



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

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May 22, 2022 Sunday

DB's Dabblings: "Calling Upon the Name of the Lord"

We have just finished our Wednesday night study of the names of God found in the first two books of the Bible, and it took two semesters. So why was this such an important study? Because "calling on the name of the Lord" is a big deal!

In Acts 2:21, Peter quotes Joel 2:32 in explaining the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, "And everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." This quotation is repeated in Rom. 10:13 by the Apostle Paul. Which is very interesting when you consider that he as Saul before his conversion, persecuted all who "called on the Lord's name" (Acts 9:14), but in his baptism he was "calling on His name" (Acts 22:16).

The calling on the name of the Lord is significantly noted in the Bible starting in Gen. 4:26, and then noted in the belief of Abraham in Gen. 12:8 and 13:4. This was continued in the life of his son Isaac (Gen. 26:5) and emphasized in Jacob's wrestling with the Lord and the exchange of names in Genesis 32. It empowered the prophetic ministry of Elijah in his debate with the prophets of Baal in 1 Kings 18:24. It was the expectation of Naaman to need to call upon the name of the Lord for his healing in 2 Kings 5:11. And the prophet Zechariah makes calling upon the name of the Lord the means to being identified as the people of God (Zech. 13:9). This continues into the New Testament Church in 1 Cor. 1:2 "To the church of God in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus and called to be his holy people, together with all those everywhere who call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ—their Lord and ours."

But what does it mean to "call upon the name of the Lord"? Is there a formal specific name calling confession we are supposed to use? And which name are we to call upon, for from our study of God's name, He has several?

In the very first time it is mentioned in the Bible we are given a hint about the answers to these questions. "Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD" (Gen. 4:26). Names have meaning, Adam, Eve, Cain and Able, Seth, Enosh, all have meaning in the story. Enosh means weak or frail. It was in man's weakness through sin that they called to God out of need and dependence, and in realization that God was the source of help (Ps. 124:8). This was what God was reminding the Israelites of in the wilderness, and during the reign of the kings that the nation should humble itself and turn back to God calling on his name in prayer (2 Chron. 7:14), and in the prophets in preparation of the Messianic Kingdom (Zeph. 3:9). And that is the reason for the different names for God that we have studied, for in every name is the realization that God, the Lord God, meets our needs in the various circumstances of our lives and in our journey of faith. But the use of a confessional formula for calling on the name of the Lord will not do, it takes humbling ourselves and realizing we truly are helpless and hopeless without Him and we cry out to him in surrender to His will. (continued on Page 2)



“Calling On the Name of the Lord” continued

As Jesus said, “Not everyone who says to me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven.” (Mat. 7:21)

David Bearden

SUNDAY

May 22: **Children’s Bible Class**— 9:00 a.m. Bible Class

May 22: **Children’s Church—Ages 3, 4 & 5**

May 22: **Three Main Questions Begins**: All ages from 5 & 6th grade up —Meet today in the auditorium

May 22: **Bible 101**— 7:00 p.m. annex at Stephenville Funeral Home

May 22: **Memory Verse**—(Matthew 5:1-2) “1. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain. 2. He then opened His mouth and taught them.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

➡ **May 25: Summer Kick-Off Party**—5:30 p.m. at the Family Center (**bring sandwiches & ice cream!**) Sandwiches, ice breakers at 5:30—Ice Cream at 6:30 along with short devotional + door prizes!



➡ **May 26: Night of Casseroles**—drop off from 4:00 to 4:45—Distribution from 5:00 until they are all gone

➡ **May 29: Memorial Day Weekend**—**No Bible Class**—Muffin Fellowship (everyone bring some muffins or other breakfast treat)

➡ **June 1: Wednesday**—Service night at the building/Help prepare for work on the building

➡ **June 5: Sunday**—Sunday Morning Adult classes, “3 Big Questions”



University Ministry



► **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>

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Sunday, May 29th will be Muffin Fellowship Sunday. Please plan on coming at 9:00 a.m. and bring treats to share with the congregation.

Fellowship

VBS is coming—July 24th through 27th—6:00 to 8:00—“Under Construction” is the theme! Please contact Megan Becker to help!





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; Curissa Watkins; Linda Powell; Kenneth Wylie; the family of Don Jones



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 05/015/2022 \$ 7,460 (69.72%) Budget: \$ 10,700

YTD Contribution for 2022 \$ 186,934 (87.35%) YTD Budget: \$ 214,000

Building Fund \$447,249 - Our goal is \$350,000—WORK HAS STARTED!

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



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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>

May 22- Class @ 9:00am- Teens meet in auditorium

May 25—Sandwich & Ice Cream Summer Kick Off (Family Center)



**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. Matthew 5:1 “1. And seeing the multitudes, He went up on a mountain. 2. Then He opened His mouth and taught them.”

Sun., May 22, 9:00am
Everyone from 5th grade up meets in Auditorium



Wednesday Night Summer Schedule

- 1st Intergenerational Service
June 1 at the building to help prepare for construction
July 6
August 3
- 2nd Intergenerational Worship
June 8 at Foster Home
July 13
August 10
- 3rd Intergenerational Fellowship
June 15 at Family Center
July 20
August 17
- 4th Intergenerational Bible Study
June 22 at Family Center “Before Construction” (Eph. 6:10-18 “entering the dangerous construction zone”)
July 27 in Auditorium (VBS) “Under Construction” (VBS Theme)
August 24 at Family Center “After Construction” (Taking Care of what was built 2 Pet 1:3-11)
- 5th Special
June 29
August 31