

DB's Dabblings: "12 Hours of Prayer"

This week for the National Day of Prayer (Thursday, May 5th) the Ministerial Alliance arranged 12 Hours of Prayer in which the community was invited to a special location to pray each hour for specific segments of our community and our nation. We started at the Courthouse for the Kickoff Prayer at 7:00 a.m. Then at 8:00 a.m. at Tarleton, 9:00 a.m. at County Maintenance Building, 10:00 a.m. at the Hospital, 11:00 a.m. at the Police Station, 12:00 noon at the Recreation Hall Gym. In the afternoon we were at the Courthouse Annex Courtroom at 1:00pm, at 2:00 p.m. at the Bond Auditorium, 3:00 p.m. at Texas Bank Meeting Room, 4:00 p.m. at Jimmy Chew Fire Station, 5:00 p.m. at City Council Chambers, and then at 6:00 p.m. at First United Methodist Church for Worship, Praise & Concluding Prayer.

In the past the Ministerial Alliance affiliated churches would host prayer groups at their church buildings on the hour. This was great, but there was something very inspiring about meeting in significant places of impact in our community. Taking the church to the streets, so to speak. Here are some things I observed that came out of this approach to the National Day of Prayer.

Instead of meeting in church buildings to pray for the community, we went into the community to pray for the community. It reminded us that we are called to be in the city among the people sharing the Lord in real time in real life. And I got a sense of greater unity and more specific prayers addressed to the need for God in each of these places. We prayed for our government, education, health care, safety and security, infrastructure, etc. right in the places where these important activities were conducted. And the people meeting in these places prayed for our churches, not because they were standing in our foyers or sanctuaries, but because our churches were seen as vital parts of the community willing to be engaged in the other vital parts of our community. Let's keep praying.

David Bearden



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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 End Of Time **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

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— Help is needed in all areas! Set up May 7th, 9:00 a.m. at Family Center through 11th Garage Sale will be held May 12th—14th Hours: Thursday: 2:00 to 6:00 Friday: 8:00 to 6:00 Saturday: 8:00 to 2:00

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.



OR Code to access Connection Form

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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; Marilyn Schulze; Chuck Gruenwald; Bob Doty; Rebecca Stephens; Curissa Watkins; Linda Powell; Melinda Myers; Kenneth Wylie; Darleen Hearne's sister, Kathleen Davidson (who recently fell); Don Parker; the family of Don Jones, who passed away this week

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 05/01/2022
 \$ 11,868
 Budget:
 \$ 10,700

 YTD Contribution for 2022
 \$ 168,164 (96.31%)
 YTD Budget:
 \$ 174,600

 Building Fund
 \$437,249 - Our goal is \$350,000—WORK HAS STARTED!

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

Baby Shower

The Bierman family is expecting a brand new family member. If you would like to give a gift for the baby (due in May), there will be a table set up for the Biermans in the foyer. You can leave your gift for them there. Thank you!



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

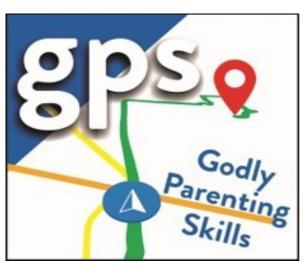
<u>May 8-</u>Class @ 9:00am- Teens meet in Youth Ministry classroom

<u>May 11</u>—6:30pm REVIVE (Youth Room in Main Building)

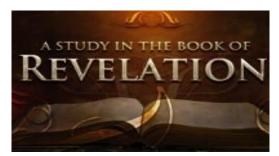


For ages 3, 4 & 5 Upstairs in the Loft **Volunteers See Kasey Reed**

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.."



Sun., May 8, 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



Yahweh Nissi God of Victory Wednesday Night Bible Classes 6:30 Auditorium "What's In a Name (of God)?" **Rooted - Growing - Reaching**







We're Having a Hamburger Cookout–Sunday, May 15th honoring graduating High School Seniors (Family Center following worship service). Bring Chips & Desserts Students graduating: Reece Elston, Kinlee Harcourt, Elle Hart, John Wayne Ogle, Corbin Poston, Reese Young.



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



May 17th — 5:30pm for a covered dish meal. Chicken will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a side dish, salad, or dessert. Special Guest Speaker !

