

GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

Rooted - Growing - Reaching

September 21, 2025

Casseroles



Night of Casseroles
Thursday, 9/25/2025
Bring your casseroles to Family Center by
4:45—stay and help distribute starting at 5:00
until they are all gone



Fall Shenanigans Coming Soon
Family Center
October 29th

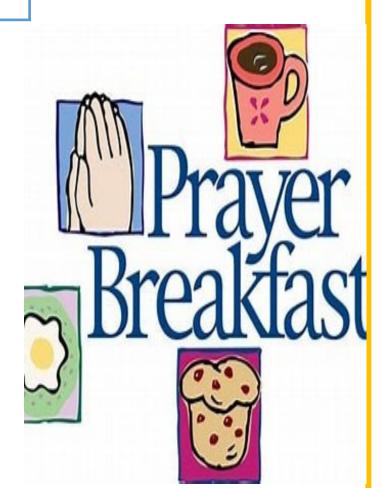
Men's Prayer Breakfast B.E.S.T.

Brothers Earnestly Seeking Truth
Every First Saturday Morning
7:00am

Oct. 4 at Tri-C

(Campus Ministry Building)

Corner of Ollie & Tarleton







I am drawn to the Psalms—for different reasons and seasons of life; such is the The Psalter (150 Psalms). It is God's people praising, yearning, crying out, pleading, questioning and yes, even complain-

ing. Yes, there is a lot of celebrating the goodness, faithfulness and righteousness of God as well.

The language is visceral and at times, disturbing. Not every Psalm is tied up in a nice bow of everything working out alright. And then there are a few Psalms that are punctuated by vengeance—at least the desire for God to take vengeance on those that hurt, oppress and kill others. Hmm.

Several of the Psalms are written in the context of "enemies" of David and Israel. In fact, 74 times "enemies" are mentioned in the Psalms. Far from polite poetry, the Psalms (songs/prayers/cries) of God's people deal with real pain and suffering in the trenches of life, the dark nights of the soul and helplessness in the face of evil.

I cannot control evil. Violence begets violence. Revenge is all consuming. Bitterness of the soul poisons mind, body and spirit.

This is why having a good foundation of rock solid hope in Christ and investing in spiritual growth will sustain us when we are disgusted by the atrocities of evil and the taking of lives. It happens to someone or group of people everyday around the world. It's just when it hits close to home that our shock and disgust is awakened.

Then, Jesus says, "love your enemies" and I jump back into Psalms because on this day, I don't want to live "love your enemies!"

It's time to go to worship with all the stuff going on in my body, soul and spirit.

"Lord, help!" In the name of Jesus Christ, who loved and died for . . . Amen!

Blessings, GDK



Basic Needs Has Their Own Phone Number Now 254-965-5552



Month of August 2025

Individuals 586
Families 156
Clothing 129
New Clients 17

(Numbers increased over last month)

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
& More!



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

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 -events

-annual golf tournament



Upcoming Events

- Sunday, September 21st—The Holy Spirit class will be in the auditorium. Marion Lewis will be the teacher
- Sunday, September 21st—The Texans for Christ will meet in room 109. They will use "How To Not Study the Bible" during class.



- Sunday, September 21st—The GPS Class will meet and study how to "Strengthen Marriage". David & Vicki Bearden will be teaching the class.
- Sunday, September 21st, Doug Young has discussion class, "Collision or Convergence: Life, The Christian, and God's Plan" in the Family Center
- Sunday, September 21st Worship Service begins at 10:00. The sermon will be on "Work of Faith" from 1 Thessalonians
- Wednesday, September 24th, 5:30, Le will serve a delicious meal of Tamale Pie, Hominy, Sopapilla Cheesecake in the Family Center (suggested price \$4.00—volunteers are needed and requested to help) 6:30pm children & adult classes



Thursday, September 25th—Night of Casseroles— Bring your casserole to the Family Center by 4:45—stay and help distribute the casseroles starting at 5:00 until they are all gone



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



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, moved to assisted living: The Preston of the Park Cities, 5917 Sherry Lane, Dallas, TX. 75225; 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 last week after being in an auto accident)

Giving Update

Contribution 09/14/2025 \$ 8,319 Budget for 2025 \$ 12,900

YTD Contribution \$ 432,479 YTD Budget for 2025 \$ 477,300

Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 90.61%

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

Texans For Christ Campus Ministry

- Sun., Sept 21—Class 'How Not to Read the Bible' 9:00 a.m.
- Sun., Sept 21—8:00 pm Bible Study Tri-C
- Tues., Sept 23—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

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Youth Group News

Children's Ministry



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



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



There WILL BE Children's Church 09/21/2025

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





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





- Youth Devo on Sunday, 9/21 from 5:00 to
 7:00 at the home of Bob & Darla Doty
- Six Flags Tentative Date, 10/11
- Cross Connect October 12th Breckenridge
- Youth Devo on Sunday, 10/19
- Progressive Dinner on 11/16

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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MISSIONS

Matthew Stroup Is Traveling in Argentina with <u>Let's Start Talking</u> (Here is Matthew's story & how you can help)

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.



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.

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.

There are discretionary funds in Basic Needs to help our congregation members in times of need.

This fund is nearly depleted for 2025. See Deborah Swanson if you want to help replenish it.



