



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

December 29, 2024



12/29/2024		12/29/2024
10:00 a.m. Worship		10:00 a.m. Worship
12/29/2024		12/29/2024



The Air



The air is crisp this Sunday morning.

The earth waits for the sun.

Skies blue.

Squirrels scurry.

Cats roam.

Birds dart.

The air is crisp this Sunday morning.

Deep breath.

Be still my soul.

Accept mystery.

Trust the Lord.

Listen. Learn. Love. Be grateful.

Pray always.

The air is crisp this Sunday morning.

Not my will but yours, O Lord!

One moment at a time. Thank you, Lord!

Blessings, GDK

*Praise God,*  
FROM WHOM  
*All Blessings*  
FLOW

Basic Needs News



Month of November 2024

Individuals	413
Families	112
New	9

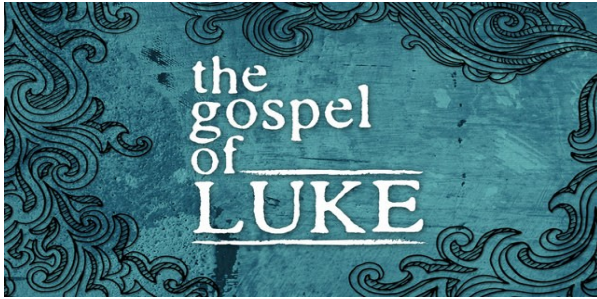
Basic Needs Food Pantry and Clothing store will be closed and we will not be accepting donations December 20th - 27th. We will be open and start accepting donations December 30th, 31st then be closed January 1st. The food pantry and clothing store will be open regular hours beginning 01/02.



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, 12/29/2024, the 9:00 a.m. classes will not be held. Please join us for worship at 10:00 a.m. in the auditorium.**



**Young Adult Class**

This Sunday, 12/29/2024, there will not be class. Please join us in the auditorium at 10:00 a.m. for worship service.



**GPS Class**

David Bearden has been leading the Godly Parenting Skills class in the GPS room. **The class will begin meeting again in January.** Please attend the Adult Class in the Auditorium until the GPS Class resumes. (See Page 5 for more details)



**Ladies' & Men's Wednesday Night Bible Class**

**There will not be a Wednesday Night Class on 1/01/2025. Stay Safe In Your Holiday Travels.**



**Sunday's Sermon Will Be Led by David Bearden  
The topic is "Let's Make 2025 a Year of Renewal"**



### O Come Let Us Adore Him 2024 Advent Reflections

Advent is a time to make room in the inn of our hearts to receive Christ anew. This collection of daily scripture readings and reflections includes contributions of pastors and ministry workers from over 10 different congregations of various denominations across Erath County.

This great ecumenical collection represents the desire for unity in Christ among all his followers as we unit to celebrate the birth of our shared King.

We pray that these reflections will be an inspiration and encouragement for all the faithful who wish to come and adore our Lord at the manger with us this season.

40 Days of Daily Devotional Readings begins Thanksgiving Day. **We are asking for a donation of \$5.00 to cover the cost of printing and shipping. Find them on the Welcome Table in the Lobby.**



