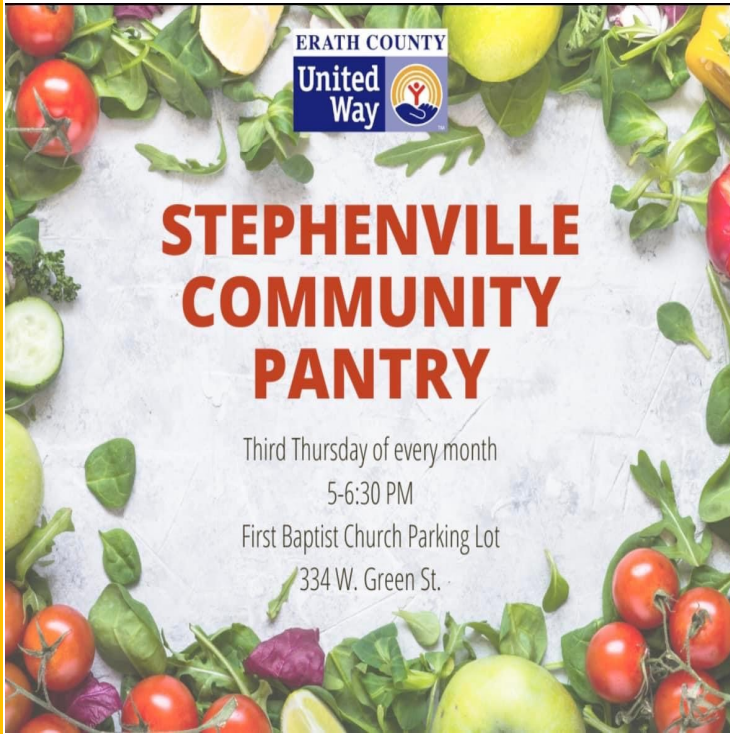




# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**June 15, 2025**



## STEPHENVILLE COMMUNITY PANTRY

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

**Community Food Pantry, Thursday 5/19 (Starts  
at 5:00 at the First Baptist Church Parking Lot)**



**June 23—June 26**

Be Still

And Know

*Huckabay Church of Christ  
Ladies Night*

**Saturday June 28, 2025**

**5pm to 7pm**

Speakers:

Angela Harvey Archibald, of  
Southside Church of Christ  
Fort Worth, Tx  
and Kelijon Nance of  
Huckabay Church of Christ

join us for wonderful fellowship,  
singing, prayer; great food,  
and a deep dive into the confidence and peace we have  
in our relationship with our Lord  
in times of joy and stress

**Psalms 46:10**



**Storm Clouds  
Are Gathering**

He [Jesus] also said to the crowds, "When you see a cloud rising in the west, you say at once, 'A shower is coming.' And

so, it happens. And when you see the south wind blowing, you say, 'There will be scorching heat,' and it happens. You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the present time? (Luke 12.54- 56).

**Jesus addresses the crowd drawing an application from watching the cloud in the west.** Clouds mean the possibility of rain. South winds bring scorching heat. I wish Jesus was recorded as say, "No kidding. Duh!" Weather forecasting is easy, interpreting what it is going on in the present time is essential for those who want to follow Jesus. Jesus calls this lack of awareness of the present time as hypocritical. More specifically, he calls the crowds, "Hypocrites!" Ouch! It is Jesus' way of not only getting their attention but addressing their focus and lack of discernment. Luke consistently warns against hypocrisy and any form of religion that misses God's intention, heart, and mission (The story of the Good Samaritan; denouncing Pharisees and Lawyers, avoiding the yeast (influence of the Pharisees); the story of the Rich Fool, consumed by worry; faithful vs unfaithful slave).

What Jesus meant by the present time would take longer than this post can address. Some things in his day would include the mounting tensions with the religious establishment as well as imperialism—the question of Lordship (Caesar vs Jesus), etc.

The question he asks is relevant today— *"Why do you not know how to interpret the present time?"*

**What say you?  
Blessings, GDK**

**Basic Needs**

Schreiber Foods made a \$1,000 donation to Basic Needs. Most Thursdays, there are several volunteers from Schreiber that come and help with the Food Pantry.

