




# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

July 20, 2025

# VBS

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following worship service*

*Megan Becker will be the coordinator.*

High School Senior Trip to see the  
Ark In Kentucky



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starting at 6:30  
(during Bible Class Time)*

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**Last Sunday Morning**

It's Sunday morning after a hard Saturday evening rain and I am on the patio, before light. It is cloudy and cool.

Psalms is my early morning "go to." This morning, it is Psalm 57, attributed to a time when David was in a cave fleeing from Saul. If this is the time Saul took 3,000 men to look for David, it is bit extreme don't you think? (See 1 Samuel 24). 3,000 men to look for one man. Hmm.

What does this say about Saul? What does this say about David at this time in his life? David and his men were sitting in the innermost parts of the cave. Saul entered to relieve himself (rest) and David "stealthily" (v 4: NRSV) cut off a corner of Saul's cloak. He could have killed him, but didn't. He was stricken in his heart, afterward (v 5) because Saul was still the Lord's anointed and scolded his men, not permitting them to attack Saul.

And then, Psalm 57...themes of praise and assurance under persecution.

Mercy. Steadfast Love. Faithfulness. Glory of God. Steadfast heart. Sing and make melody. Giving thanks.

It's worth reading knowing our own need for protection and assurance and how to live in those moments when retreating in a cave. Amen.

"Be exalted, O God, about the heavens. Let your glory be over all the earth." 57.11.

BTW—David spared Saul's life not once, but twice.

**Blessings, GDK**



**Basic Needs Has Their Own Phone  
Number Now  
254-965-5552**



**Month of June 2025**

<b>Individuals</b>	<b>507</b>
<b>Families</b>	<b>129</b>
<b>Clothing</b>	<b>61</b>
<b>New Clients</b>	<b>9</b>

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**Love Basket News (Dublin)  
The Love Basket Served 141 Families (9 new)  
and 372 Individuals in June**



**Basic Needs has an  
URGENT need for  
these items:  
Mac & Cheese  
Your help is appreciated!**

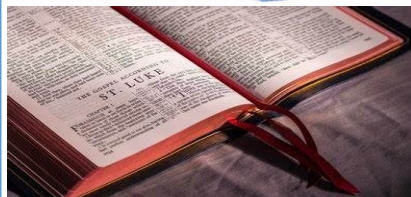
**Let's Fill The Cart  
& More!**



### Adult Bible Study Opportunities



**Marion Lewis is teaching a Bible Class this Sunday on “The Holy Spirit” in Room 109.**



**Charlie DeLong will be teaching on Sunday, 7/20/2025, in the auditorium. He will be speaking about the upcoming plans for the Texans For Christ Ministry.**

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

The Men’s & Women’s Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, 07/23/2025, at 6:30. These are both discussion classes. The women will meet in the church library & are studying the book of James. Men will meet in the Family Center and discuss the “Reaching Church” material. (VBS construction taking place.)

**Our VBS committee** is looking to borrow a few things for VBS that someone might have around the house. If you have one of these items and wouldn’t mind loaning it to us, please let me know. If we do borrow it, we will ask you to mark your name on it so we won’t forget who it goes to! Thank you!!

**(We also need 200 cookies for VBS)**

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|--------------|------------------|---------------------|-----------------|
| Old Blankets | Afgans           | Fake Trees          | End Table Decor |
| Old Lamp     | Lantern          | Ark of the Covenant | Fake Logs       |
| Rugs         | Small Tent       | Cherubim            |                 |
| End Table    | Tan/Brown Sheets | Incense Burners     |                 |

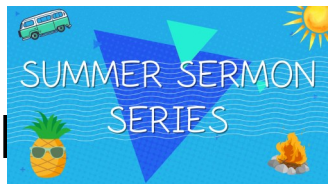


### VBS Sign Up

**Journey To The Promised Land—VBS sign-ups  
July 27-30**

**6:00-8:00 (3 years old—6th grade)**

<https://forms.gle/gE1f9m6HsPyk79meA>



**Update to Our Summer Sermon Series  
“A Reaching Church”**

**How the “Acts Church” was a “Reaching Church,” and how this applies to the Graham Street Church of Christ.**

I began a new sermon series for the summer on June 1st, which continues to look at Luke’s account of the ministry of Jesus moving from the Gospel of Luke to the study of Jesus’ ministry in the book of Acts through the Holy Spirit’s work in the Church. We are looking at 7 principles of outreach by the “Acts Church” that surfaced in the first few chapters of Acts while the church remained in the city of Jerusalem and then follow these principles through the whole book of Acts as the Church expands throughout the world. The 7 Principles are captured in these words that all begin with the letter P:

1. Prayer
2. Power
3. Proclamation
4. Popularity
5. Persecution
6. Problems
7. Place

Your assignment is to read the book of Acts looking for these principles. With the study of each principle, we will see how the Holy Spirit empowered them. Then we will look at the church at Ephesus, adding Paul’s letter to the Ephesians as a case study of the church application of these principles. As we dig in deeper, we will begin making applications to our congregation, and your assignment will be to commit to them in prayer. I am very excited about this journey together. I know it is difficult to be here every Sunday during the summer, so I encourage you to take advantage of the recordings that are posted online when you are not able to be here in person. Let’s all commit together to study the principles that will help us to be the “Rooted, Growing, Reaching Church” the Lord has called us to be! **David Bearden**

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**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**➡ Sunday, July 20th—VBS Work Day** (following worship service—see Megan Becker for work assignments)