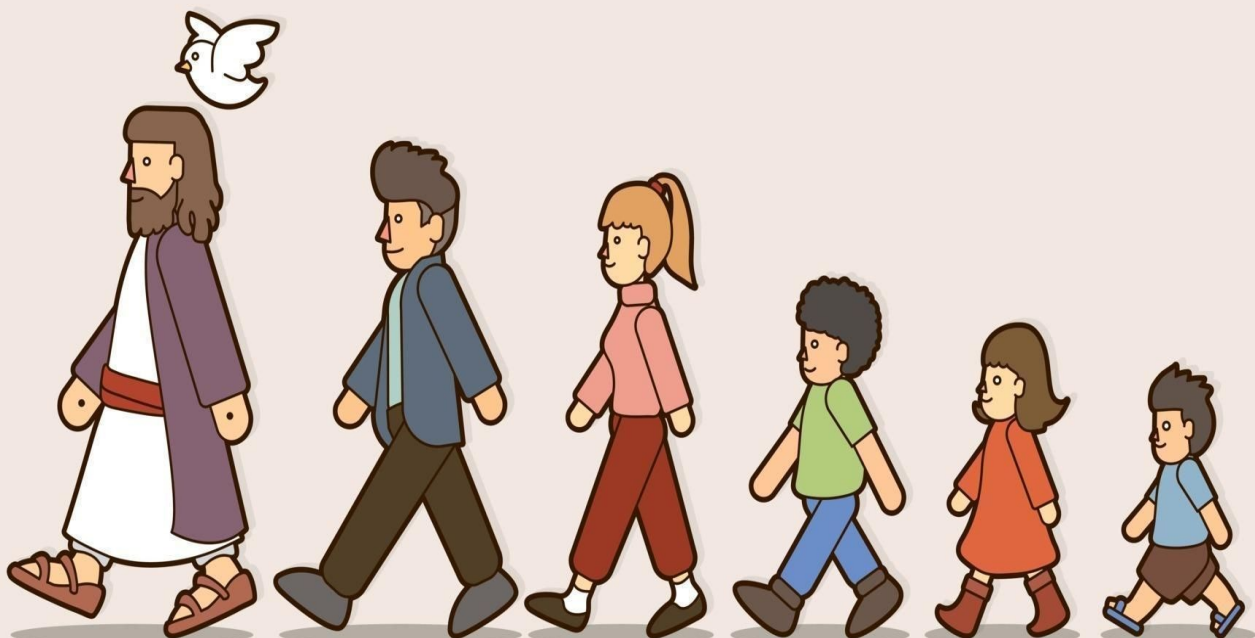


**Our 2025 Sunday Morning GPS Class**



**GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) – David and Vicki Bearden - GPS Room**

**GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) will start back January 5 as one of our Adult Bible Class offerings at 9:00 Sunday Mornings in the GPS room on the 3<sup>rd</sup> level of the education wing. Our Lead Minister, David Bearden, will be leading the class on a "Family Walk through the Bible." As the class receives a summary of the books of the Bible, they will also learn God's principles from each book for building stronger marriages and families, and practice fun parenting principles using application games, story time, children's application sheets, and other exercises that will help parents make the Bible come alive for their children. Since the children are already studying Luke on Wednesday nights to prepare for LTC, the Family Walk through the Bible will start with the Gospel of Luke this semester.**







SUNDAY December 29

➤ December 29: **NO 9:00 a.m. Adult & Children Classes**

➤ December 29: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will preach the lesson on “Let’s Make 2025 a Year of Renewal”

UPCOMING EVENTS

➤ January 1: **Wednesday Night Meal** - There will not be a meal this week on Wednesday Night

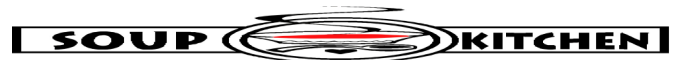


➤ January 5: **Sunday Morning Classes** will resume at 9:00 a.m. in their usual locations

➤ January 5: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 a.m.

➤ January 8: **Wednesday Night Meals** resume at 5:30

➤ January 9: **Soup Kitchen** at 5:00 in the Family Center



➤ January 16: **Community Food Pantry** in the First Baptist Church Parking Lot



The Church Office will be closed December 24, 2024, through January 1, 2025.





Fred & Cathey Alvord and their son-in-law, Jimmy Robison; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Jody Caudle; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Micaela Moore; Ken & Shirley Evans; Becky Norris; Kenneth Wylie, room 309 in Mulberry Manor; Chantelle Mora; Pam Clayton; Dorothy Christian; Susie Barnes; Jimmy Green

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**Giving Update**

**Contribution 12/22/2024**    \$    8,750      **Budget for 2024**            \$    12,900

**YTD Contribution**                    \$    626,122      **YTD Budget for 2024**        \$    657,900

**Percentage of YTD Contribution Budget 95.17%**



**Texans For Christ Campus Ministry**

**We Welcome Back Tarleton**

**Students on Sunday,**

**January 19, 2025**



**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**





Heart | Soul | Mind | Strength  
Graham Street Youth Group



# TEENS

## Children's Ministry



For ages 3, 4 & 5  
\*Volunteers See  
Courtney McGuire\*



### Children's Bible Lessons

01/05 Sunday Morning at 9:00



### There Will Not Be Children's Church 12/29

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Children's Offering goes to Glenn Moody Bible Fund which provides Bibles for many who do not have one.



