



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

August 3, 2025



Join us on Sunday

August 10th

In the Family Center

Immediately following worship service

Hamburgers will be served

After the meal, a bounce house will be set up for the children.

Bring chips, a dessert and/or a side dish to share.



Cynical Church People

Sounds like an oxymoron, doesn't it? — “We use cynicism as being jaded, motivated by self interest, loss of confidence or trust in institutions. This is the opposite of how the

ancient Greek philosophers used cynicism. Diogenes (412-303 BC) made cynicism a response to Socrates question, “*What is a good and virtuous life?*”

BUT, for him it meant going against the grain of the culture—rejecting all social norms including property.

Few, if any of us are born cynics. It comes from repeated bad experiences, hurt and disappointment. When it comes to church life—there is always a gap between “what should be” and “what is.” Through our experiences cynicism can settle in the crevices of our soul as hopelessness.

So, how do you keep cynicism in check your own spirit? Here a a few things that have helped me through the years because church leaders struggle too. Absorb yourself in the Gospels—the ministry and teachings of Jesus. Lead with humility. Count blessing, seriously.

Here are some ABC’s of combatting cynicism:

1. Accept the reality that being human means the church will not be perfect.
2. Be intentional about your own spiritual growth.
3. Confess what is going on in your own spirit—disappointment, hurt, anger.
4. Do an inventory of who you are listening to.
5. Encourage friends to pray for and with you.
6. Forgive the people who have disappointed you.
7. Give yourself the gift of focusing on hope.

Finally, *Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.* Philippians 4.4-8 (NRSV) **Blessings,GDK**



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



Month of June 2025

Individuals	507
Families	129
Clothing	61
New Clients	9

**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!**



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

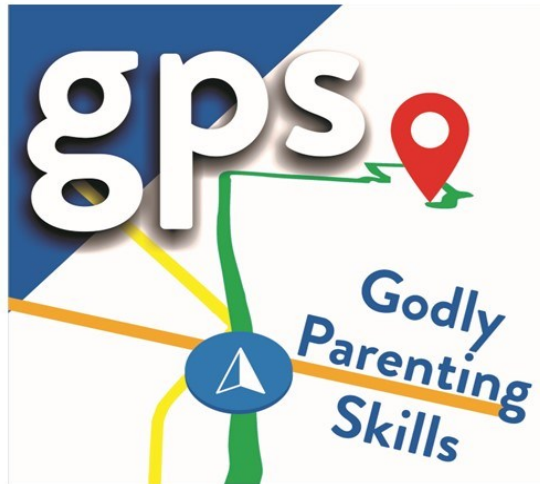
The Men's & Women's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, 8/6/2025, at 6:30. These are both discussion classes. The women will meet in Room 109 & are studying the book of James. Men will meet in the auditorium and discuss the "Reaching Church" material.



Grady King will be our Guest Speaker for worship on Sunday, August 17th.



Thank you to everyone that helped make VBS a success—whether you taught a class, brought cookies, helped with construction and/or helped with clean up, your assistance was vital and very much appreciated.



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

➤ **Wednesday, August 6th: Pizza served at 6:00 then plan to spend time helping clean and organize the Children’s Ministry work area. Regular classes for Youth and Adults.**

➤ **Sunday, August 10th: **Back To School Sunday**—enjoy hamburgers at the Family Center following worship service—a bounce house will be made available for the children after the meal (please bring a side dish, chips or dessert to share)**

➤ **Wednesday, August 13th: **First day of school** in the Stephenville Independent School district**

➤ **Thursday, August 14th: **Soup Kitchen**-starts at 5:30 in the Family Center—come early and help set up—stay and help serve**



➤ **Friday, August 15th—Sunday August 17th—**Tarleton Move In Day** (get with Charlie DeLong if you can help)**

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

➤ **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**



➤ **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**

➤ **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 07/27/2025	\$ 13,315	Budget for 2025	\$ 12,900
YTD Contribution	\$ 340,251	YTD Budget for 2025	\$ 374,100
Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 90.51%			

