



Graham Street Church of Christ

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VBS THIS UPCOMING WEEK

VBS will be July 24th-27th from
6pm-8pm at
Graham Street Church of Christ.
Dinner will be served on Sunday and
Wednesday nights.

We are still in need of
cookies/treats for Wednesday night!
If you would like to donate, please
have them dropped off at the
church by the evening of Tuesday,
July 26th.



AREA-WIDE BACK TO SCHOOL BASH

Don't miss our Area-Wide Church Back to
School Bash at the City Park Pavilion!

We will serve hotdogs, have a devo,
worship, and have lots of family-friendly
fun!

August 14th 5pm-7pm



DB's Dabbling's

Small Groups for Encouragement and Support

This fall we want to be more intentional about our small groups. Our summer efforts in addressing the “3 Big Questions” was designed to help us with that. To have great small groups that provide encouragement and support to the group members, all members of the group need to be intentional about accomplishing that goal. The story of Job illustrates this. It begins with Satan telling God that the faith of the prosperous man named Job was not as strong as God thinks, for if Job were to face great crisis, he would cast aside his faith in God. God tells Satan that He believes Job’s faith is deeper than that and God allows Satan to tempt Job. Satan causes Job to lose everything and is stricken with horrible sickness. The book chronicles Job’s faith journey while wrestling with the great “Why God?” question. On this journey some of Job’s friends try to help, and in the process, Job gives them, and us, a lesson, in helping people in crisis through small groups.

Job 16:1-5 (NRSV)

Then Job answered: "I have heard many such things; miserable comforters are you all. Have windy words no limit? Or what provokes you that you keep on talking? I also could talk as you do, if you were in my place; I could join words together against you, and shake my head at you. I could encourage you with my mouth, and the solace of my lips would assuage your pain.

Job basically says to them, “You are lousy comforters. You are not helping, you are making things worse, why do you keep talking? If I were in your place, I would try to do it differently; instead of speaking to you with accusation, I would try to use my mouth to bring comfort and ease your pain.” Job tells them that they are incompetent and arrogant, lacking compassion and empathy. They don’t know what they are doing, and they don’t have the humility to listen and learn. In our care for the people we serve, we must have both competence and humility.

We certainly need the training, knowledge, and skill to do our job well. And we need to give the assurance that we have the gifts and resources to take care of their needs. At the same time, it is important that they know they are being heard and that we are truly aware of their needs, that they are being validated in putting their care in our hands and that we will do it with compassion. Competence with compassion and humility can be a difficult balance at times, but it begins with the words Job used to advise his friends, “If you were in my place,” in other words, you should have started by trying to put yourself in my place and treat me like you would have wanted to be treated. It is what Jesus said in Mat. 7:12, and we call it the Golden Rule. The first rule for a great small group is the Golden Rule!

David Bearden

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY 07/24	MONDAY 07/25	TUESDAY 07/26	WEDNESDAY 07/27	THURSDAY 07/28	FRIDAY 07/29	SATURDAY 07/30
Bible Class 9 AM Worship 10 AM VBS Serving Dinner 5:15 PM VBS 6PM-8PM	Unload Basic Needs Truck 8 AM VBS 6PM-8PM	Deliver cookies and treats for VBS before 4 PM VBS 6PM-8PM	VBS Serving Dinner 5:15 PM VBS 6PM-8PM	Casserole Delivery 4PM Night of 100 Casseroles Distributing 5PM		

Upcoming Events

August

3rd: Service Night
 5th: Family Movie Night—Details TBA
 10th: Worship Night
 13th: Freshman Move-In
 14th: Area- Wide Back to School Bash
 17th: Fellowship Night
 21st: New Quarter Begins Sunday Morning
 24th: First Wednesday of New Quarter
 31st: Special Night TBD

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

FOR ACCESS TO FULL CALENDAR: www.grahamstreetchurch.com

Church News



HOW ARE WE DOING?

Contribution.....	\$6,049
Budget.....	\$11,700
YTD Contribution.....	\$261,278
YTD Budget.....	\$339,300
YTD Building Fund.....	\$449,330

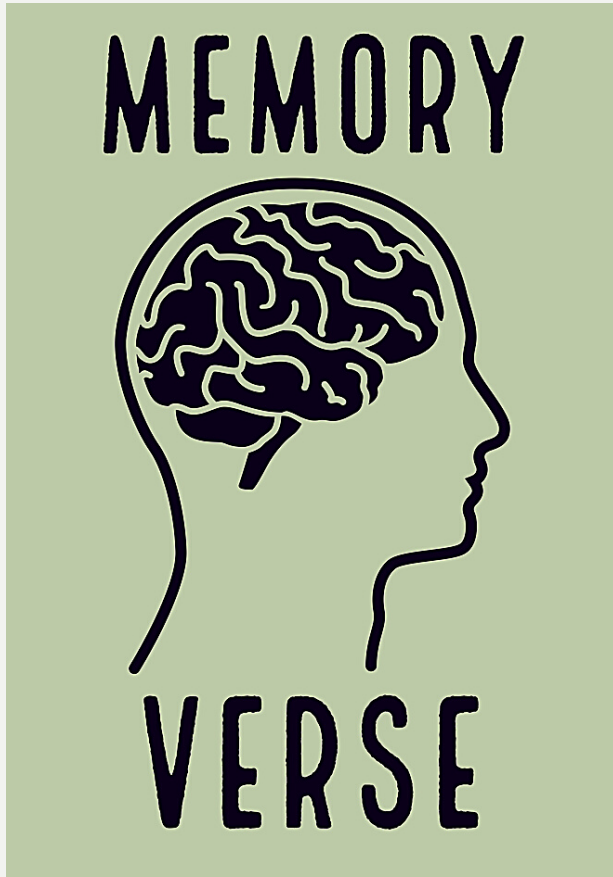
Saturday, July 9 Graham Street Church of Christ helped to prepare and distribute lunches at the Homelessness HELP, Erath County free lunch distribution. The event is held on the 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each month.

Thank you for helping in addressing the critical needs of our community!



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Church Information



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

Matthew 5:8
Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Prayer Requests

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 Ratlif

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