



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**July 3, 2022 Sunday**

**DB's Dabblings: "A Simple Sign – Don't Give Up" (Philippians 1:15-18)**

I saw a sign in someone's yard, a simple sign, white with black letters that read: "Don't give up!" I thought, "Isn't that a message we all need right now?" In a somewhat "post-covid" time following one of the craziest times of our history, and yet COVID still sits as one of the apocalyptic horsemen ready to ride in again. "Don't give up!"

In a time when Russia is bombing Ukraine and millions have fled their homeland, probably to never return home, and millions more are trapped inside as their food and ammunition to defend themselves runs out. "Don't give up!"

Americans and fellow NATO countries have made great sacrifices to support the Ukrainian people and their right to be free. We bear the burden caused by this support in higher gas prices and inflation of everything! "Don't give up!"

A time when our streets are too often filled with crime, drugs, and violence. Violence that spills over into our schools where young children are killed in mass shootings by eighteen-year-olds. We still say, "Don't give up!"

A time when our country is divided over life and death, freedom and slavery, and politics, long since the issues of the Civil War. When our trust in our government is at its lowest, and many have lost faith that our democracy is still the best form of government in the world and that it will last. "Don't give up!"

Then someone burst my enthusiasm for that simple sign that filled my heart with such optimism and enthusiasm by telling me that they thought I misunderstood its intent. It is not, they told me, a bold statement of courage to all who are disheartened by our shared hard times to keep going in faith for in the end truth and love will win. "No," he said, "that sign is to a small group of people that in spite of all the evidence to the contrary, believe that the election was rigged and the former president will be reinstated! So, 'Don't Give Up the Fight'"

I wanted to cry and scream, "You have got to be kidding me!" And I thought, "Please, give up that fight!" Fight for the cause of what's good, and right, and truthful. Fight for children who need something to eat and a safe place to sleep. Fight for the freedom to vote, and the peaceful transition of government, whether the majority voted like you, or not. Fight for justice and honor, integrity and truth. Don't fight for your way, but your right to have a say, in peace and respect for other views. It broke my heart to think that such a good sign could mean such a different thing to someone else, but then I cheered up thinking, "Maybe most people take it to mean what I did!" "Don't give up!"

David Bearden



## SUNDAY July 3

**July 3: Muffin Fellowship—9:00 a.m. Bring treats to share and fellowship with others**

**Worship 10:00 a.m.**

**July 3: Children's Church—Ages 3, 4 & 5 during worship, after Communion**

**July 3: Bible 101— 7:00 p.m. annex at Stephenville Funeral Home**

**July 3: Memory Verse—(Matthew 5:6) "Blessed are those that hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be filled."**

## UPCOMING EVENTS

➤ **July 6: Wednesday—Intergenerational Service—6:30 come and learn more about what happens and what is needed in Basic Needs. Or find out how you can help with in the Prison Ministry. Or be an encourager and make cards for our shut-ins. Or help clean up and spruce up in the building. Come at 6:30 and learn, help and be of service.**

➤ **July 8: Friday—Rescheduled Pool Party (6:30 p.m. at the home of Bob & Darla Doty—eat first—snacks provided )**

➤ **July 10: Sunday —Diaper Shower for Kaitlyn Brewer (2:00 to 4:00 at the Family Center)**

➤ **July 13: Wednesday—Worship**

➤ **July 16: Thursday - Tarleton Night @ Ranger Game (tickets will be bought Saturday, July 2nd so contact Taylor Holt if you want to attend)**

➤ **July 18th—July 23rd—Camp Bandina**

➤ **July 20: Wednesday—Fellowship Night**

➤ **July 24—27—VBS is back! 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The Theme is "Under Construction"**

➤ **July 27: Wednesday—Bible Study Night during VBS—"Under Construction; The Foundation"**

**Saturday, August 13—We need volunteers to help with Freshman Move-In! Sign up in the lobby to help, or see Erik Meyers.**



**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**



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

**Baby Shower for Noah Cantu, son of Robert & Brittany Cantu. Please bring your baby items (wipes, gift cards, diapers, etc.) and leave them on the table in the lobby. (Table will be there through July 3rd.)**



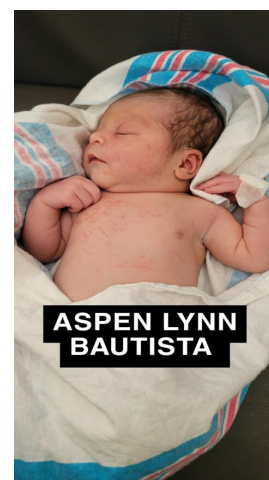
**Pool Party Rescheduled: July 8th at the Doty home—6:30 p.m. (eat first—but snacks will be provided)**

