



# GRAHAM STREET

CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

November 23, 2025



Join Us For A Thanksgiving Potluck Lunch  
on Sunday in the Family Center  
Immediately following  
Worship services

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## Stephenville Community Food Pantry

Third Thursday of every month  
5-6:30pm  
First Baptist Church Parking Lot  
334 W. Green St.

You are invited to attend the *Happy Thanksgiving* David Bearden will be  
the speaker  
**Community Thanksgiving Service**

**Sponsored by the Ministerial Alliance**

**Sunday, November 23 @ 6:00**

**High School Auditorium**

**Special Offering received to bless "Homelessness HELPS" Ministry**



"Your pain is not without purpose." These are the words of author Katherine Wolf, a stroke survivor when she was 26 and is now 42, living with significant disabilities. Her book, "Treasures in the Dark" (Thomas

Nelson, 2024) is timely for me. Her and visceral reflections about pain, suffering, doubt and faith are punctuated with vulnerability and hope. The book is 90 reflections on finding bright hope hidden in the hurting.

Her reflections on the chapter entitled, MEETING MYSELF is something I understand and coming to grips with, albeit very slowly.

As the flu and virus season kicks in, I will be limiting my compromised health reality in public places. My doc and the "main doc," Karen, reminds me lovingly to say "No" to preaching and intermingling with church stuff during this time.

So, Katherine's words speak to my soul this day—

"Maybe, like me, you've been forced into a slower pace—whether by sickness or grief or unfulfilled longings—and that's left you feeling useless in a world obsessed with measurable value. Maybe you could use a reminder of the reality of what you are, which is all too often obscured by the expectations of who you think you should be and what you should offer....My value is in God's divine decision to give us life and His never ending commitment to call us beloved. No matter what we do—or don't—accomplish. Today I believe I am worthy of beloved news and belonging, but I couldn't earn if I tried. If it is true for me, could it be true for you too?"

Reflection 15, p 30-31.

P.S. I am grateful to my long time friend, Carol Pauley for gifting me this book.

## Basic Needs Garage Sale Was This Past Week!

A great big thank you to everyone that helped set up, arrange items, served a meal, assisted with the actual sale, helped clean up, or gave in any shape, form or fashion. The Basic Needs Ministry thanks you and your hard work will be meaningful to many lives that can now be touched with the proceeds from the sale.

**RESULTS: \$18,300+**



### Month of October 2025

Individuals	664
Families	179
Clothing	115
New Clients	19

(YTD Numbers increased over same period  
2024)

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### **Love Basket News (Dublin)**

**The Love Basket Served 265 Families (13 new) and 567 Individuals in September**



**Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items:  
Boxes of Cereal  
Your help is appreciated!  
Let's Fill The Cart**



### Upcoming Events

- Sunday, November 23rd—**The Class on the Book of Isaiah** is in the auditorium. Hughbert Collier is the teacher.
- Sunday, November 23rd —**The Texans for Christ** will meet in room 109. Charlie DeLong is teaching from the book “**How Not To Read The Bible**”
- Sunday, November 23rd —**The GPS Class** will meet and study how to “**Strengthen Your Marriage.**” David & Vicki Bearden are teaching the class.
- Sunday, November 23rd, Doug Young’s class will not meet, “**Collision or Convergence: Life, The Christian, and God’s Plan**” in the **Family Center** will start back up in December
- Sunday, November 23rd —**Worship Service begins at 10:00.** The sermon will be on “**The Warning of the Lord’s Return**” from 1 Thessalonians
- Sunday, November 23rd—**Thanksgiving Fellowship Potluck lunch** in the Family Center after worship service
- Sunday, November 23rd—**Community Thanksgiving Worship Service** at 6:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium (David Bearden will give the sermon)
- November 26th - November 28th—**the Church Office is closed**
- Wednesday, November 26th—**No Wednesday Night Meal—No Wednesday Night Class Devotional will be held at 6:30 in the Family Center**
- Thursday, November 27th—**Thanksgiving**



**Men's Prayer Breakfast—Saturday, December 6th at the Tri-C.  
B.E.S.T.  
Brothers Earnestly Seeking Truth**



Jimmy Ritchey, father of Tammy Jones; Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Milldred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Theresa Young; Ron Wilhite, now at Stephenville Nursing Home for rehab; Meldeene Elliott; Paul & Marilyn Schulze; Grady King ; Carl & Terry Smith; the family of Laura Belcher; Gloria Scott; Mary Havens; Vincent Lopez

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### Giving Update

**Contribution 11/16/2025 \$ 14,001      Budget for 2025 \$ 12,900**

**YTD Contribution \$ 528,890      YTD Budget for 2025 t \$ 580,500**

**Percentage of YTD Contribution      Budget 91.10%**

**Tri-C Parsonage Remodel Budget = \$75,000 \$15,500 Collected      Percentage: 22%**

### Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

- *Sun., Nov 23—Class 'How Not to Read the Bible' 9:00 a.m.*
- *Sun., Nov 23—8:00 pm Bible Study Tri-C*
- *Sun., Nov 30—Tri-C Progressive Christmas Dinner*
- *Tues., Dec 2—8:00 p.m. Worship Tri-C*



**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**

**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 in  
their usual locations at  
9:00 a.m.



There **WILL BE** Children's Church 11/23/2025

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Children's Church Teachers Needed! See  
Courtney McGuire or Whitney Oliver if you  
can help!



