



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**October 20, 2024**

## **Casseroles**



**Thursday, October 24th**

**Is Night of Casseroles**

**Will be ONE WEEK EARLY**

**due to**

**Halloween**



## **Basic Needs Garage Sale**

**Help move items from storage unit to Family Center on Sunday, 11/3. Help prepare the items for sale on Monday, 11/4, Tuesday, 11/5 and Wednesday 11/6. Help with the actual sale on Thursday, 11/7, Friday, 11/8 and Saturday 11/9.**

## **Men's & Ladies' Wednesday Night Class**

**The Wednesday Night Adult Men's and Women's Classes will discuss the Sunday Morning Sermon preached that week in the series "Obstacles to Spiritual Growth"**

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
10/23/2024	Fear & Anxiety
10/30/2024	Family Shenanigans (no classes)
11/06/2024	Politics
11/13/2024	Misunderstanding
11/20/2024	Mistakes



**Come Set Up a Booth With Halloween Treats**

**For the Preschool Kids On**

**Wednesday, 10/30/2024**

**Starts at 10:30**

**(so allow some time to get set up)**



## No Man is An Island

### There Are Those Who.....

- Believe and act as if they do not need anyone.
- Are so private and choose isolation as a way of doing life.
- Refuse any vulnerability for fear of hurt.
- Trust no one and live with constant suspicion of others.

**Do you know someone that fits one or more of these characteristics?** Do you? Us church folk can certainly act as if everything is fine, and we do not need anyone. In short, we do our church life like we are an island to ourselves. I certainly do not want to minimize the challenge of fully human 'down at church.' You know what I mean. Being human is risky with church people. Everyone has their own standard of what is righteous and unrighteous, healthy, and unhealthy, what should be and should not be a part of "church." Then, there is the idea that religion is a private matter, woven deeply into the fabric of the American life and shows up in conversations and behaviors at church as well.

**English poet John Donne wrote "No Man is an Island" following a serious illness (1623).** The primary themes are what it means to be human and the relationship between humanity and God. Before going any further consider the whole prose by Donne.

No man is an island,

Entire of itself;

Every man is a piece of the continent,

A part of the main.

If a clod be washed away by the sea,

Europe is the less,

As well as if a promontory were:

As well as if a manor of thy friend's

Or of thine own were.

Any man's death diminishes me,

Because I am involved in mankind.

And therefore, never send to know for whom the bell tolls;

It tolls for thee. (continued next column)

## No Man Is An Island—Continued

Nothing causes one to reflect on being human and relationship with God like serious illness. I know. After five months and ten days in a hospital I had plenty of time to reflect with gratitude to God, my family, and friends. In my weakness I was fully dependent on others.

Literary analysts show that Donne was addressing the individualism and spirit of isolationism. A reality that certainly applies to being American. The spirit of individualism shows up 'down at church' in subtle and not so subtle ways.

- The habit of where we sit in the assembly and with whom we interact.
- The pattern with whom we share hospitality.
- The meeting of "my needs" vs acting for the sake of others.

The expectation of church as an event only, rather than a relational community.

### What would you add?

**Following Jesus will always take us out of our comfort and convenient religious life.**

**Lord, help us! Blessings, GDK**



### Month of September 2024

Individuals	525
Families	137
New	11

### Basic Needs

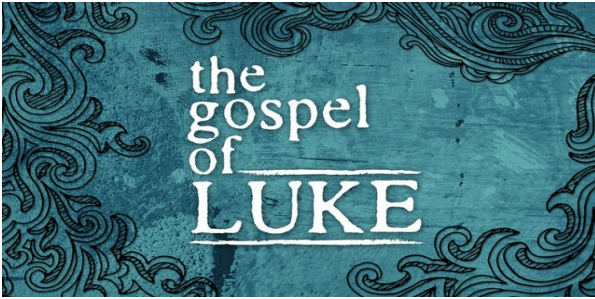
Due to a lack of food supply from the Tarrant Area Food Bank, local food pantries are running out of much needed food supplies.

Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: CEREAL, PEANUT BUTTER, chicken, tuna, shampoo, deodorant & all other Toiletries are also needed, etc.



**Your help is appreciated!**

**Let's Fill The Cart & More!**



### Adult Bible Study Opportunities

At 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, Hughbert Collier will be continuing an in-depth series on the New Testament book of Luke.

You don't want to miss it. These are important lessons about the life and teaching of Jesus.



### Young Adult Class

Sunday mornings at 9:00 in Room 109. Join Andy Brewer and Evan McLeroy as they lead a discussion in a new series, "Discipleship 101".



