



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

March 27, 2022, Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "INTERGENERATIONAL SOWING AND REAPING"

Last week during the Bible Class time I gave a general introduction to "Intergenerational Youth and Family Ministry" to a combined adult and teen class. If you didn't catch it, you may want to listen to it online. Maybe in defining intergenerational ministry, we are more familiar with the term "teamwork" because of our sports emphasis. Each team member must do their job, but they must work together as a team to achieve success. We saw that in our state champion high school football team in Stephenville. And it is not just the star players, everyone must do their part. The guards and tackles are just as important as the quarterback, running back and receivers. Defense is just as important as offense and special teams. But it goes way beyond that, 2nd and 3rd stringers are as important to the team as first stringers, as is also the trainers, equipment managers, and the statistician. I enjoy March Madness college basketball, and through the years I have learned a couple of things about a successful bracket. And one is that there are a lot of teams that make it to the dance on individual talent, but most of the time the teams that make it to the Elite 8 are the teams that have learned to play together as a team. How does this apply to the church and sowing and reaping? Everyone has to do their part and they have to do what is best for the team.

In culture and history it has been described in different ways, but one approach is to use the terms – collectivism vs. individualism. The term "collectivism," refers to each individual part working together for the good and success of the whole. And the decisions that are made by the individuals in the group are made for the collective good of the whole. That's the principle that Moses is teaching in Deuteronomy, that the choices you make are going to impact the whole. That is the principle of the early church as the Body of Christ (Rom. 12; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4:11-16). What is good for the collective whole – not just my group, or my family, or my kid – but what is best for the whole church family? That includes the old and the young, new members and longstanding members, everyone! We will not all be doing the same individual tasks to produce fruit at the same time, but we will be doing our part – cultivating, sowing, watering, fertilizing, harvesting at the same time for the good of the whole church, the family of God.

Ephesians 4:15-16 "Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work."

NEXT SUNDAY, APRIL 3rd, COACH STERLING DOTY, WILL HELP ME PRESENT THE LESSON ON "INTERGENERATIONAL TEAMWORK."

David Bearden



NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- **March 27, 2022—Fourth Sunday Fellowship Lunch**— Taylor Holt will do a presentation on the recent Mission Trip to Kentucky—bring side dishes and/or a dessert
- **March 27: Children’s Bible Class**—The Story continues: The Resurrection
- **March 27: Children’s Church**—continues
- **March 27: GPS Class continues:** Youth & Family Ministry Discussion
- **March 27: Adult Class in Auditorium**—(Hughbert Collier teaches on Revelation –auditorium)
- **March 27: Bible 101**— 7:00 p.m. at the Stephenville Funeral Home Annex (This Week: Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes, Song of Solomon)
- **March 27: Memory Verse**—(Luke 23:34)

March 30: **Wednesday Night Classes Continue—Wednesday Night Meals Continue**

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

(Menu: Chili Mac, Slaw & Dessert—**Wednesday Night Meals are funded by donations collected at the meals—thanks!**)

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 Salah —God of Providence**)

- **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: The Resurrection

GPS Class continues —Youth & Family Ministry Discussion

Adult Class: Hughbert Collier teaches from Revelation in 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

**Men’s Prayer Breakfast, Saturday, 4/2,
8:00 a.m. at the Tri-C (corner of Ollie & Tarleton)**



Duracells next meeting will meet Tuesday, April 12th—Mayor Doug Svien will share some updates on the state of the City



**Basic Needs Garage Sale coming in May—
Set up May 8th through 11th
Garage Sale held May 12th—
14th—more details coming SOON**

HE IS RISEN!

Community Sunrise Service

Hosted by the Stephenville Ministerial Alliance

Sunday, April 17th @ 6:45am

Birdsong Amphitheater

Free breakfast burritos and coffee



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; Margie Phillips; Joanna Lay; Jessica Kribbs; Marilyn Schulze; Linda Knowles; Chuck Gruenwald; Mike Dacus; Bob Doty, procedure scheduled Friday; Rebecca Stephens, who 's sister, Patty Wall, passed away on Thursday.

