



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**February 23, 2025**

## **2025 Goal Areas #11 & #12**

### **#11 Adult Bible Teaching (2 Timothy 3:15-17)**

Even with all the digital and online opportunities to access and study the Bible, Bible literacy is on an all time high in our country. Knowing God's Word is not a high priority, even in Christian homes. With all the school activities available to our children, parents feel guilty if they say "no" to their children so they can spend time in the Word. And of course there is television, streaming, gaming and social media. And parents often don't set the example of making reading and studying the Scripture as important. As a church honoring the sacred Scriptures we are not only honoring them, we must present them in a manner that excite children about getting into the Bible, and to do this we make it exciting and meaningful to their parents and other adults. We must have Adult Bible Classes that dig in deep into the Word of God with practical life applications and eternal life rewards.

### **#12 Love and Build Up One Another (Ephesians 4:11-16)**

*"And he gave the apostles, the prophets, the evangelists, the shepherds and teachers, to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, until we all attain to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to mature manhood, to the measure of the stature of the fullness of Christ, so that we may no longer be children, tossed to and fro by the waves and carried about by every wind of doctrine, by human cunning, by craftiness in deceitful schemes. Rather, speaking the truth in love, we are to grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, from whom the whole body, joined and held together by every joint with which it is equipped, when each part is working properly, makes the body grow so that it builds itself up in love."*

*(Hebrews 10:23-25) "Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (2 Corinthians 13:11) "Finally, brothers, rejoice. Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you."*

**David Bearden**



**The Minister & Church Relationship**

**It didn't take me long in my early years in ministry to realize that making people happy by fulfilling expectations was impossible.** It didn't matter if it was being youth minister, associate, or preacher, expectations are denser than stars in the universe. Some were always disappointed and had the perception that ministers were not just servants of the Lord but enslaved people for members' every whim and need. Furthermore, despite the direct communication principle from Jesus (Mt 18.15-27), disappointments were seldom expressed directly to the minister in the spirit of listening and seeking understanding. Instead, it was more like "tattling to the elders" with the expectation to guide the minister to better servanthood. Worse, if not in alignment with the member's expectations, the contribution would be withheld. Yes. It's true. Immature and spiritual sabotage, for sure. Jesus understood the expectations and the heart of *some people*.

**No matter what a minister may try to do, for some people, it's never enough, correct or timely.** Then, there is the whole understanding of what ministers do, which most church members do not factor in as ministry. Here are some of the things that go beyond public preaching and teaching.

- Making hospital visits, phone calls, text messages—acts of concern and care.
- Private, confidential conversations with members—bearing another's burden
- Contacting guests at the assemblies and following up with conversations.
- Being present for families at the hospital or home when a loved one passes.
- Coordinating funeral services and necessary communication. Working with families and preparing for a funeral service takes 6-8 hours.
- Performing weddings, which include pre-marital sessions. It averages 8-12 hours.
- Planning and executing special events and all the details of involving others.
- Writing, researching, or facilitating curriculum consistent with the church mission.
- Special requests from elders that takes time.
- Responding to a crisis as a point person for the church.

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**The Minister & Church Relationship Continued**  
**And then there is Ministry 101: time to read, study, think, and pray.**

Being a husband, father, and, in some cases, grandfather is essential to this priority.

**Most ministries are *behind the scenes*, one person and project at a time.** There is no reason for a lazy minister. Still, when ministry is only understood by what happens on Sunday morning, we have no clue about the amount of responsibility, emotion, and energy it takes.

**Nothing replaces being present and available.** It's true for ministers and church members alike. A good conversation led by listening is a good starting point. Blessings, Grady King



**Month of January 2025**

Individuals	519
Families	133
New	9

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

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Love Basket News

**The Love Basket Served 134 Families and 439 Individuals in January**



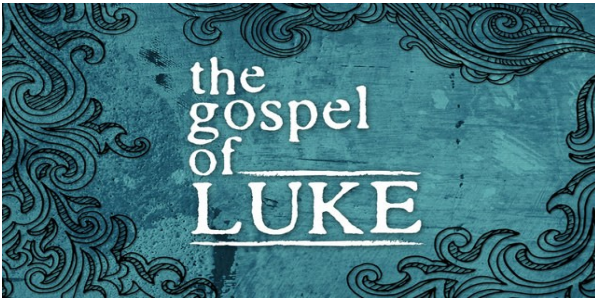
**Basic Needs has an URGENT need for these items: CEREAL, chicken, TUNA, shampoo, deodorant & all other Toiletries are also needed, etc.**