### GPS Class

David Bearden will be leading the Godly Parenting Skills class in the GPS room. This will be a class discussing and applying "Parenting Proverbs". Class starts at 9:15 and ends at 9:45. This week, David Bearden will be discussing "Using The Rod of Discipline," Proverbs 29:15; 13:24; 22:15; 23:13; 23:14

Call the Church Office for More Information about our Spiritual Formation Small Group Ministry



### Ladies' & Men's Wednesday Night Bible Class

The Fall Semester has begun with class discussions on the Sunday Sermon Series:

"Overcoming Obstacles to Spiritual Growth." This Wednesday, the classes will discuss "Fear and Anxiety as an Obstacle to Spiritual Growth"



### Sunday's Sermon

"Overcoming Obstacles to Spiritual Growth"

This Sunday, "Fear and Anxiety" (we will discuss it on Wednesday night)



## Children's Ministry News

### Children's Ministry News

A big "Thank You" to all the **Children's Ministry** teachers and helpers, and to all who have responded to the efforts to form a **Children's Ministry Committee**. The **Children's Ministry Committee** consists of **Coordinators** of the various departments of the Children's Ministry, but everyone volunteering or interested in helping with the Children's Ministry is invited to the **Committee Meetings**.

#### The Children's Ministry Departments and Committee Coordinators are:

**Babies and Toddlers: Janell Bierman**

**3s-K: Teryn Thomasson**

**1st - 4th: Amber Coplan**

**Bridge/5th & 6th: Erik Meyers**

**Curriculum: Darleen Hearne**

**Special Events: Megan Becker**

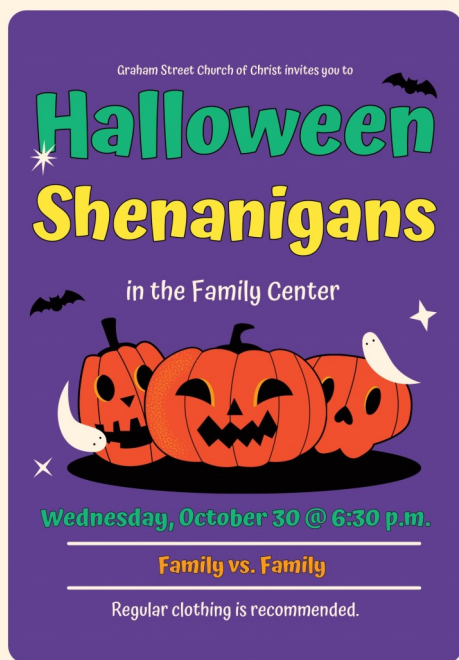
**Children's Church: BJ Hough & Courtney McGuire**

**LTC: Megan Becker**

**VBS: Committee Coordination**

**There will be a Children's Ministry Meeting on 10/27 immediately following worship service in Room 109**

**Megan Becker** has been asked and agreed to serve as the **Committee Chairperson**. **The next major event will be:**



**Family Shenanigans on 10/30/2024**  
**Meal starts at 5:30 in the Family Center**  
**Family Shenanigans starts at 6:30**  
**No Classes that night**



**Vina Flores** was baptized on Wednesday, 10/2/2024. Please welcome her as our newest member. Cards of welcome can be sent to her at the Foster's Home, 1779 N. Graham, Stephenville, TX 76401.





### Our Fall Sunday Morning GPS Class

#### GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) – David and Vicki Bearden - Room

GPS Bible Class/Support Group is studying, discussing and applying “Parenting Proverbs.” We are focusing on proverbs from the Bible that apply to parenting. Parents will be asked to volunteer to study a specific topic of parenting proverbs and give a report to the class on practical applications. Vicki and David will then discuss with the class how to live out the parenting proverbs and how to, as a group, support our church families in raising children in that area. There are 8 major topic areas we will focus on in the class with several subtopics in each major area:

1. Reverence for God
2. Wisdom and Instruction
3. Self-Control
4. Control of Mouth
5. Relationships
6. Wrong Doings
7. Godly Characteristics
8. Prosperity



#### 30 Minute Discussion Class

**Sundays 9:15 to 9:45**

**Based on Proverbs dealing with Parenting**

**This Sunday, October 20th**

**David Bearden will be**

**Continuing the discussion on**

**“Using the Rod of Discipline”**

**Be there by 9:15 to hear the message and contribute to the conversation.**





### **Our Fall Sunday Morning & Wednesday Night Adult Bible Classes**

#### **The Gospel of Luke – Hughbert Collier – Auditorium**

The children's Bible classes are focusing on the Gospel of Luke on Wednesday nights in preparation for the LTC in the spring. So, the adults are joining in the study of Luke in our Sunday morning adult class in the auditorium. The study of Luke reveals some unique and interesting characteristics. It is a universal Gospel message to peoples beyond the Jews. It gives greater meaning of the Gospel as good news by its emphasis on rejoicing. It is also the Gospel for the 'down and out.' There is more emphasis on the women of Jesus' ministry in this Gospel, and you will find more mention of angels. Luke, the physician writer, seems to give more details on the miracles of healing in his high-level literary style. And you will also find Luke is the Gospel of prayer, with more mention of the topic than the other gospels.

#### **Young Adults Class – Discipleship 101 – Andy Brewer & Evan McLeroy in Room 109.**

This class is available for college age and young adults without children. One does not need to study the New Testament very long to realize we are to be the disciples of Jesus who are making disciples of Jesus. We call this the great commission and is found in Mat. 28:18-20. But what does it mean to be a disciple of Jesus? That's the focus of this class.