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:

<https://www.grahamstreetchurch.com/gps>

Giving Update

Contribution 03/20/2022 \$ 9,451 (88.32%) Budget: \$ 10,700

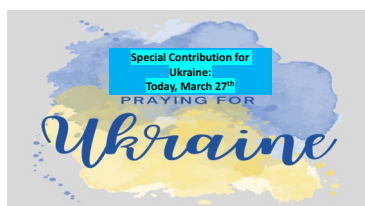
YTD Contribution for 2022 \$ 108,930 (84.83%) YTD Budget: \$ 128,400

Building Fund \$435,049 - Our goal is \$350,000—WORK HAS STARTED!

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

Shona Bibles Donations to Date: \$7,795.56

Special Contribution for Ukraine Amount Donated to Date: \$8,557



This Sunday, March 27, we will continue to accept donations for Ukraine and we will also be collecting for those in our area who suffered damage and loss from the wild fires. Be sure to mark the memo line of your check to reference to which you wish it to be allocated. Thank you for your generosity.

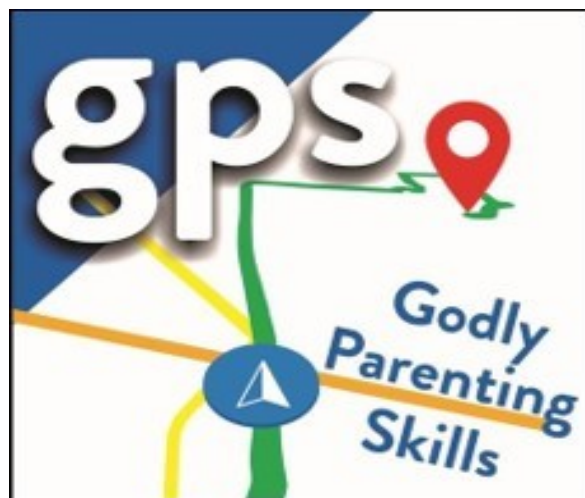


Heart | Soul | Mind | Strength
Graham Street Youth Group

Youth Group Announcement: For details and updates for 6th-12th grade students and their parents, go to:
<https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org>

March 27th- Class @ 9:00am- Teens meet in Youth Ministry Classroom

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

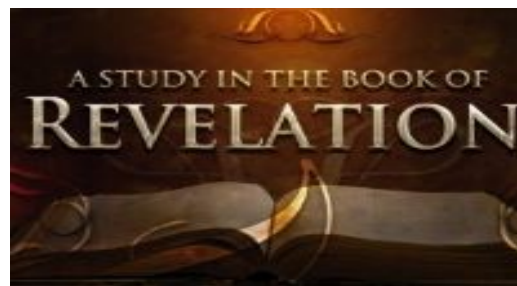


Sun., March 27, 9:00am GPS room.
GPS Class Meets
“Youth & Family Ministry Discussion”



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. Luke 23:24 (“Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.”)



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

Worship: 10:00 a.m.

HELLO
my name is
Elohim Salah
God of Providence
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.)

Parents, please use the following links to sign up if your child will be a graduating Senior, 6th Grader or Kindergartener in May 2022 (to make sure they get a Bible.)

Graduating Seniors Bible Link <https://forms.gle/8ZiewrjJYe2JxS9q7>

Graduating 6th Graders Bible Link <https://forms.gle/wa3Xxveuo4N1ifbM9>

Graduating Kindergarteners link <https://forms.gle/sSSBSfJTp5UimtSi9>

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



A wedding shower honoring Allison Divin, bride-elect of Calahan Storey, is planned for Sunday afternoon, April 24, 2022 in the Family Center from 2:00pm - 3:30pm. The happy couple are registered at Ace Home Place, Amazon, Target and Dillard's.