



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

April 27, 2025

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!**

Upcoming May Events

College Sunday —May 5th—When we honor our college graduates



Mother's Day—May 11th—When we honor the mothers in
our congregation



High School Senior Sunday—May 18th—When we honor our
High School Graduates

*Class of
2025*

Memorial Day Weekend—Sunday, May 25th



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MEMORIAL DAY
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Preaching

The gospel has called everyone in the body of Christ, as Paul reminded the young church at Thessalonica (1.11-12, 2.14).

Yet, not everyone is called to preach. It is a holy and fearful task to speak for God—indeed, the “very words of God” (1 Peter 4.11). But preaching weekly to a diverse, mobile, and pulled in every direction people is challenging. It requires much thought and preparation, yet few preachers have the luxury of endless time and space for preparation. Who doesn’t know the feeling of Friday, but Sunday is coming?

Recently, I participated with five ministers in an online Barnabas group.

Here’s how we answered the question regarding staying grounded. I grouped our responses into categories.

Perspective—Preaching is all-consuming—mind, body, soul, and spirit.

- Preparation is never-ending; it always occupies your mind. A sticky note that says, “God will get His work done,” is an excellent reminder.
- People—Preaching is funded by staying connected to people—the realities of life.
- Round-table preaching involves a small group providing input about the text, series, etc. This input could be shared with other preachers or congregation members before and after the sermon.]
- Be proactive about people connections and a prayer list to remember everyday joys and struggles. You can do this via phone or text.

Preparation—Intentional time for reading, physical/mental rest (Sabbath), silence, solitude, and prayer.

- A 24-hour weekly sabbath. No phone or email use. Time investing in family.
- A compass group of three to four mature, supportive people you permit to speak into your life and preaching (i.e., content, delivery, spirit, etc.). A compass always points north, so you know where you are. (CONTINUED IN NEXT COLUMN)

Preaching continued

- An intentional study week once a quarter with someone else preaching. It’s good for the church and you.
- An annual study sabbath for sermon planning, reflection, and listening to God. Ideally, 2-4 weeks with elder blessings and collaboration of congregational needs and missional initiatives (doctrinal, theological, pastoral, etc.)
- The frequent discipline of “Lectio Divina”- Dwelling in the Word.

As Paul prayed for the Thessalonians—“*Now may the Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word*” (2.16-17). **Blessings, GDK**



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

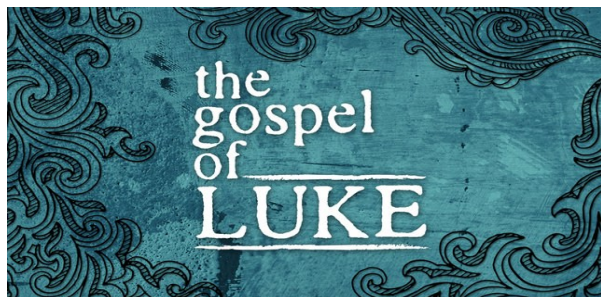


Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: CEREAL, Your help is appreciated!

Let’s Fill The Cart & More!



Adult Bible Study Opportunities



On Sunday, 04/27/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium, Hughbert Collier will be continuing the study on the Gospel of Luke.

You don't want to miss it. These are important lessons about the life and teaching of Jesus.



Young Adult Class

This Sunday, 04/27/2025, at 9:00 in Room 109, join Evan McLeroy as he leads the discussion on "Discipleship 101".



GPS Class

David Bearden has been leading the Godly Parenting Skills class in the GPS room. Join in the "Family Walk Through The Bible" as we study parenting principles from The Gospel of Luke. This week, we will focus on "Fasting as a Family Practice". (Luke 5:33-39)



New Bible Study Discussion Class

Doug Young is holding a discussion class in the Family Center at 9:00 a.m. on April 27. 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, 04/30/2025, at 6:30. The discussion will be on "Fulfillment of Jerusalem, Continued". The women will meet in Room 109. The men will meet in the auditorium.



SUNDAY April 27

- April 27: **Adult Class— 9:00 a.m.** In the auditorium - Hughbert Collier will continue his lessons from The Gospel of Luke
- April 27: **Young Adult Class**—Evan McLeroy leads a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- April 27: **Adult Class**—David Bearden leads a class on Godly Parenting Skills on “Family Walk Through the Bible” in the GPS Room
- April 27: **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 27: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will give the sermon on “Jerusalem Fulfilled— A Devoted Church”

UPCOMING EVENTS

- April 30: **Wednesday Night Meal** - at 5:30 p.m. Menu: Dirty Chicken with Creamy Noodles, Garlic Bread, Salad & Dump Cake (recommended price is \$4.00)
- May 5th: **College Sunday**—we will honor our College Graduates
- May 18: **Bridal Shower for Guthri Jenschke**, bride elect of Cole Kasper, 3:00 to 4:00 in the Tri-C Campus Center





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; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Susie Barnes; Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Chantelle Mora; Peggy Rice; Mary Havens; Doug Svien; Theresa Young; Pam Clayton; Jorge Espinoza, brother of Vincent Lopez; Ron Wilhite; Jan Alderfer

Giving Update

Contribution 04/20/2025	\$	9,152	Budget for 2025	\$ 12,900
YTD Contribution	\$	189,012	YTD Budget for 2025	\$ 206,400

Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 91.57%

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

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.
(Tuesday, April 27, Burgers & Bible Study at Evan’s home)

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



There Will Be Children's Church
04/27/2025



*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

Youth Group Meets Sunday, April 27th
(4:00 to 6:00 at Family Center)

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

Mon-Thurs. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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From the Erath County Ministerial Alliance

National Day of Prayer

Watchman & Gatekeepers—24 Hours of Prayer

Thursday, May 1, 2025

CALLING ALL INTERCESSORS! We will symbolically surround our city with prayer as we host a prayer meeting at 4 entry points to our city. In the Old Testament, they would call them the Gates of the city. There were watchmen and gatekeepers on the walls and at the gates. They kept watch. They saw things coming and alerted the city to be ready. They would alert against coming dangers and alert to be ready when the king was on his way. (Isaiah 62:6; 1 Chronicles 9:17-34)

Join us as we pray at the gates of the city on the National Day of Prayer. At these 5 locations, there will be worship and prayer. All are invited.

7:00 a.m. Center of the city—Inside the Courthouse

9:00 a.m. West—Jack Freels' hill overlooking the city (685 Peach Orchard Road)

12:00 p.m. South—Valley Grove Baptist Church

2:00 p.m. North—Timber Ridge Church

6:00 p.m. East—Church of the Nazarene

7:00 p.m. to 7:00 a.m.—Church of the Nazarene (12 hour prayer vigil and worship through the night)