



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

April 20, 2025





3 Challenges

I gave AI three prompts regarding church leaders and here is the result.

3 Common Needs & Challenges for Church Leaders

1). Stay Focused on the Mission

Leadership isn't about personal agendas or distractions. It's about staying anchored in the mission and vision, keeping the bigger picture in mind, and ensuring every action serves that purpose. When challenges arise, leaders must resist the temptation to stray from their core calling and instead refocus their teams on what truly matters.

2). Learn to Function as a Group—Including Handling Conflict

Leadership isn't a solo act. It requires working with others, valuing different perspectives, and fostering unity. Conflict is inevitable, but strong leaders address it with wisdom, humility, and a commitment to resolution. Healthy teams embrace disagreement as a tool for growth rather than division. True leadership creates an environment where collaboration thrives, even in the face of challenges.

3). Make Decisions Rooted in Discernment and Prayer

Effective leaders don't rely solely on logic, emotions, or pressure from others. They seek divine wisdom through prayer, patiently discerning the right course of action. Leadership requires the courage to pause, seek clarity, and trust that the right decisions come from alignment with God's will, not just human strategy.

If you're in leadership—or preparing for it—remember these three essentials. Stay mission-focused, build strong relationships, and lead with prayerful discernment. Your leadership matters!

Blessings, GDK



Mark Your Calendars—the Basic Needs Garage Sale will be here soon—Preparation days will be Sunday, June 1—Wednesday, June 4th. The actual sale dates will be Thursday, June 5th—Saturday, June 7th. As always, there will be a need for many volunteers. So make your plans and be ready to come help.



Month of March 2025

Individuals	558
Families	150
Clothing	93
New Clients	13

39 more new clients than in January

Love Basket News

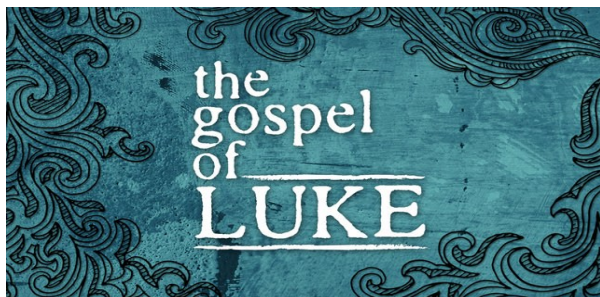
The Love Basket Served 238 Families and 768 Individuals in March



Basic Needs has an **URGENT** need for these items: **CEREAL**, Your help is appreciated!
Let's Fill The Cart & More!



Adult Bible Study Opportunities



On Sunday, 04/20/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium, David Bearden will be “Teaching Our Children About Easter”.

The GPS Class is invited to join the auditorium class.



Young Adult Class

This Sunday, 04/20/2025, at 9:00 in Room 109, join Evan McLeroy as he leads the discussion on “Discipleship 101”.



GPS Class

This week, David Bearden is teaching in the auditorium and the GPS class is invited to come hear him speak on “Teaching Your Children About Easter”.



New Bible Study Discussion Class

Doug Young is holding a discussion class in the Family Center at 9:00 a.m. on April 20. 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, 04/23/2025, at 6:30. The discussion will be on “Fulfillment of Jerusalem, Part 2”. The women will meet in Room 109. The men will meet in the auditorium.



SUNDAY April 20

- April 20: **Adult Class— 9:00 a.m.** In the auditorium - David Bearden will be leading the class and the topic will be “Teaching Your Children About Easter”
- April 20: **Young Adult Class**—Evan McLeroy leads a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- April 20: **Adult Class**—The GPS Class is invited to come to the auditorium and hear David Bearden speak on “Teaching Your Children About Easter”
- April 20: **Bible Discussion Class**— 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center—Doug Young is the facilitator and the class is titled: “Collision or Convergence: Life, the Christian, and God’s Plan.”
- April 20: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will give the sermon on “Fulfillment of Jerusalem Part 2”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 23: **Wednesday Night Meal** - at 5:30 p.m. Menu: Sloppy Joes, Chips, Krispy Treats (recommended price is \$4.00)
- April 24: **Night of Casseroles**— Drop off your casserole by 4:45—stay and help distribute until they are all gone
- April 27: **Mission Committee Meeting**—immediately following worship service in the Family Center



Casseroles





Basic Needs volunteers put together 154 Easter baskets for the children of their clients. The baskets are made with gently used toys that are donated throughout the year. Beulah Hogson started this project years ago. She would buy toys at garage sales. She and Bill cleaned, sorted and stored the toys in their garage until time to make the baskets.



Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Susie Barnes; Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Chantelle Mora; Peggy Rice; Mary Havens; Keith Fredrickson; Doug Svien; Theresa Young in hospice; the family of Blake Adams; Pam Clayton; Jorge Espinoza, brother of Vincent Lopez; Ron Wilhite

Giving Update

Contribution 04/13/2025	\$ 17,935	Budget for 2025	\$ 12,900
YTD Contribution	\$ 179,860	YTD Budget for 2025	\$ 193,500

Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 92.95%

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.

David Bearden will be teaching "Answers for Anxiety" on Tuesday Night

Graduating Seniors: Kylea Duvall, Kyle & Kaitlyn Blount, Zimrie Goin, Luke Malone, Britta Robertson

Sunday May 4th—College Sunday



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





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



4/20 Sunday Morning at 9:00

On Sunday, 4/20, ages 1 & 2 will meet in class and ages 3 & 4 will meet in class. From Pre-K through 4th grade will meet in the Loft.



There Will Be Children's Church
04/20/2025



The next Children's Ministry Meeting is April 27th Immediately following Worship Service in Room 109

Graduating Seniors:

Caroline Baughn, Kinley Bedwell, Emma Forehand, Seth Gilley, Kylar Harcourt, Laura Haynes, Madi Rust, Jack Butchee, Katie Arnold

Sunday May 18th—Senior Sunday

Camps for 2025:

June 1-5 Lake Cisco Christian Camp
June 8-13 Camp Encounter (Lubbock)
June 15—21 Bandina Christian Youth Camp

Meeting Times Sunday

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

Church Office Hours

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Community Block Party



Saturday, April 26

3:30ish -8:00pm

at the Graham Street Church of Christ

Family Center

(next to Stephenville Post Office)

**Join us for games, food, karaoke, music,
and friendship. Everyone welcome!**

**Bring a finger food to share if you want,
but come even if you don't!**