



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

August 17, 2025



Grady & Karen King will be at Graham Street Church of Christ

On Sunday, August 17, 2025

Grady will preach and his topic will be:

“A Story For God’s Glory”

Be here at 10:00 a.m. to hear what Grady has to say to us.



Who Can I Minister?

In the last month I have been blessed to worship with three congregations. Two of which I shared, "A Story for God's Glory".

I also have engaged with leaders in rural, urban and suburban congregations in HOPE Network.

A common phrase I hear is, "How do we attract younger families?" It is indicative for the most part, of an aging demographic. The language of attraction reveals a "come to us" solution. It defines what we do at church services, programs, etc. It reinforces consumerism.

What if we begin to think and act consistent with the language of engagement—intentional relationships in the traffic patterns of our lives. Praying for opportunities in authentic ways. It's one thing to attend worship on Sunday as an event, and quite another to engage in relationships in and out of the church.

This is the core of Col 4.2-6 and 1 Peter 3.15. It's not a matter of carving out more time to participate in a program (although we need structure), it is about the everyday routines of life as we "Go!" (Mt 28.18-20). If we don't shift our language and behavior our buildings will be relics of a different time and place.

Lord, may our language of "getting people to church" shift to who can I minister to today.

Blessings, GDK

(Grady will be preaching on 8/17)



**Basic Needs Has Their Own Phone Number Now
254-965-5552**



Month of July 2025

Individuals	592
Families	155
Clothing	113
New Clients	10

(All numbers increased over last month)

**Love Basket News (Dublin)
The Love Basket Served 213 Families (4 new)
and 682 Individuals in July**



**Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items:
Mac & Cheese
Your help is appreciated!**

Let's Fill The Cart & More!



Sunday Morning 9:00 Adult Bible Class Schedule

August 17: Auditorium Class - Hughbert Collier "Where Was Jesus Buried?"

Room 109 - Marion Lewis "Holy Spirit"

August 24: Auditorium Class - Marion Lewis "Holy Spirit"

Room 109 - Campus Ministry Class, teacher Charlie DeLong

"How Not to Read the Bible"

GPS Classroom - Information Meeting about Marriage Enrichment Class that will begin Sept. 7 with David and Vicki Bearden as facilitators

August 31: Auditorium Class and Campus Ministry Class (109)

September 7: Auditorium Class and Campus Ministry Class (109)

Marriage Enrichment Class begins in GPS Classroom

Doug Young's Class, "Collision or Convergence: Life, the Christian, and God's Plan," resumes in the Family Center.

Baptism

Caleb Collier

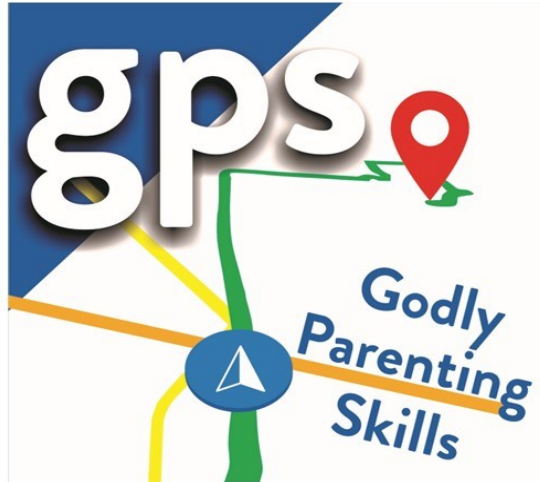
Aug. 13, 2025

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)

Caleb Collier, son of Nathan & Kristin Collier, was baptized on Wednesday, August 13, 2025.

You can send him cards of encouragement to:

1620 W. Cedar Street
Stephenville, TX 76401



For the Fall Semester GPS
will focus on

“Strengthen Your Marriage”

Introduction Aug. 24

Class begins Sept. 7

GPS Room 3rd Floor

The SYMBIS

Marriage Assessment

Is required for the class.

Email David to sign up:

David@

grahamstreetchurch.com

Attend the

Introduction Aug. 24

For more information



SUNDAY MORNING ADULT BIBLE CLASS 9:00 AM



Upcoming Events

➤ Sunday, August 17th: **Grady King will be preaching** —His lesson title is “A Story for God’s Glory”. You will not want to miss it.