**Nearly \$13,000 was raised as the proceeds from the Basic Needs Garage Sale. This is largely thanks to all the volunteers that came to help set up, prepared food, worked the garage sale and helped in countless ways. Your efforts and assistance are greatly appreciated.**



**Month of April 2025**

<b>Individuals</b>	<b>574</b>
<b>Families</b>	<b>148</b>
<b>Clothing</b>	<b>113</b>
<b>New Clients</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>16 more clients than in March</b>	

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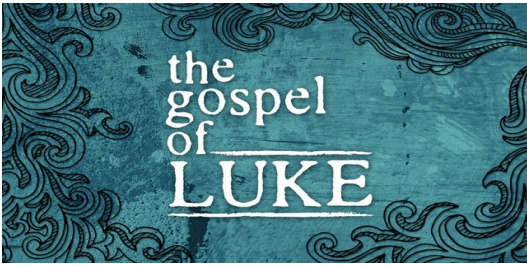
**Love Basket News (Dublin)  
The Love Basket Served 149 Families (11 new)  
and 423 Individuals in May**



**Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: DRY BEANS, Your help is appreciated!  
Let's Fill The Cart**



**Adult Bible Study Opportunity**



**On Sunday 06/15/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium, Hughbert Collier will return and resume his lessons on the Gospel of Luke.**



[Young Adult Class](#)



[GPS Class](#)



[New Bible Study Discussion Class](#)

**All these Sunday morning classes are dismissed for the summer. They will start back in September.**

**Everyone is invited to join the class in the auditorium for the summer.**



[Ladies' & Men's Wednesday Night Bible Class](#)

**The Men's & Women's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, 06/18/2025, at 6:30. These are both discussion classes. The women will meet in Room 109 & are studying the book of James. Men will meet in the auditorium.**

**The Wednesday Night Summer Children's Classes will be taught with 4 "Stations". Teachers are needed for the Wednesday Night Summer Schedule. If you can help, please contact Megan Becker.**



**SUMMER SERMON SERIES  
“A Reaching Church”**

**How the “Acts Church” was a “Reaching Church,” and how this applies to the Graham Street Church of Christ**

I began a new sermon series for the summer June 1, which continues to look at Luke’s account of the ministry of Jesus moving from the Gospel of Luke to the study of Jesus’ ministry in the book of Acts through the Holy Spirit’s work in the Church. We will look at 6 important principles of outreach by the “Acts Church” that surfaced in the first few chapters of Acts while the church remained only in the city of Jerusalem and then follow these principles through the whole book of Acts as the Church expands throughout the world. The 6 principles are captured in these words that all begin with the letter P:

- 1. Prayer
- 2. Proclamation
- 3. Popularity
- 4. Persecution
- 5. Problems
- 6. Place

All six were introduced on June 1, and each week following we will look at them individually. Your assignment is to read the book of Acts looking for these principles. As we dig in deeper, we will begin making applications to our congregation, and your assignment will be to commit to them in prayer. I am very excited about this journey together. **I know it is difficult to be here every Sunday during this summer, so I encouraged you to take advantage of the recordings that are posted online when you are not able to be here in person.** Let’s all commit together to study the principles that will help us to be the “Rooted, Growing, Reaching Church” the Lord has called us to be!

David Bearden

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**June 19: Community Food Pantry**—come before 5:00 and help set up—stay and help distribute groceries (in the First Baptist Church parking lot)



**June 26: Night Of Casseroles**—Drop off your casseroles at the Family Center by 4:45—stay and help distribute them starting at 5:00 until they are all gone.



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**Journey To The Promised Land—VBS sign-ups  
July 27-30  
6:00-8:00  
3 yrs.-6th gr.**

<https://forms.gle/gE1f9m6HsPyk79meA>



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; Bobby Robertson, father of Lisa Rose

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**Giving Update**

<b>Contribution 06/08/2025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$ 12,900</b>
<b>YTD Contribution</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>Pending</b>	<b>YTD Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$ 296,700</b>

**Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget (Will Be Reported Next Week)**

**Texans For Christ Campus Ministry**

**Graduating Seniors:**

Kylea Duvall, Kyle & Kaitlyn Blount, Zimrie Goen, Luke Malone, Britta Robertson, Reese Young, Allissa Lane, Hanna Bowers

Charlie DeLong will be in town on Wednesday, June 18th—Thursday, June 26th. He will need help unloading a truck & trailer on June 18th. (TBD)



**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



**6/15 Sunday Morning at 9:00**



**There Will Be Children's Church  
06/15/2025**

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*June 8 VBS Meeting immediately following  
worship service in Room 109*

*VBS Work Day, Sunday, July 20th following  
worship service*

*VBS Work Time, Wednesday, July 23rd,  
starting at 6:30 during Bible Class Time*

*Megan Becker will be the coordinator.*

### Graduating Seniors:

Caroline Baughn, Kinley Bedwell, Emma Forehand, Seth Gilley, Kylar Harcourt, Laura Haynes, Madi Rust, Jack Butchee, Katie Arnold

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### Camps for 2025:

**June 15—21 Bandina Christian Youth Camp**

**2025 High School Senior Trip:  
July 14—July 18**

### 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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**Matthew Stroup Will be Traveling to Argentina with Let's Start Talking  
(Here is Matthew's story)**

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.