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

August 15th & 16th is Tarleton Move In (Contact Charlie DeLong if you can help)

**Sun, Aug. 3, 2025—The Campus Support Team meets for lunch after services*

** Wed., Aug. 20, 2025—Tarleton State University starts classes*

** 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’*



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

**Special
Contri-
bution**

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
8/3/2025**



There **WILL BE** Children's Church
8/03/2025



*August 6, Pizza Meal at 6:00 p.m., followed by
work on the Children's Ministry*

Thank you to all of the people that helped make
VBS a big success. Your time, your energy and
your efforts were all very much appreciated!

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

Youth Group News

Youth Group Parents meet next week on
Sunday, 8/10/2025, immediately following
worship service in Room 109 (before the Back
to School Bash)

Youth Devo Pool Party on Sunday, 8/10 from
5:00 to 7:00

8/13 is Night of Prayer

Youth Devo on Sunday, 8/31 from 5:00 to 7:00

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.

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!

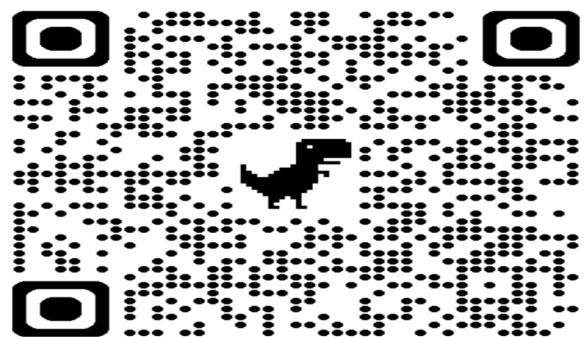
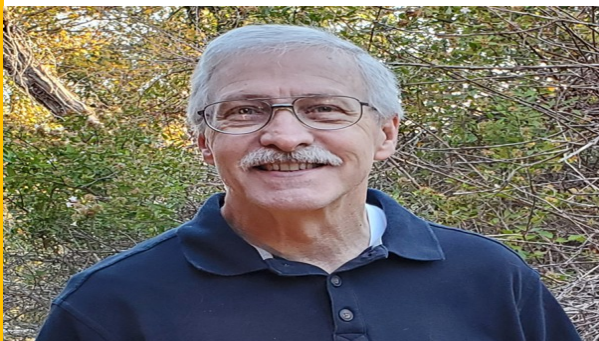
I've created a website that will help you follow the daily activities:

<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.

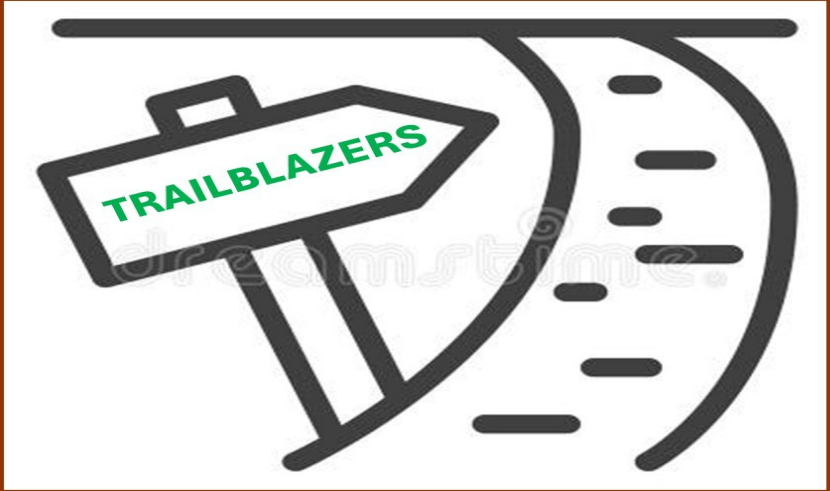




A big thank you to Jeannette Parker for the Salad Luncheon held for Widows and Single Ladies. It was very good and very much appreciated.



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!



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