow on Promotion Sunday. (Or you can email them to office@grahamstreetchurch.com.)



LTC Presentation

April 10th 9:00 a.m.

Everyone please meet in the

Auditorium

Easter Egg Hunt at the Museum Grounds on Sunday, April 10th, following worship service