**Your help is appreciated!**

**Let's Fill The Cart & More!**



**Adult Bible Study Opportunities**



**On Sunday, 02/23/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium Doug Svien will be teaching. He is filling in for Hughbert and is continuing the in-depth study of The Gospel of Luke.**

**You don't want to miss it. These are important lessons about the life and teaching of Jesus.**



**Young Adult Class**

**This Sunday, 02/23/2025, 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 "Inherited Characteristics" (Luke 3).**



**New Bible Study Discussion Class**

**Doug Young is holding a discussion class in the Family Center at 9:00 a.m. on February 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, 02/26/2025, at 6:30 in their respective class locations. "Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Negativity"**



## SUNDAY February 23

- February 23: **Adult Class— 9:00 a.m.** In the auditorium Doug Svien is teaching the series on The Gospel According to Luke
- February 23: **Young Adult Class**—Evan McLeroy leads a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- February 23: **Adult Class**—David Bearden leads a class on Godly Parenting Skills on “Family Walk Through the Bible” in the GPS Room
- February 23: **New Sunday Morning Bible Discussion Class**— 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center Doug Young will be the facilitator and the class is titled: “Collision or Convergence: Life, the Christian, and God’s Plan.”
- February 23: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will preach the lesson on “Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Negativity”
- February 23: **Children’s Ministry Committee** meets immediately following worship service in Room 109

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 26: **Wednesday Night Meal** - at 5:30 p.m.  
Dirty Rice, Pinto Beans, Cream Style Corn, Dessert  
(recommended price is \$4.00)



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

### Casseroles



- February 28: **Father/Daughter Night**—It’s time to sign up for Father Daughter Night using the link below. We’re requesting some slightly different items this year. Please consider signing up.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0D4DA5A92DAAFE52-54828932-father>

- March 2: **Cross Connect for the Youth Group** at the Family Center starting at 3:00

- March 2: **Baby Shower for Janell Bierman** at the Tri-C from 2:00 to 4:00







Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Jody Caudle; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Micaela Moore; Kenneth Wylie; Chantelle Mora; Craig Barnes; Jimmy Green; Peggy Rice (mother of Margie Copeland); Mary Havens; Keith Fredrickson now in rehab—home soon

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**Giving Update**

<b>Contribution 02/16/2025</b>	<b>\$ 7,911</b>	<b>Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>YTD Contribution</b>	<b>\$ 79,695</b>	<b>YTD Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$</b>

**Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget**

**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.

Beginning Tuesday, February 25, David Bearden teaches "Answers for Anxiety"

Campus Encounter in Stillwater, OK, February 28—March 1



**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**





Duracells Get Together, Noon, 2/11/2025



From the City Manager of Stephenville  
Dear Property Owner/Resident on Tarleton Street,

On March 8, 2025, Tarleton Students will host their annual Tarleton Round Up in conjunction with the 125th year Tarleton Celebration. Students will volunteer that day throughout the community to help residents make minor improvements to their residence by raking leaves, trimming trees, cleaning flowerbeds or hauling off bulk items. We encourage you to participate.

If you have a project that fits the description above, please contact Tarleton Round Up at 254-968-1657 or send an email to [rounup@tarleton.edu](mailto:rounup@tarleton.edu) requesting your project to be considered. This service is at no cost to you. Tarleton students use this day to “give back” to the community and its residents. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, February 19th.

From, Jason King, City Manager

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22nd Annual Auction  
March 1, 2025

Outdoor Auction Starts at 9:00 a.m.

\$5.00 Lunch Starts at 11:30 a.m.

Live/Silent Auction from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Vehicles, Etc. To Follow



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



02/23 Sunday Morning at 9:00



There Will Be Children's Church  
02/23/2025

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Children's Ministry Committee Meets 2/23/2025  
immediately following worship service in  
Room 109



*Daddy/Daughter Night*  
*February 28, 2025*  
*Family Center*

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Youth Devo on Sunday, February 23, 2025  
Cross-Connect Sunday, March 2nd  
3:00 p.m. in the Family Center

### Camps for 2025:

June 1-5 Cisco

June 8-13 Encounter (Lubbock)

June 15—21 Bandina

### 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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