



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

March 23, 2025

Casseroles



Night of Casseroles is Thursday, March 27th. Drop off your casserole by 4:45—stay and help distribute them starting at 5:00 until they are all given away.



Come Meet One Of The Campus Ministry Candidates, Charles Delong, and his wife, Kristen on Sunday, 3/30/2025. They will also have their children with them.

Charles will be speaking at 9:00 in the auditorium (the GPS class & the Young Adult Class will also be attending). He will also be giving the Sermon. Come hear him and meet the family.



LEADERSHIP TRAINING FOR CHRIST 2025

LTC is rapidly approaching. There will be an opportunity to see the children and young people read their Bible verses on 4/9, an actual rehearsal in the Family Center on 4/13, and Bible Bowl practice on 4/16.

You are warmly invited to come and watch them practice.



The Mission Committee will meet on Sunday, March 30th, immediately following worship service. A meal will be served. All are welcome.



Basic Needs Wants to Know...

Do you have a need for a walker, potty chair, shower chair or other medical device? Check with Basic Needs as they now have several on hand.



Wednesday Night Meal at 5:30 in the Family Center

Menu: Dorito Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Sopapilla Cheesecake Suggested Price: \$4.00



**Fear Is A Reaction
Courage is a Decision**

I have heard it many times in different forms: *“Our elders were leading with faith and courage, and now we are in a season of fear.”* It just takes

one person in the name of shepherding to sow seeds of concern, question past decisions, or share a member’s frustration. To be human is to feel anxiety. Chronic anxiety, however, is unhealthy and debilitating in every way: mind, body, soul, and Spirit. Without a mutual understanding of responding rather than reacting, anxiety escalates to unhealthy proportions. Anxiety is human. So make no mistake: **If the leaders are anxious, the church will be too!**

Attention to how the leadership group functions will pay big dividends in a church. As the leaders go, so goes the church.

Practically Speaking—A Few Essentials

• **Develop an Elder Covenant of Behavior**

How do WE model the life of Christ? (i.e., The Sermon on the Mount; The Fruit of the Spirit). How do we navigate disagreement and conflict? How do WE make decisions? What is our model?

• **Decide on Interaction Principles with the Church**

What are OUR priorities in shepherding? How do WE respond to a concern or complaint? How does Matthew 18.15f apply? What does a maturity in Christ conversation look like? What about emails and text messages?

• **Determine the Habits for remaining focused on Mission**

How do WE engage in spiritual formation? What ministry initiatives align with God’s mission? How do WE partner and collaborate with the ministry staff for mission? What is our structure for empowering and equipping for mission?

Did you catch the emphasis on WE and US? Leadership is communal and it takes time and work. Anxiety-prone conversations must not dominate our time as leaders. Be strong and courageous. It’s more than good advice; it’s a way of being in Christ by the power of the Holy Spirit. Blessings, GDK



Mark Your Calendars—the Basic Needs Garage Sale will be here soon—Preparation days will be Sunday, June 1—Wednesday, June 4th. The actual sale dates will be Thursday, June 5th—Saturday, June 7th. As always, there will be a need for many volunteers. So make your plans and be ready to come help.



Month of January 2025

Individuals	519
Families	133
New	9

Compared to 2023, we saw 1,554 more individuals than we saw in 2024.

Love Basket News

The Love Basket Served 134 Families and 439 Individuals in January



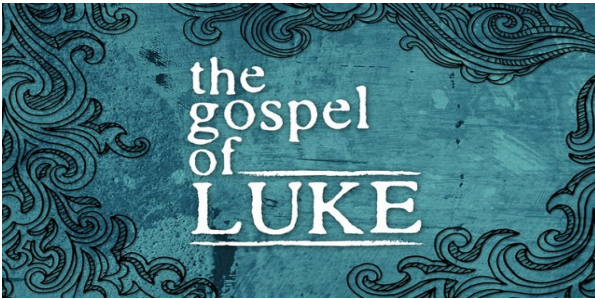
Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: CEREAL, 1 lb BAGS of RICE, 1 lb BAGS of Beans , etc.

Your help is appreciated!

Let’s Fill The Cart & More!



Adult Bible Study Opportunities



On Sunday, 03/23/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium Michael Smith will be teaching and the topic will be "Love Defined Through Sacrifice"

You don't want to miss it.



Young Adult Class

This Sunday, 03/23/2025, 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 the study will be on "Temptations" (Luke 4).



New Bible Study Discussion Class

Doug Young is holding a discussion class in the Family Center at 9:00 a.m. on March 23. 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, 03/26/2025, at 6:30 in their respective class locations. "Spiritual Growth Continues Through The Holy Spirit"



SUNDAY March 23

- March 23: **Adult Class— 9:00 a.m.** In the auditorium Michael Smith will give the lesson he on “Love Defined Through Sacrifice”
- March 23: **Young Adult Class**—Evan McLeroy leads a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- March 23: **Adult Class**—David Bearden leads a class on Godly Parenting Skills on “Family Walk Through the Bible” in the GPS Room
- March 23: **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.”
- March 23: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will preach the lesson on “Spiritual Growth Continues Through The Holy Spirit ”
- March 23: **VBS Meeting**—Immediately following worship service in Room 109

UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 26: **Wednesday Night Meal - Wednesday Night Meal** - at 5:30 p.m. Doritos Taco Salad, Spanish Rice, Sopapilla Cheesecake (recommended price is \$4.00)



- March 27: **Night of Casseroles**—drop off your casserole by 4:45 Stay and help distribute starting at 5:00 until they are all gone



- March 30: **Charles & Kristen Delong** will be here as candidates for the Campus Ministry. They will also have their children with them. (The GPS Class & the Young Adult Class will join the class in the auditorium to hear Charles—also, be sure to come hear him preach and meet this great family.)



- March 30: **The Mission Committee** meets immediately following worship service. A meal will be furnished.

- April 8: **Duracells Meet at NOON** in the Family Center—bring a covered dish to share and be ready for food, fun and fellowship.





Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Susie Barnes; Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Chantelle Mora; Peggy Rice; Mary Havens; Keith Fredrickson ; the family of Jimmie Green; Doug Svien, now in reat home; Theresa Young in hospice

Giving Update

Contribution 03/09/2025	\$ 15,866	Budget for 2025	\$ 12,900
YTD Contribution	\$ 120,433	YTD Budget for 2025	\$ 129,000

Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 93.35% (3/16 numbers will be shared next week)

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

Spring Weekly Schedule

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.

David Bearden is teaching "Answers for Anxiety" on Tuesday Nights



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

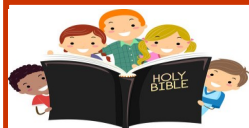


TEENS

Children's Ministry



For ages 3—1st Grade
**Volunteers See
Courtney McGuire**



Children's Bible Lessons

03/23 Sunday Morning at 9:00



There Will Be Children's Church
03/23/2025

The next Children's Ministry Meeting is
April 27



VBS will be here before we know it!
The First VBS Planning Meeting
Will Be On Sunday, March 23rd

There will be a LOT of steps that need to be taken care of between March 23 and the first day of VBS (which will be July 27th)
If you can help any at all, please plan to be at this important meeting.



Youth Devo

Sunday, March 23rd

In The Family Center

5:00—7:00

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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