



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

March 15, 2026



**The Bautista Family
Will Be Here
At the Graham Street
Church of Christ
On Sunday
3/29/2026
Jacob will be giving
The sermon that morning
So you don't want to miss
Seeing Jacob
Savanna and their
2 lovely daughters
Aspen (age 3) and
Larimar (age 1)**





How Tough Are You?

Here is my premise—It takes spiritual grit follow to Christ and be God’s idea of church. Spiritual grit, for me, is passionate perseverance.

Passionate in the sense of endurance embedded deep in your soul.

- Not giving up.
- Not quitting easily.
- Being resilient.
- Doing what it takes to endure.
- Being tough.

By tough, I do not mean hard, stoic, and certainly not rude. Neither is it a love without truth. Speaking the truth in love is about relationships (Eph 4.15). The kind of relationships not limited to being nice in a pew or class, rather intentional active engagement with others. This means a degree of vulnerability, sharing opinions, listening, and yes, differences. With those in church or not.

There is a soft version of church where love is generic, relationships are shallow and any hint of conflict is avoided. The truth is that church takes time, energy, and some perspiration in shared life. The relational perspiration is when things get uncomfortable, messy and complex.

Here is the catch—When our opinions overshadow our willingness to listen to the “other” with whom we disagree—

We are not tough enough! More grit needed! When we wear our feelings on our shoulder, and react by distancing ourselves and labeling others— When love of Jesus Christ does not require anything of us, whether we feel like it or not.

Through the years of ministry, I have learned to toughen up. It did not take me long to that I was not tough enough to follow Jesus.

It is nothing new. Consider the exhortation (sermon) in the letter of Hebrews where applying the life and sacrificial love of Jesus is the focus. Whoever the preacher, it is to believers who had “drooping hands and weak knees” (12.12). He writes to those who have not neglected assembling like some already have and forgot about the Day that is approaching (judgment) (10.25-26).

It’s time to offer tough encouragement.

Basic Needs News

Mark Your Calendars!
The Next Basic Needs Garage Sale
Will be
Apr 30th—May 2nd
As always, the work will start on Sunday (April 26th) and continue on Monday, April 27th—Wednesday, May 29th.
More details will be coming soon.
A reminder:
Over 6,400 people were given assistance from Basic Needs in 2025
This would not be possible without the volunteers and countless donations during the year. Thank you to everyone who helped Basic Needs.



Totals for February 2026

Individuals	484
Families	134
Clothing	106
New Clients	10

We Need Your Plastic Bags!

Love Basket News February 2026 (Dublin)
The Love Basket Served 256 Families and 808 Individuals in (5 new families with 22 family members)



Fill The Pantry!

Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: **Canned Sliced Potatoes, Generic Re-fried Beans, HEB Charro Beans, Mac & Cheese**
Your help is very much appreciated!



Upcoming Events

➤ Sunday, March 15 —There will be a class in the auditorium on **“Isaiah,”** taught by Hughbert Collier.

➤ Sunday, March 15 —**The Texans for Christ** will meet in room 109. Charlie DeLong is leading the class.



➤ Sunday, March 15 —**The GPS Class** will meet with the **Youth Group** in the Youth Group Room. The class will be on **“Parent/Teen Conflict”** David & Vicki Bearden are the teachers.

➤ Sunday, March 15 —**Worship Service begins at 10:00.** The lesson will be given by David Bearden **“Application of Daniel”**

➤ Wednesday, March 18 —**There will not be a meal served due to Spring Break**—See you again next week on 3/25



➤ **No classes Wednesday, March 18.**

➤ Thursday, March 19—**Community Food Pantry** starting at 5:00 in the First Baptist Church parking lot. Come early and help set up—stay & help distribute the groceries.



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



Tammy Jones, whose father, Jimmy Ritchey, passed away; Vincent Lopez; Darrell Tucker; Laura Peterson, had neck surgery; Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Mildred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Theresa Young; Ron Wilhite; Meldeene Elliott; Paul & Marilyn Schulze; Gregg Belcher; Grady King; Mary Havens; Ronnie Oliver’s cousin, Steve Potts; Barbara Sissom; the family of former minister, Rodger Weems, who passed away; Kellye McLeroy and her family for the loss of her father, Cliff Ritcher

Giving Update

Contribution 03/08/2026	\$ 16,328	Budget for 2026	\$ Pending
Contribution YTD	\$ 112,034	YTD Budget for 2026	\$ Pending
2025 YTD Contribution	\$ 670,800	YTD Budget for 2025	\$ 670,800

Percentage of 2025 YTD Contribution Budget 100%

Tri-C Parsonage Remodel Budget = \$75,000 \$21,250 Collected Percentage: 28.3%

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

- *Sunday evenings—8:00 p.m. Bible Study (studying Acts)*
 - *Tuesday evenings—8:00 p.m. Worship Night*
 - *Tuesday Meals Start @ 11:00am*
 - *Small Groups Have Started - see Charlie for details*
 - *March 22 @ 4:00 p.m., Alumni Worship*
- March 15—21—Spring Break (no classes)*



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



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 BE** Children's Church 03/15/2026

Children's Church Teachers Needed! See
Courtney McGuire or Whitney Oliver if you can
help!



The next Children's Ministry Meeting will
be on Sunday, May 3rd, immediately
following worship service in Room 109.

Wed. 3/25 Bible Reading in Auditorium

Sun. 3/29 LTC Rehearsal in Auditorium

Wed. 4/1 Bible Bowl in Family Center

LTC is 4/3 through 4/5

Kidz Kamp 6/22—6/25

VBS

7/26—7/29

3/18/2026 No Wednesday Night Class

Youth Group News

- March 20th—Lock-In
- April 3—5 LTC
- April 19th—Youth Devo (**need Host**)
- April 26th—Jr Cross Connect (Lake Cisco)
- May 27th—Senior Sunday

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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dates: office@grahamstreetchurch.com



Contribute to help share God's Word in Hanover, Germany!

Matthew Stroup will be traveling to Hanover, Germany in April. He will spend two weeks there with Let's Start Talking. Your help in reaching his goal for this trip is appreciated.

Connect highlights of 2025:

- 387 Readers engaged in Scripture
- Over 3,000 reading sessions completed
(That's 125 days)
- 206 Connect Workers serving Faithfully
- Readers and Workers Representing 89 countries and languages



Scan the QR Code to learn more!

Or Here Is The Link:

<https://sites.google.com/view/matthew-stroup-lst-trip/home>

\$750 raised so far of \$3,900 needed



Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



This screening is being offered to our members at this Special rate of \$129 on Tuesday, March 24th. The Family Center is being used as a benefit for our community. These screenings are conducted every year in Stephenville or near by communities. If you are interested in taking part, you can call the above number and set up an appointment. They make all results available to you so that you can follow-up with your private physician if they find anything abnormal or concerning.

**Community Sunrise Easter Service
at 7:00 a.m. Birdsong Theater, April 5th**

Easter
Sunrise Service