



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**April 24, Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "First Fruits of Hope"**

I have had some requests for the poem I wrote and presented in the Easter Sermon. Here it is:

### First Fruits of Hope

A giant stone was rolled into place,  
Closing in the darkness of man's sin,  
Sealing death's door and the world's hope,  
But after three days and three nights,  
On that glorious morn,  
The stone rolled away,  
And the First Fruits of hope was born!

Like the stone to the head of a giant,  
The stone rolled away,  
And death could not keep him prey.

Like a stone falling from condemning hands,  
The stone rolled away,  
And "go and sin no more" had a way.

Like a stone of weakness and denial,  
The stone rolled away,  
And restored, the rock had a say.

Like the stone of stumbling and offense,  
The stone rolled away,  
And He became the Chief Corner Stone,  
For after three days and three nights,  
On that glorious morn,  
The stone rolled away,  
And the First Fruits of Hope was born!

David Bearden



### NEWS/UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 24: **Children's Bible Class—The Story** - Paul's Final Days
  - April 24: **Children's Church**—continues
  - April 24: **GPS Class continues:** Youth & Family Ministry Discussion
  - April 24: **Adult Class in Auditorium**—Hughbert Collier Teaches on Revelation
  - April 24: **Bible 101**— 7:00 p.m. in Room 109  
(This Week: Ruth & Esther with Special Guests!)
  - April 24: **Memory Verse**—(I Cor. 12-27) “Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”
  - April 24: **Wedding Shower honoring Allison Divin, bride-elect of Calahan Story** (2:00 to 3:30 at the Family Center)
  
  - April 24: **No Fellowship Lunch**
  
  - April 27: **Wednesday Night Classes Continue—Wednesday Night Meals Continue**  
**Wednesday Night Meals** —5:30 to 6:15 in the Family Center  
(Menu: Meatloaf, mashed potatoes, green beans & 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—Resume normal class schedule  
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 Yesua —God of Salvation**)
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- April 28: **Night of Casseroles**—drop off from 4:00 to 4:45—Hand out from 5:00 until all are given away
  
  - May 1: **College Emphasis Day & Honor our College Graduates**
  
  - May 8th—14th—**Basic Needs Garage Sale** (Be thinking about what you want to donate)
  
  - May 15: **Bible Class Promotion Sunday**—Plus hamburger cookout honoring High School Graduates



## SUNDAY OPPORTUNITIES TO BE TOGETHER IN STUDY AND PRAYER

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

**Children's Class: —The Story: Paul's Final Days**

**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>

**May 1st—College Emphasis Day & Tarleton Graduates Honored—Students Graduating:**  
**With Bachelor Degree: Kamri Ashmore (TSU), Bailee Buchanan (TSU), Allison Divin (TSU), Leissa Jones (Stephen F Austin), Allison Ray (TSU), Quinton Cruse (TSU)**  
**With Graduate Degree: Morgan Montgomery (TSU), Jordan McCain (TSU), Brooke Chaffin (TSU)**



**Basic Needs Garage Sale coming in May—**

**Set up May 8th through 11th**

**Garage Sale held May 12th—14th**

**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**



## Casseroles



Night of Casseroles is Thursday, 4/28/2022. Drop off time is 4:00 to 4:45.

Casserole give-away starts promptly at 5:00 and continues until all have been handed out.



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; Bobbie Tate; Johanna Graham; Margie Phillips; Joanna Lay; Jessica Kribbs; Marilyn Schulze; Chuck Gruenwald; Mike Dacus; Bob Doty; Rebecca Stephens; Don Jones; Merle Jo Parks; Curissa Watkins; Linda Powell

## 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 04/17/2022                      \$ 9,022 (84.31%)                      Budget:    \$ 10,700**

**YTD Contribution for 2022                      \$ 148,659 (95.78%)                      YTD Budget:    \$ 155,200**

**Building Fund    \$437,149 - 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: \$10,597**

**Fire Damage Special Contribution \$1,350**



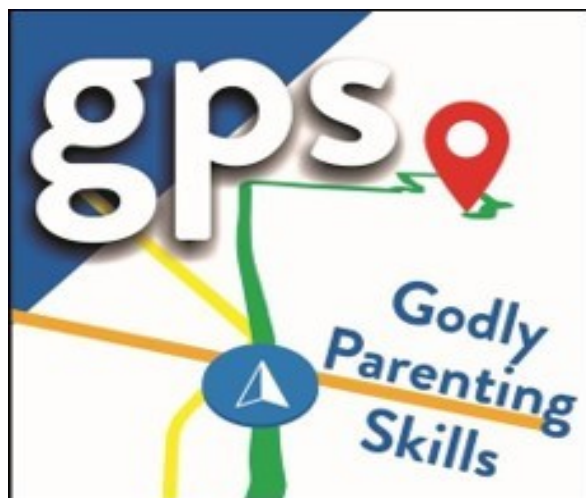
Heart | Soul | Mind | Strength  
**Graham Street Youth Group**

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

<https://www.grahamstreetyouth.org>

**April 24- Class @ 9:00am- Teens meet in Youth Ministry classroom**

**April 27—6:30pm REVIVE (FC)**



**Sun., April 24, 9:00am GPS room. GPS Class Meets "Youth & Family Ministry Discussion"**

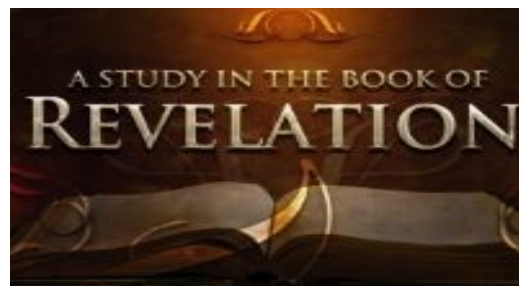


For ages  
3, 4 & 5

Upstairs in the Loft  
*\*Volunteers See Kasey Reed\**

**Memory Verse is back—Come find the Memory Verse person in the lobby between Bible Class & worship service to recite the verse. I Cor. 12:27**

**"Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.."**



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

**HELLO**  
my name is

Yahweh Yesua  
God of Salvation  
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). Students graduating: Reece Elston, Kinlee Harcourt, Elle Hart, John Wayne Ogle, Corbin Poston, Reese Young.**



**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.**

**VBS is coming—July 24th through 27th—6:00 to 8:00—contact Megan Becker to help!**

