



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

December 8, 2024



Duracells Meet

Tuesday

12/10/2024

In the Family Center

5:30 to 7:00 p.m.

Bring Potluck—Doug Svien is guest speaker



**Men's & Ladies'
Wednesday Night Class**

The Wednesday Night Adult Men's and Women's Classes will discuss the Sunday Morning Sermon preached that week in the series "Obstacles to Spiritual Growth"

<u>Date</u>	<u>Topic</u>
12/11/2024	Impossibilities
12/18/2024	Inferiority
12/25/2024	No Classes Held

**The Youth Group
Will have a Youth Devo
On Sunday, 12/8/2024
At the home of
Ryan & Kasey Reed**



Alexis Craig, bride elect of Caron Elston was baptized. You can send her notes of encouragement to: 1705 CR 433, Stephenville, TX 76401

**Sunday, 12/8/2024, Immediately after
Worship Service**

**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY
MEETING**



**The Mission Committee
Will Meet on Sunday, 12/08/2024
In the Family Center following Worship Service**



Thanksgiving
I love everything about Thanksgiving.

This Thanksgiving I am grateful to be here by the grace of God. 2024 has been a massive health journey. Our motto is 2024 NO MORE! My journey began on Dec 14, 2023.

I have come along way and continue to improve. I should be on the kidney transplant list soon and best case scenario is to receive a kidney from a live donor. Most importantly, we want THANKSGIVING to be THANKSLIVING!

We have so much to be thankful for and know that IN CHRIST there is meaning. Suffering in mind, body and spirit pales in comparison to the ultimate suffering—A LIFE WITH NO MEANING!

As blind songwriter Helen Lemmel wrote—
“Turn your eyes on Jesus, look full in his wonderful face and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in light of his glory and grace.”

Today, I am cognizant of those who suffered loss this past year. Holidays are hard. Sadness can overwhelm. Life is different.

A few things that might help during hard holidays. 1. Expect them to be hard. 2. Tears are okay. 3. Avoid isolating to an extreme. Reach beyond yourself. 4. Label your emotions in conversation with the Lord. 5. Don't ignore good rest, food and some kind of exercise.

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(Thanksgiving Continued)

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love or God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.” 2 Cor 13.13 P.S. Motto for next year is 2025 Fully Alive!
Blessings, GDK

*******Basic Needs News*******

Thank you to everyone that helped with the Basic Needs Garage Sale. There were numerous volunteers every day and all of you were so appreciated! Because of your help we raised \$13,840

Love Basket Totals

11/1/24: 123 families/377 individuals
11/15/24: 161 families/519 individuals



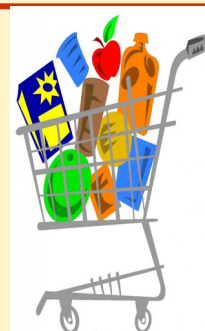
Month of November 2024

Individuals	413
Families	112
New	9

Comparing the Basic Needs October 2024

Numbers to October 2023:

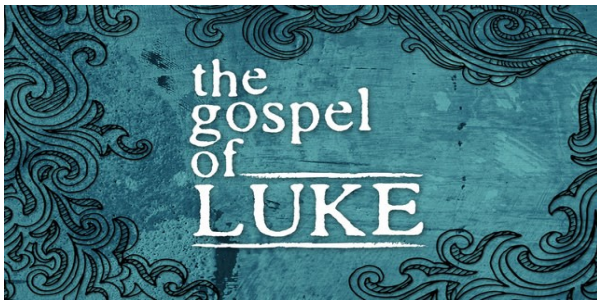
253 More Individuals 65 More Families
18 More New Families. The numbers just keep growing



18 New families in November.

Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: CEREAL, chicken, TUNA, shampoo, deodorant & all other Toiletries are also needed, etc.

Your help is appreciated!



Adult Bible Study Opportunities

At 9:00 a.m. on Sunday morning, Hughbert Collier will be continuing an in-depth series on the New Testament book of Luke. You don't want to miss it. These are important lessons about the life and teaching of Jesus.



Young Adult Class

Sunday mornings at 9:00 in Room 109. Join Andy Brewer and Evan McLeroy as they lead the discussion on "Discipleship 101".



GPS Class

David Bearden will be leading the Godly Parenting Skills class in the GPS room. This will be a class discussing and applying "Parenting Proverbs". Class starts at 9:15 and ends at 9:45. The class this week will discuss what topics should be studied next semester.



Ladies' & Men's Wednesday Night Bible Class

The Fall Semester has class discussions on the Sunday Sermon Series:

"Overcoming Obstacles to Spiritual Growth." This week on Wednesday, the classes will discuss "Impossibilities as an Obstacle to Spiritual Growth"



Sunday's Sermon

"Overcoming Obstacles to Spiritual Growth"

This Sunday, "Impossibilities"



Children's Ministry News

Children's Ministry Committee Meets This Sunday Immediately Following Worship Service

O Come Let Us Adore Him



2024 Advent Reflections

Advent is a time to make room in the inn of our hearts to receive Christ anew. This collection of daily scripture readings and reflections includes contributions of pastors and ministry workers from over 10 different congregations of various denominations across Erath County.

