



GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

August 2, 2026

Some Upcoming Events in the Month of August

MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



**Men's Prayer Breakfast
(B.E.S.T. Brothers
Earnestly Seeking Truth)
7:00 a.m. at the Tri-C
On August 8th**

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY MEETING

**Children's Ministry
Meeting
Sunday, 8/9/2026
Immediately following
Worship service in Room 109**

Missions Committee Meeting

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Meeting
Sunday, 8/9/2026
Immediately following
Worship service in the
Family Center (a meal will
be served—All are welcome)**

STEPHENVILLE COMMUNITY PANTRY

Third Thursday of every month
5-6:30 PM
First Baptist Church Parking Lot
334 W. Green St.

**The Very Last Community Pantry
Thursday, August 20th
5:00 to 6:30
First Baptist Church Parking Lot
(The volunteer workers will be
honored at the Ministerial
Alliance lunch on Thursday, 8/20
at the Family Center.)**



After the Funeral

Over the past few weeks, Karen and I have reflected on the loss of seven people whom we have known, worshipped with or family members of friends. It

seems that grief and sadness knocks on our door more often as we age. Through the years as a minister, I have listened to people share thoughts about, after the funeral.

After the Funeral

When the service is over and the tears of love and embrace walk out the door, life goes on. Exhaustion has its way in body, mind, and spirit.

The silence is deafening. Nothing tastes good.

The favorite chair is empty.

Normal is gone. And the new normal is yet to arrive.

Memories are everywhere in the house.

Flowers of sympathy, honor, and care slowly wilt. Loving cards, notes, and text messages pile up.

Time stands still. Restless nights long for morning.

Faith, hope, and love remain, yet, for a while, death stings, the grave seems victorious.

But not so in Christ.
Thanks be to God!



Basic Needs News

Basic Needs is on their regular schedule on Thursdays. The donation bin is open. The Food and Clothing Pantries are both open on Thursday mornings from 9:00 to noon.

Over **\$19,000** was collected in the Basic Needs Spring Garage Sale!

This would not be possible without the volunteers and countless donations during the year. Thank you to everyone who helped Basic Needs.

Next Garage Sale is Nov. 1-7



Totals for June 2026

Individuals	524
Families	141
Clothing	16
New Clients	14

We Need Your Plastic Bags!

Love Basket News May 2026 (Dublin)
The Love Basket Served 131 Families and 411 Individuals in (11 new families)



Fill The Pantry!

Basic Needs has an **URGENT** need for these items: **Cream of Mushroom Soup, 1 lb Spaghetti, Charro Beans**

Your help is very much appreciated!



Starting August 16

GPS will host a Fall Semester

**Parent & Family
SUPPORT
Group**

**Building stronger Families through Marriage and
Parenting Support during Sunday Bible Class Time**

9:00 AM in GPS Room Upstairs

A time for prayerful focus on thankfulness, encouragement and mission for your family. David and Vicki Bearden will be your Facilitators.

First Day of Several Local Schools

Three Way ISD, Monday August 3rd

Bluff Dale ISD, Wednesday, August 5th

Huckabay ISD, Thursday, August 6th

Dublin ISD, Wednesday, August 12th

Stephenville ISD, Wednesday, August 12th

Morgan Mill ISD, Tuesday, August 18th

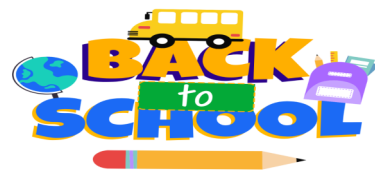
**Tarleton State University first day of classes Wednesday,
August 19th**

Sunshine Christian Preschool, Wednesday, September 9th

August 16th

**Back to School/Prayer
Sunday**

10:00 a.m. Worship Service





Upcoming Events

➤ **Sunday, August 2 — David Bearden is offering a class in the auditorium, “Spiritual Fitness”. Class starts at 9:00.**

➤ **Sunday, August 2—Charlie DeLong will be offering a College Class in Room 109 beginning August 16th.**

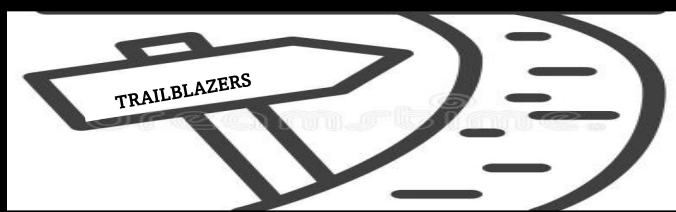


➤ **Sunday, August 2 —Worship Service begins at 10:00. David Bearden will be giving a sermon on “Some Things I Have Learned”**

➤ **Wednesday, August 2—Wednesday Night Meals are on pause until September**

Volunteers are still needed for Children’s Church, Hall Monitors during Bible Class time, teachers, and teacher aides.

There are many opportunities to serve and your assistance would be greatly appreciated.



Trailblazers meetings are on PAUSE until September! See you then!



**Game Night
Every Tuesday from 6:00 to 8:00 in the
Family Center
See Le Jones**



**Soup Kitchen
This Thursday
From 5:30 to 7:00**



Heart | Soul | Mind | Strength
Graham Street Youth Group



TEENS

Children's Ministry



For ages 3—1st Grade
*Volunteers See
Courtney McGuire *



Children's Bible Lessons in
their usual locations at
9:00 a.m.



There **WILL NOT BE** Children's Church during the
summer months (but that could change if we get
volunteers to help this summer)

Children's Church Teachers Needed!
See Courtney McGuire or Whitney Oliver



The next Children's Ministry
Meeting will be on Sunday, August
9th, immediately following worship
service in Room 109.

