



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

February 15, 2026



There will be a VBS Planning
Meeting on Sunday,
2/15/2026
Immediately following worship service
Room 109



A Baby Shower for
Jayden Foster on
March 8
From 2:00 to 3:30
In The Family Center

Baptism

Claire Rose

February 8, 2026

Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:3-4 (ESV)

Cards of encouragement can be sent to Claire at her home address:

1748 Diana Lane, Stephenville, TX 76401



Leopard Spots

Be patient with me for a moment. I am quite aware by reading the Prophets like Isaiah and Jeremiah that their words were not

popular, extremely specific about God’s character, the consequences of sin, pride and abusing others. The prophets called out leaders, by name, consistently. They paid a price. So did the Apostle Paul, Peter, John and anyone who spoke God’s will and way for human beings created in the image of God—which means everyone.

Until a people experience abuse, oppression and dehumanizing, a prophetic voice cannot be appreciated at any depth of pain. As a white person, I have, honestly, not felt such, but those I know who have, particularly American Indian, Black or Hispanic know it well. My friends in Jr High and High School were culturally diverse and I was blessed. More importantly, the gospel of Jesus Christ compels me to look at no one from a worldly point of view (2 Cor 5.16).

I don’t claim to be a prophet (as in telling the future), which is not the primary use of prophet in Scripture. I do know that I call myself a preacher—a proclaimer of Jesus Christ and the word of God. My identity is in Jesus Christ and the kingdom of God which transcends any and all political, cultural and geographic identities. Scripture makes it clear what is and is not a godly leader.

It is this conviction and calling that I say the following.

Recent Happenings

The racist images/posts from our current President (though denied and unapologetic) which is reprehensibly embarrassing and morally disgusting should not surprise anyone. The blatant arrogance, divisiveness and ungodly behavior have been well established long before now. From a broader historical perspective, he has capitalized or as David Brooks has consistently echoed, he [President Trump] has merely exposed and exploited our fractured culture. Others have said similar things (i.e, George Will, the late Michael Gerson, etc.).

For any good the President has accomplished for the nation, it is trumped by his lack of character and hubris. This kind of behavior always takes a toll, but it is nothing new. (continued on next column)

Leopard Spots Continued

For me, at this point in time, given the President’s leadership style, record, of polarization, MAGA driven agenda, and dehumanizing behavior, repentance is called for.

Yet Jeremiah’s rhetorical question—“Can a leopard change its spots? (13.22)—speaks directly to this moment. In Jeremiah’s time, the question exposed how deeply Judah’s arrogance and harmful patterns were ingrained, showing that real change was unlikely without sincere, radical repentance. Likewise, the long established behaviors we see now suggest that meaningful change remains just as doubtful, even as we continue to hope and pray for it. **For now, I rest my case reading this a lot.**

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people—for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness

1 Timothy 2.1-2 (NIV)



Totals for January 2026

Individuals	549
Families	151
Clothing	121
New Clients	11

We Need Your Plastic Bags!

**Love Basket News 2025 Totals (Dublin)
The Love Basket Served 2,668 Families and
8,502 Individuals in 2025**



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

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



➤ Sunday, February 8th—**The GPS Class** will meet and study how to “**How to Talk to Your Children About the Internet.**” The class will be led by David Bearden. All parents and grandparents are invited to come to this class.

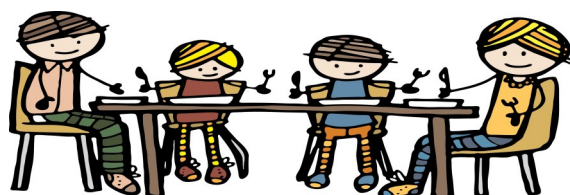
➤ Sunday, February 15th—the “**Collision or Convergence: Life, The Christian, and God’s Plan,**” is in the Family Center, Doug Young is the teacher.

➤ Sunday, February 15th —**Worship Service begins at 10:00.** The lesson will be given by David Bearden

➤ Sunday, February 15th—There will be a **VBS Planning Meeting** immediately following worship service in Room 109



➤ Wednesday, February 15th—Le Jones will be serving a delicious meal of **Chicken Tacos, Sopapilla Cheesecake** (Suggested price is \$4.00)



Game Night
Postponed This week Due to Chili Supper
See Le Jones



Soup Kitchen
Every Thursday starting at 5:30
(except the last Thursday of each month
When we have Night of Casseroles)



Courtney Dodge Clayton who lost her mother, Vicki Dodge; the family of Ron Bradberry, former deacon at GSCofC; the family of Sally Ratliff; Jimmy Ritchey; Laura Peterson, who will have neck surgery on 2/20; 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; the family of Diana Lee; the family of J. R. Cardwell; Brittany Cantu, who lost her grandfather last week; Robert Cantu who had surgery; Barbara Sissom, knee replacement

Giving Update

Contribution 02/08/2026	\$ 16,178	Budget for 2026	\$ Pending
Contribution YTD	\$ 61,446	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 \$20,400 Collected Percentage: 27.2%

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 on 1/20/2026*
 - *Small Groups Have Started - see Charlie for details*
- February 2026—Campus Encounter in Stillwater, OK*
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



**Men's
Annual
Chili Cook-Off
Tuesday
February 17th
In the
Family Center
6:30 p.m.**

**THIS
TUESDAY!**



CHOICES
CLINIC

The "Change For Life" campaign is underway.
The baby bottles are in the lobby for you to take
home and fill with change during the next few weeks.

Please return the baby bottles to the Church Office no
later than Sunday, March 1st.

Thank you for participating in this campaign!





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 02/15/2026

**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.

Family Event Date:

February 27th—Father/Daughter Night

**VBS Meeting will be 2/15/2025
immediately following worship service**

LTC is 4/3 through 4/5

Youth Group News

- Feb 15th—Cross Connect in Brownwood
- Feb 22nd—Jr Cross Connect—Lake Cisco
- March 1st—Cross Connect, Graham St.

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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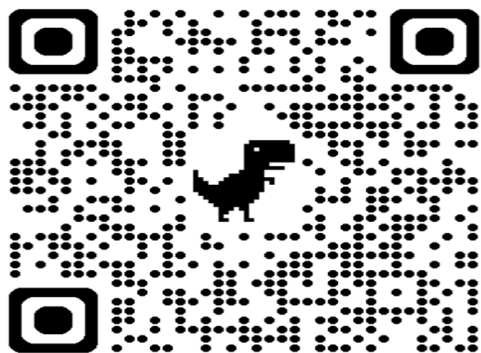


Contribute to help share God's Word in Hanover, Germany!

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!



Join Us

23rd Annual Foster's Home Auction

March 7, 2025

Outdoor Auction Start at 9:00

\$5.00 Lunch starts at 11:30

Live/Silent Auction from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fibergrate at 2:00 p.m.—Vehicles and Misc. to Follow