



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

February 16, 2025

2025 Goal Areas #s 8 & 9

8. Continue to Grow Children's and Youth Ministries Mat. 19:13-15

Matthew 19:13-15 *Then people brought little children to Jesus for him to place his hands on them and pray for them. But the disciples rebuked them. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." When he had placed his hands on them, he went on from there. (NIV2011)*

In our prioritization weekend last year, the Children's, Youth, and Family Ministries ranked the highest priorities in our church. This was probably not surprising to anyone when you consider the number of young people we have in our congregation. Parents want to see a priority placed upon their children when considering where we invest our money, time and resources. The future of the church and the advancement of the kingdom in the next generation rests in the ability of this generation to prepare the next generation. We want to continue to invest in our children and youth ministries to make the best quality teaching, training and opportunities for growth we possibly can. This will take a large number of volunteers in our Bible Classes, children's and youth worship opportunities, and fellowship and service activities. Please give generously to these programs with your time and your money, but this is not just related to church engagement, this is also with what you do in your home with your family.

9. Duracells (Senior Saints) Ministry

It is interesting in the letters Paul wrote to the young ministers, Timothy and Titus, that he was mentoring, he specifically spoke of the Older teaching and training the Younger, and the Younger showing respect and taking care of the needs of the Older. This was key to developing strong churches. The leadership in every generation depends on each generation investing in the next generation, and the coming generations interacting with the current generation of leadership to be a supportive sustainable system. We have often referred to it in recent years as "Intergenerational Ministry." The Duracells are the members of this church who are 55 years old and older. We need special times of activities and service for this group of members, but we also need them to be engaged with the younger generations, and vice versa. We will continue to support and develop our senior saints, but we will also ask them to continue to be an active part of the development and support of the younger generations. Again, this will take hard working volunteers. There is a place for everyone in being "Rooted, Growing and Reaching!"

David Bearden



Newly Baptized!

Miracle Brewer

Baptized Monday, 2/3/2025

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And Then There is This



I just finished reading the “second time around narrative” better known as Deuteronomy (second law). For the Israelites, the Law was never about legalism (as many have come to associate with Law). Law reflects God’s character for the benefit of humanity and more specifically, what it means to be God’s people—chosen and holy. Obeying God is rooted in his deliverance. Makes me think of the old hymn, “Trust and Obey.” Here are a few observations as reminders then and now.

- God’s people have always been fickle and need reminders. Idolatry is always a temptation.
- Over and over again The LORD reminds his people through Moses that he delivered them as slaves in Egypt, from Pharaoh, through the wilderness by his mighty hand and outstretched arm.
- Every specificity of the Law, Commandments and Ordinances were in light of his deliverance. To obey is to be blessed. Disobedience always has consequences/curses.
- God’s deliverance is grace. And grace has always come before Law.
- Moses was 120 years old when he died with good sight and vigor (Deut 34.7-8).

AMAZING! “So now, O Israel, What does the Lord, your God require of you?

Only to fear the Lord, your God, to walk in his ways, to love him, serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the Lord, your God and His decrees that I am commanding you today, for your own WELL-BEING (Deut 10.12-13).

Jesus fleshes out what law looks like as loving God and neighbor. The older Apostle John makes it clear that we know we are God’s children when we love God and obey his commandments...and his commandments are not burdensome (1 John 5.2-3). LORD, help me do what I have always heard since I was young—Trust and Obey! The more I accept your grace/deliverance, the more my heart wants to obey. Help me, LORD!

Blessings, GK

Love Basket News

The Love Basket Served 134 Families and 439 Individuals in January



The Current Plan for the Next Basic Needs Garage Sale
June 1—4—Set up & Preparation
June 5—7 Actual Sale
Mark Your Calendars

Do you have a need for a walker, potty chair, shower chair or other medical device? Check with Basic Needs as they now have several on hand.



Month of January 2025

Individuals	519
Families	133
New	9

Compared to 2023, we saw 1,554 more individuals than we saw in 2024.

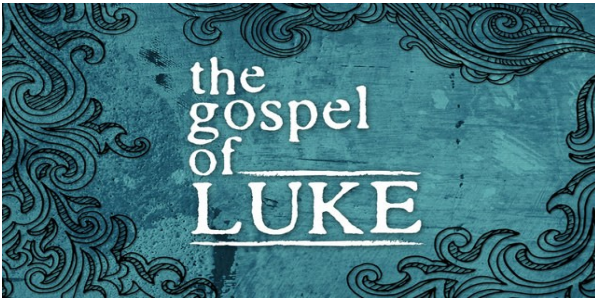


Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: CEREAL, chicken, TUNA, shampoo, deodorant & all other Toiletries are also needed, etc. Your help is appreciated!

Let’s Fill The Cart & More!



Adult Bible Study Opportunities



On Sunday, 02/16/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium Hughbert Collier will be teaching. Hughbert is continuing the in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke.