**The Fall Wednesday Night Adult Bible Classes will continue the Men's and Women's Classes and start a study of "Grow" in September with various teachers, which is also the topic the children are studying in their Sunday morning classes this fall.**

The Wednesday night Men's and Women's Bible Classes will discuss the Sunday morning sermon obstacle topic with the following questions:

What is the impact of this obstacle on our spiritual growth?

How do we avoid or reduce this obstacle to our spiritual growth?

How can we deal with this obstacle if we are currently experiencing it?

How can we help each other in our Christian family deal with the impact of this spiritual growth obstacle?

How can we turn this obstacle into an opportunity for spiritual growth?

**In September the Wednesday Night Adult Men's and Women's Classes will discuss the Sunday Morning Sermon preached that week. The teachers will also have access to the sermon recordings and slides from the Sunday before. Also this material made use of Chuck Swindoll's book, THREE STEPS FORWARD TWO STEPS BACK (Persevering through Pressure) and class leaders may wish to consult the chapter corresponding to their lesson.**



### SUNDAY October 20

- October 20: **Adult Class**—In the auditorium (Hughbert Collier is teaching a series on The Gospel According to Luke)
- October 20: **Young Adult Class**—Andy Brewer & Evan McLeroy lead a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- October 20: **Adult Class**—David Bearden leads a class on Godly Parenting Skills (in GPS Room) Each week, parents report on a “Parenting Proverbs Topic” and it is discussed in class.
- October 20: **Children’s Classes—9:00 a.m.** All classes will be held in their usual class-rooms
- October 20: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will lead a lesson on “Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Fear & Anxiety”

### UPCOMING EVENTS

- October 23: **Wednesday Night Meal** at 5:30 in the Family Center—recommended price is \$4.00 per person  
**Menu: Hamburger Buns Pizza, Corn on the Cob, Dessert**
- October 24: **Night of Casseroles**  
(moved to not conflict with Halloween)
- October 27: **Children’s Ministry Committee** meets immediately following worship service
- October 30: **Family Shenanigans**—meal at 5:30—Family vs Family in the Family Center (regular clothing recommended) (**No Wednesday Night Classes**)
- November 3: **Daylight Savings Time** Ends (set your clocks back an hour before you go to bed on Saturday night)



Casseroles



### **Basic Needs Garage Sale is Coming In November!**

(Work begins on Sunday, November 3, continues through Wednesday, November 6.

The Garage Sale opens on Thursday, 11/7 and concludes on Saturday, 11/8)



Fred Alvord (Cathey's husband) and their son-in-law, Jimmy Robison; Carl update—Terry advises no new symptoms from the tumor (please continue to keep both of them in prayer); Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Jody Caudle; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mary Moore; Mildred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Micaela Moore; Please keep the family of Rudene Adams' sister in prayer, Lucille Bills; Ken & Shirley Evans

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## Giving Update

Contribution 10/13/2024	\$	11,517	Budget for 2024	\$	12,900
YTD Contribution	\$	501,435	YTD Budget for 2024	\$	528,900
Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 94.80%					

## Texans For Christ Campus Ministry Fall Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning Class in Room 109 (Young Adults)

Sunday Evenings: Bible Study 8:00 p.m. at the Tri-C

Tuesday Nights: Dinner & Devo, 6:00 p.m. at the Tri-C

Thursday Nights: Activities (starting at 6:00 p.m.)

Halloween Party on Sunday, 10/27 starting at 6:00 p.m.



CareFlite Insurance is Still Available  
\$75.00 covers your entire family for 5 years  
Enrollment Forms are in the Church Office



Monday Evenings, 6:30 p.m.  
Family Center  
For any Hurt, Habit or Hangup

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!

QR Code to access Connection Form







Heart | Soul | Mind | Strength  
Graham Street Youth Group



## TEENS

### Children's Ministry



For ages 3, 4 & 5  
*\*Volunteers See  
B J Hough\**



### Children's Bible Lessons

Every Sunday Morning at 9:00

## LET THE Shenanigans BEGIN

### Halloween Shenanigans

#### Family vs Family

Starts at 5:30 p.m. on

10/30/2024

Regular Clothing Recommended  
(no Wednesday Night classes)

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10/27/2024 The Children's Ministry will be having  
a meeting immediately following church service  
(Room 109)



### Wednesday Night Meal

Menu: Hamburger Buns Pizza, Corn on the Cob,  
Dessert

(5:30 p.m. in the Family Center—  
\$4.00 price recommended)



Oct. 27—Erik & Amanda Meyers

Nov. 10—Rick & Renea Green

Dec. 8—Ryan & Kasey Reed

Thank you Ross & Jill McAngus for hosting the  
Youth Group!

### Meeting Times Sunday

Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Meal 5:30

Wednesday Class 6:30

Church Office Hours

Mon-Thurs. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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