



July 17, 2022 Sunday

"Looking at God"

NASA's James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) made public its first image and it's the deepest and sharpest photo of the universe ever seen this week, and for some reason some Christians seem to think it is a threat to their faith. Maybe a simple lesson from our Wednesday night puppet skit will help.

P1: (hanging over curtain looking up humming Days of Creation) P2: (Walking up and seeing P1 looking up in the sky) What in the world are you doing? P1: I am looking at God! P2: What do you mean, you can't see God! P1: When I look at the sky, I can see God! **P2:** Let me see (gets in the same position looking up in the sky) I don't see God, where is He? P1: Don't you see God, He is all over the sky! P2: I see the sky, but I don't see God. P1: Do you see the stars? **P2**: Sure they are all over the sky! P1: Then you see God. P2: Yeah I see the stars, But I don't see God. **P1:** Do you see the moon? P2: Yeah, It's huge tonight! P1: Then you see God! P2: I see the moon, but I don't see God. Andy: (Walking up and asks) What are you doing? **P1**: We are looking at God. P2: P1 said if I look up at the sky I would see God. And I don't see anything but the moon and stars. P1: Our teacher said in Sunday School that when we look up in the sky and see the sun, moon and stars we see God. And tonight you can see God really good, just look how big the moon is and all the stars.

Andy: Maybe what your teacher was saying was that when you look at the sky you see the evidence that there is a God, because God made the sun, moon, and stars. P1: We talked about it in class, that on day 4 God made the things in the sky, she even sang a song about it, and taught a verse about looking up and seeing who created the things in the sky! Andy: Was this the song? (Lead congregation in singing or playing video below of Days of Creation) P1: Yeah, that's it. See I told you (now the puppets are up face each other) Andy: I think what your teacher was referring to is the Scripture in Isaiah 40:26 "Lift up your eyes on high and see: who created these?" It is a question. Who created these stars and the moon? The answer is God. Psalms 8:3 reads "When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place." We don't see God, but we see what God has done and we see his power! Here is another song about God's Power that maybe you have heard: (Play and sing with "Awesome God")



SUNDAY July 17

July 17: Three Big Questions—9:00 a.m. Classes meet in the Auditorium, the Family Center & Room 109 (1. Who Am I? 2. How Do I Fit In? 3. What Should I Do?)

July 17: Children's Church—Ages 3, 4 & 5 during worship, after Communion

July 17: Bible 101— 7:00 p.m. annex at Stephenville Funeral Home

July 17: Memory Verse—(Matthew 5:7) "Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy. "

Lyndsi Vann is now in the Church Office on Monday & Tuesdays. Reach her by phone at (254)-965-4510 or by email at office@grahamstreetchurch.com.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 18th—July 23rd—Camp Bandina (Sonshine Christian Youth Camp Session)

July 20: Wednesday—Fellowship Night

July 24—27—VBS is back! 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The Theme is "Under Construction" (Register your kids, ages 3—6th grade <u>rmd.me/ik.D2Kaewow</u>)

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

July 28: Thursday—Night of Casseroles

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—6:00PM to 8:00PM—"Under Construction" is the theme! Dinner will be served on the 24th and 27th at 5:15PM!

(Register your kids, ages 3—6th grade at rmd.me/ik.D2Kaewow)



We will need lots of cookies/ treats for VBS Wednesday night! If you would like to donate, please drop them off by Tuesday July 26th



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; Ricky Caudle; Tricia Gary, daughter of Sally Ratliff

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	7/10/2022	\$ 9,410	Budget:	\$ 10,700	
YTD Contribution for 2022		\$ 255,229 (88.34%)	TD Budget: \$288,900		1

Building Fund \$448,529 - 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!

- 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



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

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

For ages 3, 4 & 5 Upstairs in GPS



Volunteers See Kasey Reed

Wednesday Night Summer Schedule

- 1st Intergenerational <u>Service</u>
 - August 3
- 2nd Intergenerational <u>Worship</u>
 - August 10
- 3rd Intergenerational <u>Fellowship</u>
 - July 20
 - August 17
- 4th Intergenerational <u>Bible Study</u>
 - July 27 in Auditorium (VBS)
 "Under Construction" (VBS Theme)
 - August 24 at Family Center
 "Under Construction—Building on the Foundation"



Find the MVP (Memory Verse Person) in the lobby between Bible Class & worship service to recite the verse. Matthew 5:7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

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

<u>July</u> 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
14th: Area– Wide Back to School Bash
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.



Shout Outs!



Kathryn Collier was baptized on the 4th of July by her dad Nathan Collier! If you would like to send a card to Kathryn, her mailing address is -997 N Lydia St Stephenville,



Shoutout to everyone who has helped set up and prepare for VBS this week! We couldn't do it without you! THANK YOU to the over 40 people who showed up to help move chairs into the auditorium! It was done in less than 15 minutes