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



Young Adult Class

This Sunday, 02/16/2025, at 9:00 in Room 109, join Evan McLeroy as he leads the discussion on "Discipleship 101".



GPS Class

David Bearden has been leading the Godly Parenting Skills class in the GPS room. Join in the "Family Walk Through The Bible" as we study parenting principles from The Gospel of Luke. This week the study will be on "Inherited Characteristics" (Luke 3).



New Bible Study Discussion Class

Doug Young is holding a discussion class in the Family Center at 9:00 a.m. on February 16. The name of the class is: "Collision or Convergence: Life, the Christian, and God's Plan."



Ladies' & Men's Wednesday Night Bible Class

The Men's & Women's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, 02/19/2025, at 6:30 in their respective class locations. "Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Lack of Encouragement"



SUNDAY February 16

- February 16: **Adult Class— 9:00 a.m.** In the auditorium Hughbert Collier is teaching the series on The Gospel According to Luke
- February 16: **Young Adult Class**—Evan McLeroy leads a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- February 16: **Adult Class**—David Bearden leads a class on Godly Parenting Skills on “Family Walk Through the Bible” in the GPS Room
- February 16: **New Sunday Morning Bible Discussion Class**— 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center Doug Young will be the facilitator and the class is titled: “Collision or Convergence: Life, the Christian, and God’s Plan.”
- February 16: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will preach the lesson on “Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Lack of Encouragement”
- February 16: **Mission Committee Meets**—In the Family Center, immediately following Worship Service (a meal will be served)



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 19: **Wednesday Night Meal** - at 5:30 p.m.
Chicken Alfredo Bake, Broccoli, Salad, Dessert
(recommended price is \$4.00)
- February 20: **Community Food Pantry**—Starts at 5:00 in the First Baptist Church parking lot. Come early & help set up—stay and help distribute the groceries
- February 27: **Night of Casseroles**—Drop off your casserole by 4:45—stay and help distribute starting at 5:00 until they are all gone
- February 28: **Father/Daughter Night**—It’s time to sign up for Father Daughter Night using the link below. We’re requesting some slightly different items this year. Please consider signing up.



Casseroles



<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5A92DAAFE52-54828932-father>



Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Jody Caudle; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Micaela Moore; Kenneth Wylie; Chantelle Mora; Craig Barnes came home from hospital on Thursday; Jimmy Green; Peggy Rice (mother of Margie Copeland); Mary Havens; Keith Fredrickson now in rehab—home soon

Giving Update

Contribution 02/09/2025	\$ 16,430	Budget for 2025	\$
YTD Contribution	\$ 71,784	YTD Budget for 2025	\$

Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

Spring Weekly Schedule

Sunday Bible Study Meeting at Tri-C at 8:00 p.m. studying the Gospel of John

Also Bible Study on Tuesdays, at 8:00 p.m. in the Tri-C.

Beginning Tuesday, February 25, David Bearden teaches "Answers for Anxiety"

Campus Encounter in Stillwater, OK, February 28—March 1



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





Duracells Get Together, Noon, 2/11/2025



From the City Manager of Stephenville
Dear Property Owner/Resident on Tarleton
Street,

We are excited to announce that Tarleton State University and the City of Stephenville have partnered to improve the pedestrian sidewalks and street from McIlhane to the entrance of the Bosque River Trail. Final plans are being developed and we are working to secure funding for this project.

On March 8, 2025, Tarleton Students will host their annual Tarleton Round Up in conjunction with the 125th year Tarleton Celebration. Students will volunteer that day throughout the community to help residents make minor improvements to their residence by raking leaves, trimming trees, cleaning flowerbeds or hauling off bulk items. We encourage you to participate.

If you have a project that fits the description above, please contact Tarleton Round Up at 254-968-1657 or send an email to roundup@tarleton.edu requesting your project to be considered. *This service is at no cost to you.* Tarleton students use this day to “give back” to the community and its residents.

The deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 19th.

From, Jason King, City Manager



Heart | Soul | Mind | Strength
Graham Street Youth Group



TEENS

Children's Ministry



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



Cross Connect in Brownwood on 2/16/2025
Youth Devo on Sunday, February 23, 2025
Cross-Connect Sunday, March 2nd
3:00 p.m. in the Family Center

Camps for 2025:
June 1-5 Cisco
June 8-13 Encounter (Lubbock)
June 15—21 Bandina



Children's Bible Lessons

02/16 Sunday Morning at 9:00



There Will Be Children's Church
02/16/2025

Children's Ministry Committee Meets 2/23/2025
immediately following worship service in
Room 109



Daddy/Daughter Night
February 28, 2025
Family Center

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Meeting Times Sunday

Classes 9:00 a.m.
Worship 10:00 a.m.
Wednesday Meal 5:30
Wednesday Class 6:30

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