**Diaper Shower for Kaitlyn Brewer on Sunday, July 10th, 2:00 to 4:00 at the Family Center.**



**Muffin Fellowship on Sunday, 7/3/2022, 9:00 a.m. Bring breakfast treats to share with others and enjoy the fellowship time.**

**Former Outreach Minister, Jacob Bautista and his wife, Savanna, announce the birth of their daughter, Aspen Lynn, on Wednesday, 6/29/2022. She weighed 8 pounds 3 ounces.**





Charles Williams; Bill Hodgson; Ronnie Moring, still grateful for our prayers; Paula Busby; Micaela Moore; Jody Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Bill Scott; Ricky Caudle; Brenda Caraway; Vincent Lopez; Paul Schulze; Fred Alvord & his wife, Cathey; Bobbie Tate; Margie Phillips; Marilyn Schulze; Chuck Gruenwald; Linda Powell; Melinda Myers; Justin Monk; Hughbert Collier, Rusty Rose; Vicki Bearden; Peggy Glover; Lynn Anne Hughes

## 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 Not Available This Week—Watch For Updates Next Week

Contribution 6/26/2022 \$ 9,979 (93.26%) Budget: \$ 10,700

YTD Contribution for 2022 \$ 234,230 (84.19%) TD Budget: \$ 278,200

Building Fund \$448,429 - Our goal is \$350,000—WORK HAS STARTED!

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

Summer Series Sunday Morning Bible Classes! (starts back next week!)

1. Who Am I? (Identity)
2. How Do I Fit In? (Belonging)
3. What Should I do? (Purpose)

Adults - Classes meet in the Family Center, the Auditorium & Room 109





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

**July 3— Muffin Fellowship @ 9:00 a.m.**

**July 6—Intergenerational Service Night @ 6:30**

For ages 3, 4 & 5 Upstairs in GPS



*\*Volunteers See Kasey Reed\**



**Find the MVP (Memory Verse Person) in the lobby between Bible Class & worship service to recite the verse.**

**Matthew 5:6**

**“Blessed are those who thirst and hunger for righteousness, for they shall be filled.”**

**Texans for Christ College Ministry Announcement:** College students can stay up to date with what our college has going on through our website <https://texansforchrist.org>

**July 16, Tarleton Night at the Ranger Game**  
(See Taylor or Whitney Holt for more information)

**Saturday, August 13th**—we need volunteers for Freshman Move-In! Sign up in the church lobby to help, or see Erik Meyers.

### **Wednesday Night Summer Schedule**

- 1<sup>st</sup> Intergenerational Service
  - **July 6**
  - **August 3**
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Intergenerational Worship
  - **July 13**
  - **August 10**
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Intergenerational Fellowship
  - **July 20**
  - **August 17**
- 4<sup>th</sup> Intergenerational Bible Study
  - **June 22** at Family Center “Under Construction—The Foundation”
  - **July 27** in Auditorium (VBS) “Under Construction” — (VBS Theme)
  - **August 24** at Family Center “Under Construction—Building on the Foundation”
- 5<sup>th</sup> Special  
**August 31**



## Graham Street Summer Calendar



**Teen Girls Meet at 5:00 p.m. MOST Sundays—Contact Krysten Russell for Details**

**Every Thursday 3rd to 6th Grade: 5:17—7:30 Fun Night—Contact Megan Becker for details**

### July

**1st: Family Fishing Night—Brewer's House (6:00 to 8:30 p.m. at Copeland Lake, (41785 North FM 219, Stephenville, TX)** There will be some extra fishing poles available for those that may not have one. Eat supper before you come or bring it with you. It is suggested people bring fishing gear, bait (if desired), chair(s), something to drink.

**3rd: Muffin Fellowship at 9:00 a.m.—bring breakfast treats to share—worship at 9:00**

**6th: Service Night—help with Basic Needs, the Prison Ministry, Cards for Shut-ins, or help clean up and/or spruce up different areas in the building**

**8th: Pool Party Rescheduled (eat first—snacks provided—6:30 to 8:30 at the Doty's home)**

**13th: Worship Night**

**20th: Fellowship Night**

**24th-27th: VBS "Under Construction" 6:00 to 8:00**

### August

**3rd: Service Night**

**5th: Family Movie Night—Details TBA**

**10th: Worship Night**

**17th: Fellowship Night**

**24th: Bible Study Night**

**31st: Special Night TBD**

**Mark your calendars—Church Family & College Retreat —Weekend of October 7th—contact Andy Brewer with questions.**