VBS was a great success. Thank you
to everyone that helped make it
happen.

Youth Group News

Wednesday, 8/12, Prayers & Pancakes in
the Youth Room

Wednesday, 8/12, First Day of School

Back to School/Prayer Sunday is
8/16/2026.

Meeting Times Sunday

Classes 9:00 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Wednesday Class 6:30

Church Office Hours

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

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Margie Phillips, who is now on hospice; Mischelle Oliver who had knee surgery; Craig Barnes who has been in the hospital; Quincy Hough; Marilyn Schulze is now in Good Tree Memory Care; Vicki Bearden; Ray Sissom; Darell Belcher, Vincent Lopez; Billy & Linda Powell; Mildred Buchanan; Dwain & Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Theresa Young; Ron Wilhite; Grady King; Mary Havens; Jody Caudle; Ron Powell, whose mother, Frances, passed away this week; Ronnie Moring; Darrell Tucker;

Giving Update

Contribution 07/26/2026	\$ 8,613	Budget for 2026	\$ 13,500
Contribution YTD	\$ 338,295	YTD Budget for 2026	\$ 405,000

Percentage of 2026 YTD Contribution Budget 83.52%

Tri-C Parsonage Remodel Budget = \$75,000 \$23,450 Collected Percentage: 31.3%

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

**Charlie DeLong will be leading a college class on Sunday
Mornings at 9:00, starting on 8/16**

Tailgate Breakfast for College Students on 8/16

Back to School/Prayer Sunday is 8/16/2026

Tarleton Classes start on Wednesday, August 19th



Celebrate Recovery
Monday Evenings, 6:30 p.m.
Family Center

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





A New Bible Story from Gideon Mazambani

I wanted to share an encouraging update on one of the evangelism efforts that has been developing over the past few months through the Bible distribution work made possible by the generosity of you and the missions committee.

One of our student preachers unintentionally developed a simple but very effective approach to home Bible studies. When he first meets an individual or family, he begins by introducing the gospel and arranging a Bible study. Before leaving, he promises to return with one or more Bibles for the household. This naturally creates another opportunity to visit, study together, and continue building a relationship.

On the following visit, after presenting the Bibles, the preacher often explains that they were provided by Christian friends who care about people hearing the gospel. He then asks whether the family would be willing to meet one of those friends' representatives. When I am available, I accompany him on that visit. This gives us another opportunity to study the Scriptures together while also expressing the love of Christians who have made these Bibles possible. What began almost by chance has become a very natural way of increasing meaningful contact with families who are interested in learning more about Christ.

Yesterday I had the privilege of taking part in one of these visits.

The family lives about an hour outside Harare in an area that is not easily accessible. Unfortunately, the day began with an unexpected setback. About fifteen minutes after leaving home, while still in Harare, I struck a newly installed median that was difficult to see because of the reflection from a nearby electronic billboard. By God's grace, there were no other vehicles around, and I was able to keep the car under control and pull safely into a nearby service station. One of the tyres had been damaged, and after it was repaired, I continued with the journey. Later inspection showed that some of the suspension components had also been bent by the impact.

The delay meant that I missed the congregation's worship service, but we were still able to make the planned home Bible study. Because of the condition of the roads, we parked some distance away and completed the journey on foot. (Cont. page 8)



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The visit itself turned into one of the most rewarding experiences I have had in recent months.

The people in that community have lived through periods of political intimidation, so they are naturally cautious about visitors. Before welcoming anyone into their home, they often want neighbours to know that the visit is not political. As a result, additional family members and neighbours gradually gathered. Rather than seeing this as an interruption, we welcomed the opportunity to meet more people and begin building relationships with them as well.

One lesson I have learned is that visits like these cannot be rushed. Building trust is just as important as presenting the lesson itself.

During our conversation, the man of the home asked me if I would sign his Bible.

When I asked his name, he told me it was Nixon. Smiling, I asked whether he had been named after President Richard Nixon of the United States. To my surprise, he had. He became very excited that someone knew the story behind his name. When I explained that I had studied in the United States, the conversation immediately became warm and relaxed. That simple connection helped establish trust in a way that none of us could have anticipated.

Although we did not complete as much of the planned Bible study as we had hoped, we received a warm invitation to return. In many ways, that invitation was one of the most encouraging outcomes of the day. Relationships were established, trust was built, and the door remains open for future studies.

During our discussion, I also sensed that he felt somewhat embarrassed by his economic circumstances. This provided an opportunity to speak about the humility of Christ. We reflected on how Jesus left the glory of heaven to live a simple life among ordinary people, and that what matters most to God is not our possessions but our willingness to seek Him and serve Him faithfully.

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Experiences like this continue to convince me that the Bible distribution ministry is producing results beyond simply placing Scriptures into people's hands. Each Bible becomes the beginning of a relationship that often leads to multiple visits, deeper conversations, and opportunities to share the gospel in ways that would otherwise not be possible.

The day reminded me that the work of evangelism often requires patience, flexibility, and perseverance. What began with an unexpected vehicle problem ended as one of the most encouraging days I have experienced in ministry. I am already looking forward to returning so that the preacher can continue the study and, Lord willing, lead this family to a deeper understanding of His Word.

Thank you again for making this work possible through your continued support and prayers. Every Bible placed into someone's hands is also opening another door for the gospel to enter a home. This process of distribution is slow, but it has the potential for a plentiful harvest.

Because of Christ,
Gideon