



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**September 28, 2025**



Thank you to all our wonderful teachers.

For those of you who have sent you

RSVP's

Remember the Appreciation Celebration is

Sunday, 9/28/2025



Fall Shenanigans Coming Soon

Family Center

October 29th

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Women's Fellowship Brunch

October 11, 2025

At the Tri-C

(Campus Ministry Building)

For all ages—all women invited

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Men's Prayer Breakfast

B.E.S.T.

Brothers Earnestly Seeking Truth

Every First Saturday Morning 7:00am

Oct. 4 at Tri-C

(Campus Ministry Building)

Corner of Ollie & Tarleton



It is not simple to live moderation as a preacher because everyone has something they want the preacher to address. I don't say this in a cavalier way. There have been those sleepless nights knowing that my refusal to align with someone or a particular

position on issue would risk being labeled as "too conservative, liberal" or "spineless." Through the years, reasonableness has been a hard road to travel. Think of moderation in terms of reasonableness. *"Let your reasonableness (moderation) be known to everyone; the Lord is at hand" (Phil 4.5, ESV). NRSV translates it as "gentleness." Either way, it is not an expression of extremism.*

*The middle ground, however, is sometimes labeled by those on the far left and far right as weak.*

Taking a stand for what is right, true and healthy is clearly seen in the life of Jesus. Jesus did not mince words to those who turned religion into a set of rules that burdened people (Mt 23). He certainly called out hypocrisy (i.e., the cup that is clean on the outside but dirty on the inside). Yet, mercy, not sacrifice, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you and despitefully use you (Mt 5.44) does not sound like hunker down in your fox hole of extremism. If anything, being extreme in love as manifested as the fruit of the Spirit (Gal 5.23f) is radical—getting at the taproot of God's life. It's not a soft, failure to take a stand posture. To the contrary, it is a willingness to focus on what really matters—the kingdom of God, the gospel and truth as embodied in Jesus Christ applied to every area of life. It takes courage to avoid the extremes, to receive criticism, and to refusing to cater to any agenda of fear, name calling, and labeling.

*Portraying everyone who disagrees as evil, the enemy or worse, someone to hate contaminates one's soul.*

Finally, consider the descriptions of love in 1 Cor 13.4-7. Loving in this way is the greatest challenge in my life—marriage, ministry and with those whom I disagree. Keep in mind, Paul is addressing a divided, immature and polarized church. The problems impacting the church were rooted in the flesh, not the Spirit. They were carnal—"I could not address you as spiritual people, but as people of the flesh, as infants in Christ" 1 Cor 3.1).

**Blessings, GDK**

## Basic Needs Garage Sale is 6 Weeks Away

**Nov. 2—Store Room Clean Out  
(help needed)**

**Nov. 3—Nov. 5 — Set up in the Family Center (help needed)**

**Nov. 6—Nov. 8 — Actual Garage Sale in Family Center (help needed)**

**A Meal Train will be set up when time gets closer (help needed)**

**Bring all your clothes, housewares, linens, NOW. Bring your furniture and larger items on Tuesday, Nov. 4th or Wednesday, Nov. 5th.**



### Month of August 2025

Individuals	586
Families	156
Clothing	129
New Clients	17

**(Numbers increased over last month)**

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**Love Basket News (Dublin)**

**The Love Basket Served 221 Families (8 new) and 713 Individuals in August**



**Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items:**

**15 oz Tomato Sauce**

**Your help is appreciated!**

**Let's Fill The Cart**



**FOSTER'S HOME FOR CHILDREN ANNUAL GOLF TOURNAMENT**

**Friday, October 03, 2025 Canyon West Golf Course**

**160 Club House Dr. Weatherford, TX 76087**

**8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start, Scramble**

**Canyon WEST**

**Bring A Team--\$400 (Includes 4 Players)**

**Individual Player--\$100 Shirt**

**Sponsor--\$3,500**

**Lunch Sponsor--\$1,500**

**Prize Sponsor--\$1,000**

**Cart Sponsor--\$800**

**Hole Sponsor--\$100**

**STICK AROUND AFTER THE TOURNAMENT  
AND ENJOY A CATERED LUNCH, SPECIAL  
AWARDS, AND DOOR PRIZES.**



**Foster's Home for Children's mission is to "provide sanctuary and healing to children of trauma". We are giving you the opportunity to help us make this mission "come true" for more than 50 children and 600 families. Your generous gift will enable us to provide outstanding services for abused, neglected, and hurting children. Thank you in advance for your participation in this event.**

**Ashley Hall VP of Development**

**EACH PLAYER WILL BE ENTITLED TO:  
GREEN AND CART FEES CATERED  
LUNCH A CHANCE TO WIN GREAT  
PRIZES!**

**REGISTER BY SEPTEMBER 25, 2025**

(Registration Forms are on the Bulletin Board in the Church Hallway) or you can register online @ [www.fostershome.org](http://www.fostershome.org)  
-events

-annual golf tournament



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### Upcoming Events

➤ Sunday, September 28th—**The Holy Spirit class** will be in the auditorium. Marion Lewis will be the teacher

➤ Sunday, September 28th—**The Texans for Christ** will meet in room 109. They will use “How To Not Study the Bible” during class.

