

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER Rooted - Growing - Reaching

August 28th

Graham Street Church of Christ

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Praying for Rain

Recently several of us met at the City Park and prayed for rain. Every time the Elders and I have met over the last several weeks, we prayed for rain. Well, some areas got rain, and others didn't get any. Some areas got too much rain too quickly. So, were our prayers answered? Some would say, "no," some would say, "yes," and some would say that where the rain fell was where there was faith and lives lived well, and where there was no rain that God was withholding His blessing until the people repented of sinful behavior. Some would say that we shouldn't pray for rain anyway because Jesus said, "Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, that you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous." (Matthew 5:44-45). While others would say that the very example of praying in faith in James 5:16-18 is about praying for rain. "The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being, even as we are. He prayed earnestly that it would not rain, and it did not rain on the land for three and a half years. Again he prayed, and the heavens gave rain, and the earth produced its crops." (James 5:16-18) So what do you think?

Some things to remember when you pray:

1. Prayer is communication with the Creator of the Universe, and He has complete control over it.

2. We should pray that God's will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

3. We need to believe that God will answer our prayers prayed in Jesus' name with faith according to His greater will.

4. We pray as God's children, humbly asking, but realizing there is much we don't understand. This includes not fully understanding the full implications of what would happen to others if our prayers were answered according to our wishes.

5. We are to pray for all people, including our enemies, this is a huge responsibility from which we cannot begin to fathom the implications of having that much of a surrendered heart. 6. When we pray to the Father, Jesus, the Son, is our High Priest who takes our sacrifice of worship before the throne of God 7. The Holy Spirit is praying with us to help us transform our hearts into accepting by faith and love God's answer with thanksgiving.

8. Therefore, when we pray it is perfectly acceptable to talk to God about anything we want to talk about, but it is far more important that we pray for the raining down of righteousness and salvation than for water (Isaiah 45:5-8).

9. And believe, God has the power to do both!

10. And don't forget to pray to God your praise and thanks!

David Bearden

This Week at a Glance

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
08/28	08/29	08/30	08/31	09/01	09/02	09/03
Bible Class 9:00AM Worship 10:00AM	Young Mothers Bible Study 10:00 AM-12:00PM Celebrate Recovery 6:30PM-9:00PM	Free Lunch for College Students 11:30AM-1:00PM (Volunteers Welcome)		Basic Needs Is Open 9:30AM -12:00PM		Men's Prayer Breakfast 8:00AM-9:00AM





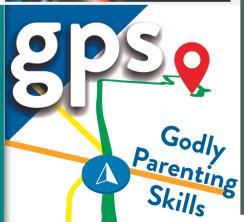
A new discussion-based class for all ages of adults Sundays @ 9 a.m. Room 109

STARTING AUGUST 28th: "Finding Unity in a Divided World" (based on the book "Until Unity" by Francis Chan)









<u>September</u>

3rd: Men's Prayer Breakfast 4th: Muffin Fellowship 16th: Family Game Night 29th: Night of 100 Casseroles



7th-9th: Family Retreat

FOR ACCESS TO FULL CALENDAR: www.grahamstreetchurch.com

Church News

HOW ARE WE DOING?

Contribution	\$10,966
Budget	\$10,700
YTD Contribution	\$309,984
YTD Budget	\$363,800
YTD Building Fund	\$448,530

For any hurt,

habit or hang-up.

Mon. 6:30pm (FC)

The Landing,

CR for teens

Donations @ Green Street Workroom: Mon. & Thurs. Open: Thursday 9:30am - 12:00 pm



Basic Needs August Totals Over 40.....156 Individuals....404 Families 113 New11

(254) 396-0446 Prayer Requests

For information:

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- 8yr. old girl diagnosed with leukemia; Rebecca Stephens- has Covid and Broken Wrist.

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