



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**July 6, 2025**



**Soup Kitchen  
Thursday, July 10  
Family Center  
5:30 to 7:00**

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

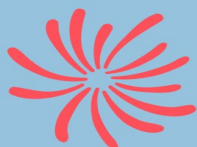
- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

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



**Life Line Screening at the Family Center, Friday,  
July 18 from 8:00 to 6:00. Call the number listed  
above for pricing and scheduling an appointment.**

**4th  
OF  
July**





**Distracted Life**

**Life is terribly busy and very full.** Time is the new commodity. Technology is addictive and can be very distracting. Life changes fast, doesn't it?

**With so much going on, I must remember to keep the big picture of Christ's return in mind, daily.** This orients my life when all the stuff piles up in my spirit. It is easy to become distracted about what really matters.

**As followers of Jesus, getting distracted is equal to being unprepared, consumed by the worries of this life.** The parable of the ten bridesmaids is a sobering call to be watchful and thoughtful about Jesus' return. "The kingdom of heaven will be like..." (Mt 25.1f). Kingdom is God's rule —his reign right here, right now in view of the end (the eschaton). Just as the bridesmaids did not know the precise time when the groom would show up, so it is with the return of Jesus.

**"Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour" (Mt 25.13).** The parable, in context is set between to bookends about being watchful as a matter of faithfulness (24.45f) and the parable of the talents (25.14f). Matthew's concern for his disciples, hence, the church is about being watchful and using our gifts wisely. No doubt about Matthew's point—pay attention!

1. Keep the big picture in mind—Jesus is returning!
2. Live as if he is coming today—He just might!
3. Share your life in Christ—Opportunities abound!

Someday, a distracted, unprepared life will catch up with us.

**His grace is sufficient for this day!  
Pay attention!  
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 149 Families (11 new)  
and 423 Individuals in May**



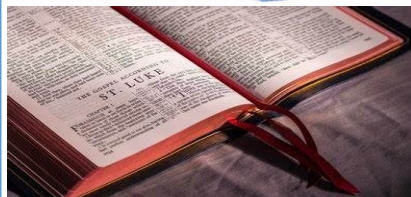
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URGENT need for  
these items:  
TOILETRIES, Your help  
is appreciated!  
Let's Fill The Cart  
& More!**



**Adult Bible Study Opportunity**



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



**Hughbert Collier will continue teaching from the Gospel of Luke in the auditorium.**

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

The Men’s & Women’s Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, 07/09/2025, at 6:30. These are both discussion classes. The women will meet in Room 109 & are studying the book of James. Men will meet in the auditorium and discuss the “Reaching Church” material.

**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!!

Old Blankets  
Old Lamp  
Rugs  
End Table

Afgans  
Lantern  
Small Tent  
Tan/Brown Sheets

Fake Trees  
Ark of the Covenant  
Cherubim  
Incense Burners

End Table Decor  
Fake Logs

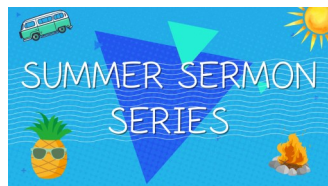


**VBS Sign Up**

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

**6:00-8:00 (3 years old—6th grade)**

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**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 6 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 6 Principles are captured in these words that all begin with the letter P:

1. Prayer
2. Proclamation
3. Popularity
4. Persecution
5. Problems
6. 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**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**July 7th: The Delong Family Arrives in Stephenville** - And we get to hear him preach on Sunday, July 13!

**July 10th: Soup Kitchen Night** Starts at 5:30 in the Family Center—come early and help set up—stay and help serve



**July 15: Salad Luncheon for Widows & Single Ladies—**  
**In the Family Center** Bring a salad or a dessert





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; Lonnie Jenschke, who lost his mother, Shirley Jenschke; Lisa Rose, who's father, Bobby Robertson, passed away—her mother, Ruby asks for your prayers as well; Cody Bedwell; Kelly Elston's parents, L V & Audrey Faulkner; Matthew Stroup's mother passed away (no further details known at this time)

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**Giving Update**

<b>Contribution 06/29/2025</b>	<b>\$ 10,045</b>	<b>Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$ 12,900</b>
<b>YTD Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 299,020</b>	<b>YTD Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$ 335,400</b>

**Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 89.15%**

**Texans For Christ Campus Ministry**

Charlie, his wife, Kristen, and their children, Lane, Rosalie and Oakley, have an official move date:

**July 7th**

Charlie is scheduled to preach the sermon on July 13th.

We are thrilled and excited for the DeLong family to join us!



**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

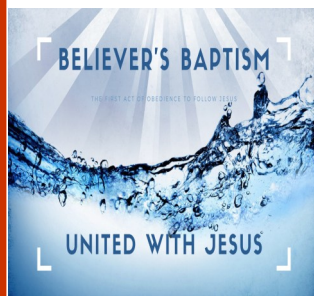
2025 High School Senior Trip:  
July 14—July 18

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## Children's Bible Lessons

6/29 Sunday Morning at 9:00



Micah Bowers was baptized on 6/17/2025. You can write Micah to send blessings at: 649 Bluebonnet, Stephenville 76401



There Will Be Children's Church  
7/6/2025

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VBS Work Day, Sunday, July 20th following worship service

VBS Work Time, Wednesday, July 23rd, starting at 6:30 during Bible Class Time  
Megan Becker will be the coordinator.

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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

Website/Email

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

WiFi password: john1335

YouTube Channel Graham Street Church of Christ—Stephenville Tx

Address 312 N. Graham St.  
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.