This great ecumenical collection represents the desire for unity in Christ among all his followers as we unit to celebrate the birth of our shared King.

We pray that these reflections will be an inspiration and encouragement for all the faithful who wish to come and adore our Lord at the manger with us this season.

40 Days of Daily Devotional Readings begins Thanksgiving Day. **We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 to cover the cost of printing and shipping. Find them on the Welcome Table in the Lobby.**





Our Fall Sunday Morning GPS Class

GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) – David and Vicki Bearden - Room

GPS Bible Class/Support Group is studying, discussing and applying “Parenting Proverbs.” We are focusing on proverbs from the Bible that apply to parenting. Parents will be asked to volunteer to study a specific topic of parenting proverbs and give a report to the class on practical applications. Vicki and David will then discuss with the class how to live out the parenting proverbs and how to, as a group, support our church families in raising children in that area. There are 8 major topic areas we will focus on in the class with several subtopics in each major area:

1. Reverence for God
2. Wisdom and Instruction
3. Self-Control
4. Control of Mouth
5. Relationships
6. Wrong Doings
7. Godly Characteristics
8. Prosperity



30 Minute Discussion Class

Sundays 9:15 to 9:45

This Sunday, December 8

Discussion on 2025 Bible Study

5 Scriptures for Making Decisions

1. Luke 5:16
Tune out distractions
2. Proverbs 19:20
Seek godly advice
3. James 4:1
Narrow down choices
4. James 1:22
Do something
5. Psalm 28:7
Thank for answers



SUNDAY December 8

- December 8: **Adult Class**—In the auditorium (Hughbert Collier is teaching a series on The Gospel According to Luke)
- December 8: **Young Adult Class**—Andy Brewer & Evan McLeroy lead a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- December 8: **Adult Class**—David Bearden leads a class on Godly Parenting Skills on a Parenting Proverbs Topic in the GPS Room
- December 8: **Children’s Classes—9:00 a.m.** All classes will be held in their usual classrooms
- December 8: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will preach a lesson on “Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Impossibilities”
- December 8: **Mission Committee Meeting** immediately following worship service in the Family Center—a meal will be served
- December 8: **Children’s Ministry Meeting** immediately following worship service in Room 109

UPCOMING EVENTS

- December 10: **Duracells Meet at 5:30** in the Family Center
- December 11: **Wednesday Night Meal** - at 5:30 in the Family Center—recommended price is \$4.00 per person
Menu: Red Beans & Rice with Sausage, Salad, Dessert



- December 12: **Soup Kitchen at 5:00 in the Family Center**



- December 15: **Special Youth Service**—Blake’s Preaching!
- December 15: **Family/Children’s Christmas Party**—5:30 in the Family Center

- December 18: **Kids chorus will sing at Laurel Glen at 6:00pm.** Students 3rd grade & up who wish to be in the Christmas chorus will be meeting Wednesdays @ 6:00pm in the Bridge room.



The Church Office will be closed December 24, 2025, through January 1, 2025.



Fred & Cathey Alvord and their son-in-law, Jimmy Robison; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Jody Caudle; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Micaela Moore; Ken & Shirley Evans; Vicki Adams; Becky Norris; Kenneth Wylie, room 309 in Mulberry Manor; Chantelle Mora; Larry Knowles; Pam Clayton; Dorothy Christian; Susie Barnes

Giving Update

Contribution 12/01/2024	\$ 22,874	Budget for 2024	\$ 12,900
YTD Contribution	\$ 591,144	YTD Budget for 2024	\$ 619,200
Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 95.47%			

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry Fall Weekly Schedule

Sunday Morning Class in Room 109 (Young Adults)

Sunday Evenings: Bible Study 8:00 p.m. at the Tri-C

Campus Ministry Christmas Party Sunday, December 8th starting at 6:00 p.m. at the home of Bob & Darla Doty



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





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Graham Street Youth Group



TEENS

Children's Ministry



For ages 3, 4 & 5
*Volunteers See
Courtney McGuire*



Dec. 8—Ryan & Kasey Reed
Dec. 18—Christmas Caroling

12/22 - Christmas Party (see page 9 for details)

Jan. 17—19 Winterfest



Children's Bible Lessons

Every Sunday Morning at 9:00



There Will Be Children's Church 12/08

Family/Children's Christmas Party on
December 15, 5:30 in the Family Center.
See Megan Becker for details.

Children's Offering goes to Glenn Moody
Bible Fund which provides Bibles for many
who do not have one.



Wednesday Night Meal

Red Beans & Rice with Sausage, Salad & Dessert

\$4.00 recommend price

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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Stephenville, TX 76401



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TEENS



Please join us for our

Christmas Party

5-7PM

Sunday **22** December

@ The Gilley's
1140 Walking Horse
Stephenville, TX 76401

**Please bring a \$10 gift
if you would like to
participate in the gift
exchange