➤ Wednesday, August 20th—**First day of school at Tarleton State University**

➤ Wednesday, August 20th—**Classes start at 6:30 and meet in their usual locations**

➤ Thursday, August 21st—**Community Food Pantry**—starts at 5:00 p.m. in the First Baptist Church parking lot—help is needed before 5:00 to help set up and if at all possible, please stay and help distribute the groceries



➤ Saturday, August 23rd—**Fundraiser for the Belchers**—starts at 5:00—there will be food, music, a silent auction and more information is on page 10



➤ Sunday, August 24th—**Tailgate Breakfast for College Students**—Family Center Parking Lot, 9:00 a.m



➤ Thursday, August 28th—**Meet the Teachers** for Sunshine Christian Preschool

Casseroles



➤ Thursday, August 28th—**Night of Casseroles**



Wednesday Night Meals start back on Wednesday, September 10th. When you see Le Jones, thank him for making this available for those who find it handy before Wednesday night Bible Class.



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; Ron Brewer; Gray Canan (works at Foster’s Home); Dean Lewis, son of Marion & Ann Lewis

Giving Update

Contribution 08/10/2025	\$ 13,906	Budget for 2025	\$ 12,900
YTD Contribution	\$ 379,859	YTD Budget for 2025	\$ 412,800
Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 92.02%			

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

- *Wed., Aug. 20, 2025—Tarleton State University starts classes*
- *Wed., Aug. 20, 2025—Movie Under the Stars at the Tri-C*
- *Sun., Aug. 24 College Sunday—Tailgate Breakfast for College Students Family Center Parking Lot 9:00 a.m. (Class Meet & Greet Time)*
- *Sun., Aug. 31—Class ‘How Not to Read the Bible’*
- *Sun., Aug 31—Pool Party 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



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
their usual locations at
9:00 a.m.



There **WILL BE** Children's Church
8/17/2025



**CHILDREN'S
MINISTRY
MEETING**

Next Children's Ministry Meeting is Sunday,
October 5, 2025, immediately following
worship service in Room 109

Youth Group News



- Youth Devo on Sunday, 8/24 from 5:00 to 7:00 at the Family Center
- Cross Connect on Sunday, 9/7 (details soon)
- Youth Devo on Sunday, 9/21 from 5:00 to 7:00 at the home of Bob & Darla Doty

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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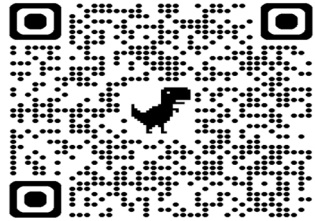
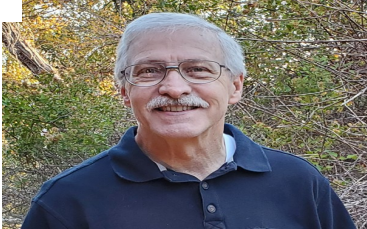
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YouTube Channel Graham Street Church of
Christ—Stephenville Tx

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Stephenville, TX 76401



**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.

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, 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.

Article in the Christian Chronicle about Zimbabwe

Harare—Prisons in the southern African nation overflow with souls hungry for the Gospel.

In the past year, two ministers for Churches of Christ reported nearly 900 baptisms through the New Life Behavior International curriculum.

Stanley Shereni and Eric Mangisi visit 19 prisons and teach nearly 9,000 prisoners and prison staffers each month, said Mike Biggers, president of New Life Behavior. The ministers work in partnership with the Graham Street Church of Christ in Stephenville, Texas.

A recent "Family Week" at the prisons allowed relatives and ministers to visit inmates who aren't otherwise allowed to have visitors. Shereni and Mangisi, along with Christians Donivert & Josephine Khata, counseled the inmates and provided supplies including toiletries and blankets.

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



Attention All Trailblazers!

(Formerly known as Duracells)



**This Ministry is for everyone 55+
(The generation leading the way!)**

TRAILBLAZERS

**We start new trails Sept. 9
Watch here for more information
about adventures to come!**

Contact Rudene Adams to help!



GREGG BELCHER BENEFIT

**JOIN US AUGUST 23RD FOR
A BENEFIT FOR THE
BELCHER FAMILY**

*BRISKET DINNER, SILENT - LIVE AUCTION
AND MUSIC TO FOLLOW. AUCTION LIST WILL
BE POSTED PRIOR TO BENEFIT. ALL
PROCEEDS WILL GO TO THE BELCHER
FAMILY*

**AUGUST 23RD 5:00PM
FROM US HWY 281 GO WEST 1.15
MILES ON CR 105 IN HAMILTON, TX
AND TURN LEFT INTO ENTRANCE**

MEAL, AND MUSICAL PERFORMANCE BY
THE HARD LUCK BAND.

**CORNHOLE AND WASHER TOURNAMENT \$20 A
TEAM ***PRIZES AWARDED *** @1PM
RSVP TO
KEELA FOR TOURNAMENT BY 8/20/2025**

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO DONATE ANYTHING IN SUPPORT OF
THE AUCTION PLEASE CONTACT
KEELA.MCDONALD@HAMILTONELECTRIC.COOP**