

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

Graham Street Church of Christ

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MB's Nabbling's

Getting Ready for a New Youth Minister

You may be thinking when are we going to do something about getting a new Youth Minister? Well, we have probably been doing more than you realize. A major goal we have hoped to achieve before hiring a new Youth Minister was to help the congregation prepare for a new Youth Minister, and a major part of doing that is to try to help the congregation as a whole to better understand what we mean by "Family Ministry" and hiring a "Family Youth Minister." This involved 6 major areas of emphasis based on Biblical Principles:

- 1. Understanding that Family Ministry applies to both the Church Family as a whole, and the families that make up its membership. These families come in all shapes, sizes and ages. Read Romans 12; 1 Cor. 12; Eph. 4.
- 2. Understanding our Intergenerational Ministry Philosophy and Approach to being "Rooted, Growing, and Reaching" in our Church Mission. Since our Church is a Family, it operates in a Family System where every member has an impact on every other member, where every generation should be involved in the processes that bring about our mission of being rooted, growing and reaching. That is why we will be hiring a Family Youth Minister.
- 3. Understanding the value of Holistic Student Ministry development from birth through college age. Every age builds upon the development of the age before it, and contributes to the development of the age ahead, so the Family Youth Minister is not just working with Teens, his success is very dependent upon the success of the Children's Ministry, the Bridge Ministry, and the Campus Ministry.
- **4.** Understanding the importance of the Church Family helping each other answer the "3 Big Questions" of Identity, Belonging and Purpose. For our young people to successfully deal with these questions they need a supportive church family and a youth ministry that will guide them through the process.
- 5. Understanding the importance and process of the Parents of our young people working together as a Team to be the support system that is needed to help young people navigate a very confusing world with a solid faith foundation.
- 6. Understanding that for our new Family Youth Minister to be successful, he must have the Church Family's support Physically, Emotionally and Spiritually. This means our financial giving, our ministry service, our encouragement and prayerful devotion must be fully committed to his ministry and to him and his family personally.

So, as you can see, we have been working on all of these the last few months. We have been developing a solid foundation for a new Family Youth Minister to build upon, but we can still do better. Let's pull together to achieve all these goals, including increasing our giving and service to the level we need it to be when we hire our new Family Youth Minister.

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
08/07	08/08	08/09	08/10	08/11	08/12	08/13
Bible Class 9:00 AM Worship 10:00 AM	Help Unload Basic Needs Truck 8:00AM-9:00AM Young Mothers Bible Study 9:00AM-12:00PM		Worship	Basic Needs Is Open 9:30AM -12:00PM		Freshman Move In ALL DAY
	Recovery 6:30PM -9:00PM		6:30PM -7:30PM			

Upcoming Events

August

10th: Worship Night

13th: Freshman Move-In

14th: Area- Wide Back to School Bash

17th: First Day Family Dinner

21st: New Semester Begins Sunday Morning

24th: First Wednesday of New Semester

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

Church News



HOW ARE WE DOING?

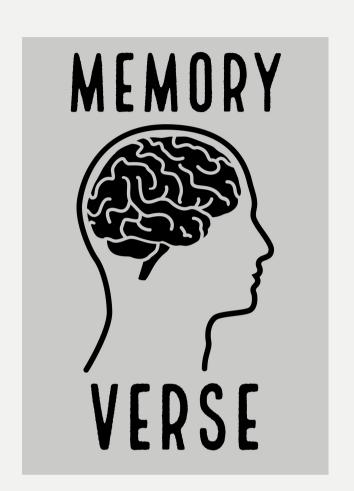
Contribution\$5,694	
Budget\$10,700	
YTD Contribution\$274,161	
YTD Budget\$331,700	
YTD Building Fund\$449,330	

FAMILY COMMUNICATION

In GPS we will discuss how to resolve conflicts and prevent them. We will discuss reconciliation and restoration of broken family relationships. And we will also discuss how we can be a better support system for other families. We would love to have you join us, starting August 21.



Church Information



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

Matthew 5:9
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children
of 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, Eliana Jones 8 yr. old diagnosed with leukemia