



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

July 27, 2025

CHILDREN'S  
**ministry**  
NEWS

**TIME FOR**  
**VBS**



**VBS Workers**  
**Meet Sunday, 7/27/2025**  
**At the Front of the Auditorium**  
**Immediately following**  
**Worship Service**

**Megan Becker will be the coordinator.**



**In the auditorium during**  
**Children's Classes**  
**July 27—July 30**



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**VBS Work Time, Wednesday, 7/30,**  
**following close of VBS**  
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**70?**

**I am not for sure what 70 is suppose to feel like, but today, I am 70, and I am fully alive. I am also aware that life is like and hour glass and the sand continues to be less than more.** I have my aches

and pains and realities of aging flesh, but blessed to be here. I remember knowing 70 year olds and thinking, "They are ancient!" Ancient tradition poetically declares, *"The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong, even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone and we fly away"*—Ps 90.10.

**God is eternal. Humans are frail. We will die. When we, however, accept the Lordship of Jesus and join him in baptism we begin eternal life.** John's gospel stresses this reality. Wow. We don't wait till we die to begin eternal life. Our graduation from the flesh is a change in residence. Hallelujah!

**How do we get our minds around eternity. Well, I can accept it by faith but cannot imagine that which never ends.** For those who suffer greatly this side of heaven think about this—No matter how much you endure and for how long, it is nothing in light of eternity with God. Anticipating eternity gives meaning to our suffering and life, right here, right now. Country artist, Tim McGraw frames it well—*"Live Like You Were Dying."*

**Now that I am 70, I am curious about the number 70 in Scripture as I know it has historical and symbolic significance. 70 conveys completeness, totality, and spiritual order.**

**I am 70 and looking forward to 80. I am slowly accepting that there are some things I cannot do anymore. It's life.** If I do not make 80, eternity has already begun in my soul. Sure, I want to see my grandchildren come to faith in Christ and I still dream and think about kingdom things. I want to grow old with Karen, full of faith, joy, energy, and life in the Holy Spirit.

LORD, may you give me strength and wisdom for the next generation (Ps 71.17-19) and when it comes time for a change of residence, may I suffer well for your glory.

In the name of Jesus Christ, Lord, and Savior! Amen!

**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 will not be teaching this Sunday.



Hughbert Collier is teaching from the Gospel of Luke in the auditorium this Sunday.



Doug Young will be teaching a discussion class in the Family Center. The first class will resume in the fall.

David Bearden will be teaching the GPS class on Marriage Enrichment. The first class will resume in the fall.



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

No regular Wednesday Night Classes due to Vacation Bible School

**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>



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**VBS News**

**➤ Sunday, July 27—All VBS Workers** are requested to meet at the front of the auditorium immediately following worship service

Sunday, July 27—Wednesday, July 30 **VBS Journey To The Promised Land**

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Wednesday, July 30—**ALL VBS Workers** are requested to stay after VBS concludes and with clean up.



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Mission Committee Meeting  
In the Family Center

A Meal Will Be prepared

Sunday, 7/27  
After Worship Service



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; Kylea Duvall who lost her great-grandmother, Viola Miller, this week; Ron Brewer

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**Giving Update**

<b>Contribution 07/20/2025</b>	<b>\$ 13,315</b>	<b>Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$ 12,900</b>
<b>YTD Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 340,251</b>	<b>YTD Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$ 374,100</b>
<b>Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 90.51%</b>			
<b>Special Contribution given on 7/13/2025 for Kerr County Flood Victims</b>			<b>\$10,297</b>

**Texans For Christ Campus Ministry**

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

College Sunday is Sunday, August 24th! This fall, the classroom study will be on "How NOT To Study The Bible"



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\*



Children's Bible Lessons in  
the Family Center Sunday  
7/27/2025



There **NOT** Will Be Children's Church  
7/27/2025

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VBS Work Time, Wednesday, July 30th,  
following VBS conclusion (to help clean up)  
Megan Becker will be the coordinator.  
August 6, Pizza Meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by  
work on the Children's Ministry

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Youth Group will meet in the regular class  
Sunday morning. The Youth Group members  
are asked to please consider helping with VBS  
this week!

### 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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**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!

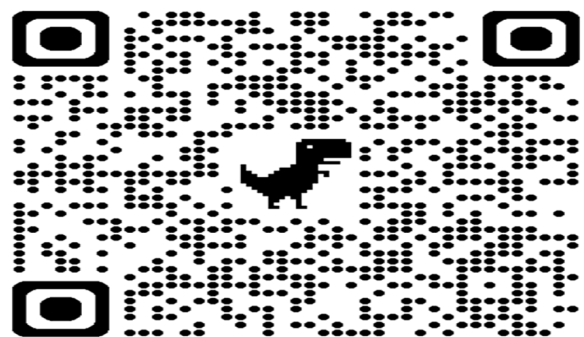
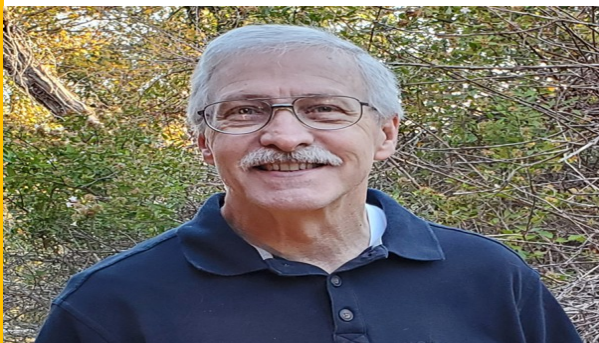
I've created a website that will help you follow the daily activities:

<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.**