### Wednesday Night Meal

There will not be a Wednesday Night Meal on

01/01/2025



Thank you to the Gilley family for hosting the Youth Group Christmas Party.

Jan. 17—19 Winterfest

### 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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### The Good News

***Luke 9:1-6 (ESV) And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. And he said to them, "Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them." And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.***

***Christmas is a time for sharing joy and good news. The Gospel, the euangelion in Greek, was the term used in the New Testament, meaning "glad tidings." You can easily see from this word comes our English word "evangelize," which is often used to describe church mission work, or the sharing about Jesus with non-Christians. The Christmas season is a great time to practice "evangelism," and to remind ourselves, in the process, that it really should be Good News from God that we share.***

***Although the season of Advent is just a four-week period focused on the coming of Jesus into the world as a baby to be our Savior and King, and to remind us that our Lord will come again, it would be beneficial for us to also remember that the "Good News Gospel" started a long time ago.***

***The "Good News Gospel" began in the Garden of Eden as God dealt with Adam and Eve's sin with the hope that someday another woman's child would defeat Satan and Sin's Curse. The Good News was in the prophecy to Abraham that his seed would bless all nations. It was part of Moses message that a prophet like him would one day deliver God's people again with greater authority than his. The Gospel message was in the promise to King David that one of his descendants would be seated upon his throne to reign over all forever! And the "Good News Gospel" was in Isaiah's message of a Savior and Messianic Kingdom that would bring hope to the oppressed and downtrodden, and freedom to those enslaved to sin. And although separated by many years, the prophet Malachi joined Isaiah in sharing the Good News of a Messenger who would go before the Messiah and prepare the way for the King and the new Kingdom by preaching repentance.***

***And then on that glorious night of Jesus' entrance into the world, the angels of God proclaimed the Good News to the shepherds in the fields, and they shared it as far as they could travel. Then the day came for the Messiah to begin His ministry with the simple clear message, the "Good News Gospel" message, "the Kingdom of God is near." Even after His death and resurrection and before His ascension back to the Father, His commission for His Apostles was a call to proclaim the Good News all over the world. And now it is our commission in this season of joy and hope, to not waste a moment sharing anything less than that which is Good Newsworthy, the Gospel that a Savior has come, Jesus Christ the Lord, the Son of God!***

**David Bearden**

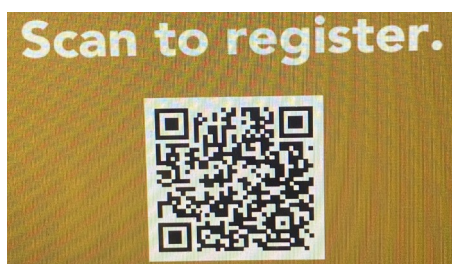


## **Harding University School of Theology**

### **Church Audit**

**Since our congregation supports HST with \$1,200 or more per year, you are eligible to audit select classes for \$75 per course and learn from world-class professors. Times are listed in Central Standard Time.**

**Spring 2025 ONLINE AND IN-PERSON 501-279-4747**



**BNEW 5231: Gospel of Mark — Dr. Je Peterson Mondays, 1-3:45 p.m. (begins Jan. 13) This course covers the history of interpretation, introductory matters, analysis of structure and major themes, and exegesis. Special emphasis is given to the relationship between Mark's understanding of Christology and discipleship.**

**BNEW 5200: New Testament Survey — Dr. Peter Rice Tuesdays, 8:15-10:55 a.m. (begins Jan. 14) Designed to familiarize students with the basic content of the entire New Testament, this course gives special emphasis to structure and basic themes of each book. Spring 2025 ONLINE AND IN-PERSON 501-279-4747 Scan to register. If your congregation supports HST with \$1,200 or more per year, you are eligible to audit select classes for \$75 per course and learn from world-class professors. Times are listed in Central Standard Time.**

**BMIS 5920: Multicultural Ministry — Matthew Love, M.Div. Tuesdays, 6-8:45 p.m. (begins Jan. 14) Building on a biblical theology of diversity, hospitality, reconciliation and inclusion, this course will study issues of leadership, worship and evangelism in a multicultural church. Students will survey models of multicultural churches and experience application to various ministries through a field education experience and case studies.**

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