CHILDREN'S  
**ministry**  
NEWS

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**12/14/2025 — Caroling**

**12/17/2025—Family Christmas Party in the  
Family Center**



**Youth Group News**

- Dec 17th—Youth Christmas Party
- Jan 11th—Cross Connect in Early
- Jan 16—Jan 18—Winterfest, Arlington

**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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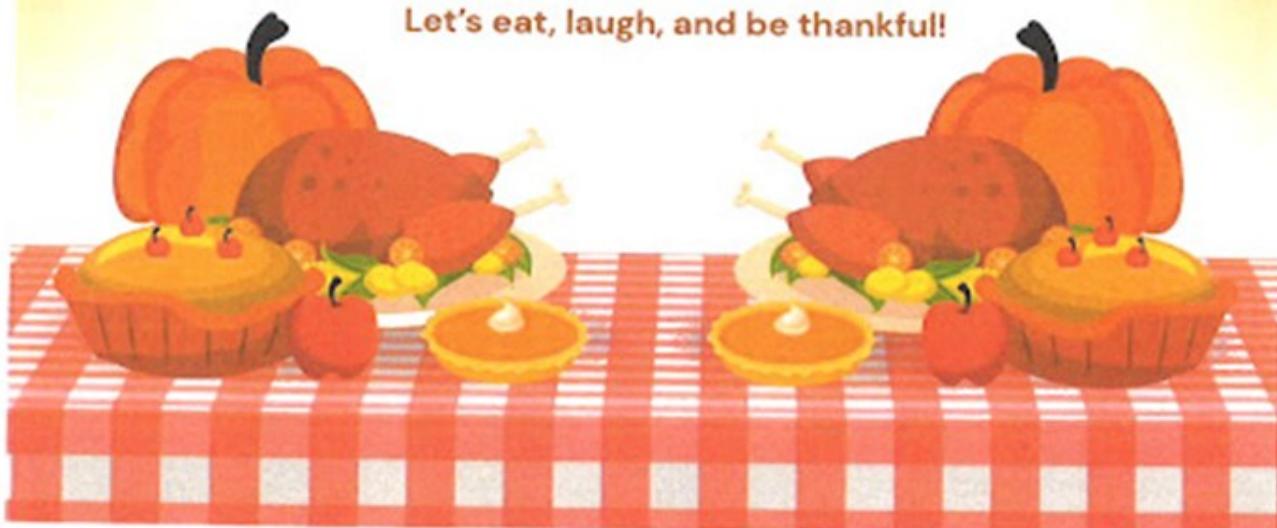
# Thanksgiving Potluck

23 November

FOLLOWING MORNING WORSHIP

When our sister, Susie Barnes, passed away Craig wanted to invite everyone to a meal to share some of her favorite foods. We have included a list of some her favorite foods and several of her recipes. We encourage you to make one of Susie's favorite foods. We will have little pumpkins available at the potluck for you to lay beside your dish to indicate it was one of her favorites.

Let's eat, laugh, and be thankful!





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**The Mission Committee made the following decisions for the use of Graham Street Church of Christ Mission funds. Thank you for your generous support.**

**The Mission Committee purchased 800 Shona Bibles for Stanley Shereni & Gideon Mazambani to distribute in Zimbabwe.**

**The Mission Committee authorized the purchase of 1,000 Shona Bible to distribute in Zimbabwe.**

**The Mission Committee is sending \$1000 to Gideon Mazambani to help with the expenses for a solar pump on the community well.**

**The Mission Committee and a church member sent funds to Trymore Mutare to help him complete his teaching certificate.**

**There are discretionary funds in Basic Needs to help our congregation members in times of need. This fund is nearly depleted for 2025. See Deborah Swanson if you want to help replenish it.**

# Baptism

**Kempton Mora**

**November 16, 2025**

**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 Kempton at his home address:**

**911 Elk Ridge Drive, Stephenville, TX 76401**



If you, or someone you know in our church family is struggling to provide the basic needs for themselves and their family, please let one of our ministers or shepherds, or Deborah Swanson, the Director of the Basic Needs Ministry, know.

Let's continue in service and prayer.

**1 John 3:16-18 (NIV2011)**

This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. If anyone has material possessions and sees a brother or sister in need but has no pity on them, how can the love of God be in that person?

Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.