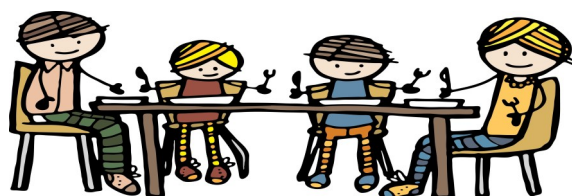


➤ Sunday, September 28th—**The GPS Class** will meet and study how to “Strengthen Marriage”. David & Vicki Bearden will be teaching the class.

➤ Sunday, September 28th, **Doug Young has discussion class**, “Collision or Convergence: Life, The Christian, and God’s Plan” in the Family Center

➤ Sunday, September 28th —**Worship Service begins at 10:00**. The sermon will be on “Labor of Love” from 1 Thessalonians

➤ Wednesday, October 1st, **5:30, Le will serve a delicious meal of Chicken Parmesan, Noodles, Broccoli, Salad & Dessert** in the Family Center (suggested price \$4.00—volunteers are needed and requested to help) 6:30pm children & adult classes



➤ Friday, September 12th—28th **Matthew Stroup** is on his Let’s Start Talking Journey. Continue to cover this mission in prayer.



➤ Saturday, October 3rd: **BEST (Brothers—Earnestly-Seeking-Truth)** will meet at the Tri-C for Breakfast & Prayers 7:00 a.m.



➤ Sunday, October 5th: **Children’s Ministry Meeting** immediately following worship service—Room 109

➤ Thursday, October 9th—**Soup Kitchen at the Family Center**  
Come before 5:30 and help set up—stay and help serve







Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Susie Barnes; Karen Bills; Kenneth Wylie; Chantelle Mora; Theresa Young; Ron Wilhite; Meldeene Elliott, Jody Caudle; Gregg Belcher; Joan Anderson, daughter of Jerry Lindley (recovering from a stroke); Paul & Marilyn Schulze; Martha Fredrickson (had back surgery on Thursday 9/18 in Plano); the family of Cody Bedwell, his younger sister, Caitlyn, passed away after being in an auto accident)

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## Giving Update

Contribution 09/21/2025 \$ 9,822 Budget for 2025 \$ 12,900

YTD Contribution \$ 442,301 YTD Budget for 2025 \$ 490,200

Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 90.22%

Tri-C Parsonage Remodel Budget = \$75,000 \$15,200 Collected Percentage: 20.26%

## Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

- Sun., Sept 28—Class 'How Not to Read the Bible' 9:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept 28—8:00 pm Bible Study Tri-C
- Tues., Sept 30—8:00pm Worship Tri-C
- Sat., Oct 18— 12:30 p.m.—T4C Alumni BBQ
- Sat., Oct 18—Open House for Campus Minister home 2:00 to 4:00



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



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

Youth Group News

### Children's Ministry



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



- Tentative Date, 10/11
- Cross Connect October 12th Breckenridge
- Youth Devo on Sunday, 10/19
- Progressive Dinner on 11/16



Children's Bible Lessons in  
their usual locations at  
9:00 a.m.

Children's  
CHURCH

There **WILL BE** Children's Church 09/28/2025

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Children's Church Teachers Needed! See  
Courtney McGuire or Whitney Oliver if you  
can help!



Shenanigans Party

10/29/2025



Fall Shenanigans

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

### 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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Care News For instant prayer and illness up-  
dates: [office@grahamstreetchurch.com](mailto:office@grahamstreetchurch.com)



**Hit it off with  
Tarleton Volleyball Team**

**Thursday, October 16, 2025  
5:30-7pm**

**Graham Street Church of Christ Family Center.  
Everyone's welcome. Come hungry, leave inspired.  
Contact 254-965-4510 for further details.**

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**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.**

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

**The Mission Committee is sending \$1000 to Gideon Mazambani to help with the expenses for a solar pump on the community well.**

**The Mission Committee and a church member sent funds to Trymore Mutare to help his complete his teaching certificate.**