



GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

July 13, 2025



Children's Ministry Meeting Sunday, July 13, 2025, immediately following worship service in Room 109

VBS Work Day, Sunday, July 20th following worship service

VBS Work Time, Wednesday, July 23rd, starting at 6:30 during Bible Class Time

Megan Becker will be the coordinator.

Special screening package for \$129 for our members includes:

- ♥ Carotid Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Atrial Fibrillation Screening
- ♥ Peripheral Artery Disease Screening
- ♥ Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm Screening

Call to schedule an appointment near you!
800-324-9458 and use code: **HABC001**



Life Line Screening at the Family Center, Friday, July 18 from 8:00 to 6:00. Call the number listed above for pricing and scheduling an appointment.

(Church members get a discount. Be sure to tell them you are a Graham Street Church of Christ member when you make your appointment.)

Charlie, Kristen, Oakley, Rosalie and Lane DeLong are officially Stephenville residents. Their temporary address will be:

1205 Prairie Wind Blvd

Stephenville, TX 76401

The house on Sloan Street is undergoing some updates and the DeLongs will move in it once the work is complete. Mail will be received at the Sloan Street address.

Please welcome the DeLong family! (Charlie will be preaching on Sunday, 7/13/2025.)





The Gospel

The longer a church—a congregation of God's people exists, the more it needs the gospel. Here's what I mean. Churches tend to default to com-

fort, convenience and solidified relationships that turn inward and exclusive. Most of the time it is an unintentional saturation of relationships and lack of awareness. After all, they are just my friends. True. But gospel informed friendships take on new meaning and purpose. It's about God's mission, not maintenance for our own preservation.

This is why the gospel must be preached, taught and applied to the church, consistently. Consider Paul's emphasis on the gospel in every church he addresses in his letters. Such is the case for Peter as well. At the heart of the gospel is Jesus—his death, burial and resurrection. The cross of Christ is code for DBR. This is why the language of discipleship is one of death... "I have been crucified with Christ and the life I now live I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave his life for me" (Gal 2.20). It is a connected to ethics, doctrine, marriage and all relationships. It is gospel all the way. When we reduce the gospel to "getting to heaven" and baptism as a fire escape, we miss the point. Baptism is a serious call to discipleship.

From my work with congregations in HOPE Network, the #1 challenge with established churches is about God's mission, the Gospel again. And #2 is always leadership values and culture.

How is your gospel intelligence and focus for the sake of the gospel of God's kingdom?

I highly commend two books for re-focusing on the gospel and mission. Both are available on Amazon.

***The Gospel Precisely* by Matthew Bates**

***We Are On a Mission from God: Now, what do we do?* by Dan Bouchelle.**

Does your church need the gospel, preached, and applied, again? 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 141 Families (9 new)
and 372 Individuals in June**



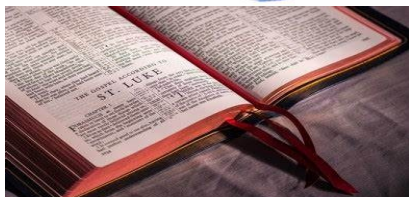
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URGENT need for
these items:
TOILETRIES, Your help
is appreciated!
Let's Fill The Cart
& More!**



Adult Bible Study Opportunities



Marion Lewis is teaching a Bible Class this Sunday on “The Holy Spirit” in Room 109.



Hughbert Collier will continue teaching from the Gospel of Luke in the auditorium.

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Ladies' & Men's Wednesday Night Bible Class

The Men's & Women's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, 07/16/2025, 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.

Our VBS committee is looking to borrow a few things for VBS that someone might have around the house. If you have one of these items and wouldn't mind loaning it to us, please let me know. If we do borrow it, we will ask you to mark your name on it so we won't forget who it goes to! Thank you!!

Old Blankets
Old Lamp
Rugs
End Table

Afgans
Lantern
Small Tent
Tan/Brown Sheets

Fake Trees
Ark of the Covenant
Cherubim
Incense Burners

End Table Decor
Fake Logs



VBS Sign Up

**Journey To The Promised Land—VBS
sign-ups
July 27-30**

6:00-8:00 (3 years old—6th grade)

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Salad Luncheon



Tuesday, July 15: Salad Luncheon for Widows & Single Ladies— In the Family Center at Noon

Bring a salad or a dessert



Thursday, July 17: Community Food Pantry in the First Baptist Church Parking Lot— come before 5:00 and help set up—stay and help distribute the groceries

Friday, July 18: LifeLine Screening at the Family Center from 8:00 to 6:00 (see front page of newsletter for more details)

Sunday, July 27—Wednesday, July 30 VBS Journey To The Promised Land

VBS sign-ups

6:00-8:00 (3 years old—6th grade)

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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; Lonnie Jenschke, who lost his mother, Shirley Jenschke; Lisa Rose, who's father, Bobby Robertson, passed away—her mother, Ruby asks for your prayers as well; Cody Bedwell; Kelly Elston's parents, L V & Audrey Faulkner; Matthew Stroup's mother passed away

Giving Update

Contribution 07/06/2025 \$ 17,466 Budget for 2025 \$ 12,900

YTD Contribution \$ 316,486 YTD Budget for 2025 \$ 348,300

Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 90.86%

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

Charlie, his wife, Kristen, and their children, Lane, Rosalie and Oakley,
are officially here!

Charlie preach the sermon on July 13th.

We are thrilled and excited for the DeLong family to join us!



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

7/13 Sunday Morning at 9:00



There Will Be Children's Church
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SENIOR TRIP

2025 High School Senior Trip:
July 14—July 18



Micah Bowers was
baptized on 6/17/2025.
You can write Micah to
send blessings at:
649 Bluebonnet,
Stephenville 76401

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

Phone 254-965-4510

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office@grahamstreetchurch.com

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Christ—Stephenville Tx

Address 312 N. Graham St.
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.

