



# GRAHAM STREET

## CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

04-23-23

### Christian Attitude Toward Government

We will get back to our regular GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) Class this Sunday discussing “Family Commitment” from the book of Romans. This week we will look at our Family Commitment as a church family and household family to the Government, but what should be the Christian Attitude Toward Government? Our study passage in Romans is in chapter 13.

*Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. Therefore, whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment. For rulers are not a terror to good conduct, but to bad.*

*Would you have no fear of the one who is in authority? Then do what is good, and you will receive his approval, for he is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for he does not bear the sword in vain. For he is the servant of God, an avenger who carries out God’s wrath on the wrongdoer. Therefore, one must be in subjection, not only to avoid God’s wrath but also for the sake of conscience. For because of this you also pay taxes, for the authorities are ministers of God, attending to this very thing. Pay to all what is owed to them: taxes to whom taxes are owed, revenue to whom revenue is owed, respect to whom respect is owed, honor to whom honor is owed. (Romans 13:1-7 ESV)*

We really need to add 1 Timothy 2:1-3 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

Some general principles that are stated in these two passages are:

1. God established general governance. (That is not to say that he established the specific government, or the sinfulness of the specific rulers).
2. In general, the Christian should have an attitude of submission to the authority of the governing system in which they live. (The Christian will obey God rather than man if the governing authority is ruling against God, not out of rebellion to being governed, but in submission to God is the greater authority). General resistance to the general authority of government is resistance to God.
3. God’s primary purpose for the authority of government is to rule for the overall good of the governed, which would include laws for the wellbeing of the citizens, punishment of lawbreakers to discourage injustice and oppression of the weak.
4. Support of the government that leads to God’s primary purpose of government through obedience to the laws of the land and paying taxes will help maintain the peace that will allow the advancement of the gospel.
5. Prayer for the governing authorities that will usher in the peace for Kingdom advancement should be a constant prayer of the Christian.

These principles should be taught in our church families. And they should be taught and modeled to our children in our household families.



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## Children's Ministry



9:00am Class

Children's Church Today

Volunteers See Kasey Reed

Children's offering goes to the:

Glenn Moody Fund

**Teachers needed for Summer**



**Next Meeting:  
May 9th**



## Night of 100 Casseroles

Thursday, April 27

Casseroles are given away the last Thursday of each month.

Bring your casseroles to the Family Center between 4-5pm. Distribution starts at 5:00 p.m.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

9:00 AM Class on Sunday



Tarleton Students Ministry



Join us weekly for worship, free lunch, Bible study, and more! Scan the QR code to see how to get involved!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

George Glover; Don Parker;

Dee White;

Bill and Gloria Scott;

Billy Powell;

Jimmie and Carolyn Green



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***MEN'S BACKPACKING TRIP***

*When:*  
June 22-27, 2023

*Where:*  
Rocky Mountains (CO or NM)

*Cost:*  
\$100

**ONLY 7 SPOTS AVAILABLE!!!**


*Contact Taylor Holt if interested.*

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CHURCH OF CHRIST

  
Basic Needs

**Donations @ Green Street Workroom:  
Mon. & Thurs.  
Open: Thursday  
9:30am - 12:00 pm.**

For any hurt,  
habit or hang-up.  
Mon. 6:30pm (FC)



**HOW ARE WE DOING?**

Contribution.....\$7,243  
Budget.....\$11,435  
YTD Contribution.....\$177,895  
YTD Budget.....\$182,960

**Meeting Times**

**Sunday Classes**  
9:00a.m. Class  
10:00a.m. Worship

**Wednesday Classes & Meal**  
Meal: 5:30pm Family Center  
Class: 6:30pm Main Building

**Church Office Hours**  
Mon-Thurs. 9:00 am - 4:00 pm

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**Care News**  
For instant prayer and illness updates:  
office@grahamstreetchurch.com

Jimmie and Carolyn Green suffered a total loss in their house fire. Insurance will not be able to replace and restore all that they lost. They will be staying in a RV while their son is building a new house for them. If you would like to make a donation to help, you can contribute through the church- please make a note that it is for the Green Family.

We are postponing our special missions contribution, scheduled previously for April 16, to give more members an opportunity to help this family in need. The special missions offering will be rescheduled for October 15.

## **Sunday Morning Classes**

Room 109: Grace in the Gray discussion class.

Host: Taylor and Whitney Holt

Room 220: A women's group study of Ruth

Host: Tisha Young

GPS Room: Study of Family Commitment

Host: David Bearden

Auditorium: A study of Romans

Host: Hughbert Collier

## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

### **COLLEGE SUNDAY**

April 30th

### **FAMILY RETREAT**

May 5th-7th

### **NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

May 7th

### **MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH**

May 13th

### **NO CHILDREN'S CHURCH**

May 14th

### **BABY BLESSING**

May 14th

### **BASIC NEEDS GARAGE SALE**

May 13th-20th

### **MEMORIAL TO THE FALLEN**

NO CLASS May 17th

### **CROSS CONNECT RETREAT**

May 19th-21st

### **SENIOR SUNDAY**

May 21st

### **NIGHT OF 100 CASSEROLES**

May 25th

## **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MENU**

April 26  
NO MEAL