**➡ Wednesday, July 23rd—VBS Work Time** (starting at 6:30 p.m. during class time—see Megan Becker for work assignments)

**➡ Sunday, July 27—Wednesday, July 30 VBS Journey To The Promised Land**  
VBS sign-ups 6:00-8:00 (3 years old—6th grade) <https://forms.gle/gE1f9m6HsPyk79meA>



Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Susie Barnes; Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Chantelle Mora; Theresa Young; Pam Clayton; Jorge Espinoza, brother of Vincent Lopez; Ron Wilhite; Meldeene Elliott; Jody Caudle; Gregg Belcher; Cody Bedwell; Kelly Elston's parents, L V & Audrey Faulkner; Allie Collier

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**Giving Update**

**Contribution 07/13/2025**    \$    10,450                      **Budget for 2025**                      \$    12,900

**YTD Contribution**                      \$    326,936                      **YTD Budget for 2025**                      \$    361,200

**Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget**    90.51%

**Special Contribution given on 7/13/2025 for Kerr County Flood Victims**    \$10,297

**Texans For Christ Campus Ministry**

Charlie, his wife, Kristen, and their children, Lane, Rosalie and Oakley, are officially here!

We are thrilled and excited that the DeLong Family has joined us! Charlie will be teaching the auditorium class on Sunday, 7/20/2025.



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



**Celebrate Recovery**

**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—1st Grade  
\*Volunteers See  
Courtney McGuire\*



## SENIOR TRIP



## Children's Bible Lessons

7/20 Sunday Morning at 9:00



There Will Be Children's Church  
7/20/2025

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### 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

Phone 254-965-4510

Basic Needs: 254-965-5552

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[office@grahamstreetchurch.com](mailto:office@grahamstreetchurch.com)

WiFi password: john1335

YouTube Channel Graham Street Church of  
Christ—Stephenville Tx

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Stephenville, TX 76401



**Matthew Stroup Will be Traveling to Argentina with Let's Start Talking  
(Here is Matthew's story & how you can help)**

In 2019, I was blessed to be able to travel to Beijing, China with Let's Start Talking (LST) and help people learn better English by using the Bible. In just two weeks, we formed bonds with several Readers, and I am still talking with them on a weekly basis! LST equips hundreds of people each year to share Jesus and share their lives with international friends through English, friendship, and faith, [www.lst.org](http://www.lst.org).

I'm now in a different chapter in my life, and am looking forward to another trip to work with the Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina from September 12-27.

This Church hosts up to 4 LST teams a year that help people read the Bible. I've been reading over the internet with a Reader, Gabriel, for over a year, and am excited to be able to meet him in person!

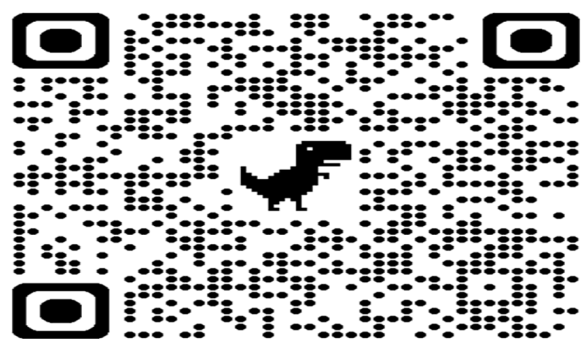
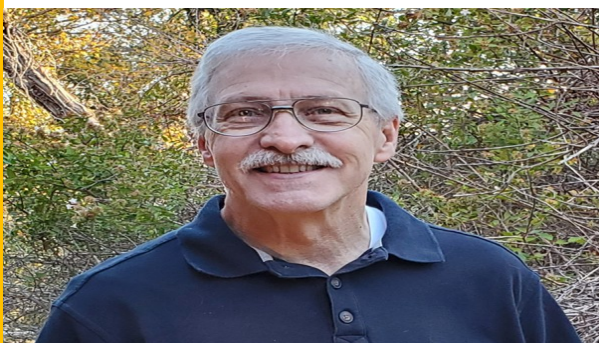
I've created a website that will help you follow the daily activities:

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

First and foremost is a request for prayers that God will use me to help others in their spiritual journey. If you are able, please feel free to donate directly to LST through the link: <https://lst.app.neoncrm.com/MatthewStroup2025>, or give me a check payable to LST.

Should you have any questions about LST or the trip, please do not hesitate to visit with me in person, send me an email, [mrstroup1977@gmail.com](mailto:mrstroup1977@gmail.com), or call me, (817) -705-3703.

With your prayers and financial gift, together we'll be generating life-changing conversations with new friends who might not know God, yet, or want to know more.



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**A big thank you to Jeannette Parker for the Salad Luncheon held for Widows and Single Ladies. It was very good and very much appreciated.**



# RETHINK POVERTY.

## Community Action Poverty Simulation

A HANDS-ON EXPERIENCE FOR COMMUNITY MEMBERS WHO WANT TO

# MAKE A DIFFERENCE.



Join Erath County Wholistic Investment Network and Tarleton State University's Center for Educational Excellence for a simulated month experiencing the real challenges faced every day by members of our community.

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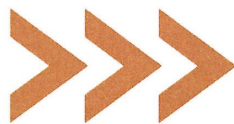
Graham Street Church of Christ Family Center

375 N. Graham, Stephenville, TX

1:00 to 4:00

This simulation is available to participants at no cost.

**Register  
Today!**



For more information, contact Bill at [who@ec-win.org](mailto:who@ec-win.org)