



# GRAHAM STREET CHURCH OF CHRIST

**Rooted - Growing - Reaching**

**January 26, 2025**

## **2025 Goal Areas - #2 Develop Leadership**

Looking to the future, we need to develop more leaders. We have agreed to work with a pilot program called, HOPE Network Ministries Congregational Leadership Initiative (CLI). The following is an explanation of the program by HOPE Network:

As HOPE Network Ministries has worked with churches across North America we've heard a common concern, "We need to raise up next generation shepherds and leaders." In response, we've created a program to intentionally prepare a new generation of congregational leaders. We will work with a small group of your hand selected members and spouses to:

- Deepen discipleship and spiritual foundations
- Establish congregational leadership commitments within their work-life balance
- Strengthen emotional intelligence
- Introduce healthy leadership skills – discernment, church leadership models, systems
- Understanding
- Expand theological foundations
- Explore critical cultural topics unique to your congregational setting

### **Overview**

The CLI program consists of weekly, one-hour online sessions, led by experienced leaders from HOPE Network Ministries. Over the course of 12 months, participants will engage in a series of carefully curated topical units, designed to build key leadership skills. Throughout the program you will have one primary HOPE Network contact who will oversee the training. Each core unit will be facilitated by a subject-matter expert, ensuring that you receive top-tier instruction from the best in the field. The core units can be augmented with special interest units designed to explore important topics within your congregational setting.

Our Elders and I will go through the training along some next generation leaders and staff with the purpose of developing the Graham Street Church leadership, and to help HOPE Network fine tune the program. As the training continues we will enlarge the circle of leaders to be trained in various levels of ministry. Please be in prayer and willing to participate as we train and develop current and future leaders.

**David Bearden**



And Then There is This



And then there is this... Insurance is expensive. Fine print protects the company. It doesn't matter if it is home, auto, life and health related, in particular.

My/our medical journey this past year has made it very clear—If you don't have an advocate, you're in trouble. You are merely a number on a page, subject to the algorithm's and statistics of what is best for the company. Decisions are made by someone who is only reviewing records without any dialog or conversation with the patient. Doctors are as frustrated as the patient with medical insurance, constant paper work in negotiating fees for services, meds, etc.

Both insurance and pharmaceutical companies have way too much power. It's profit over people in the name of research and being helpful.

Of course, 25 million people in the United States have no health insurance. I am grateful we do have some. Something tells me anyone reading this understands. I can't fix it. Doubtful that a new president or congress will fix it either. Enough said. Now, back to being positive. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Prov 3.5

Blessings, GK

Basic Needs News



The Current Plan for the Next  
Basic Needs Garage Sale  
June 1—4—Set up & Preparation  
June 5—7 Actual Sale  
Mark Your Calendars



Month of December 2024

Individuals	483
Families	132
New	14

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



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

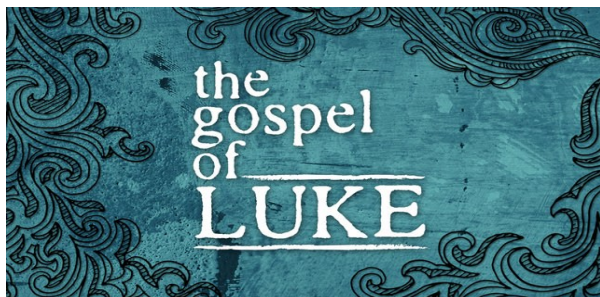
Your help is appreciated!

Let's Fill The Cart & More!

**BASIC NEEDS**



### Adult Bible Study Opportunities



On Sunday, 01/26/2025, at 9:00 a.m. in the auditorium Hughbert Collier will be teaching. Hughbert 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, 01/26/2025, at 9:00 in Room 109, join Evan McLeroy as he leads the discussion on "Discipleship 101".



### GPS Class

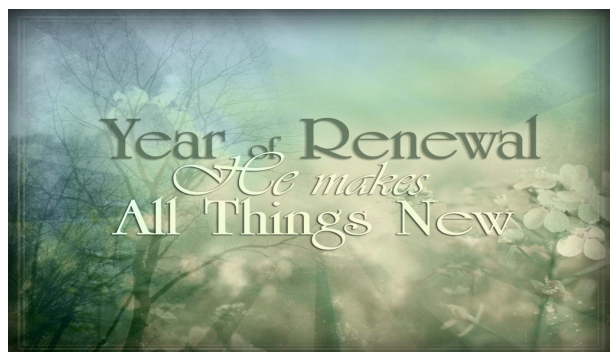
David Bearden has been leading the Godly Parenting Skills class in the GPS room. **The class is meeting this Sunday, January 26th and will be studying "Family Walk Through the Bible".**

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

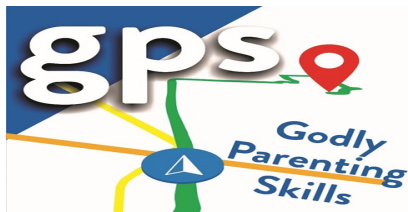
The Men's & Women's Bible Class will meet on Wednesday, 1/29/2025, at 6:30 in their respective class locations. "Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Sin"



Sunday's Sermon Will Be Led by David Bearden  
The topic is ""Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Sin"



### Our 2025 Sunday Morning GPS Class



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

GPS (Godly Parenting Skills) has started back 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.



**Doug Young is starting a new Sunday Morning Bible Discussion Class. Participants will determine the topics at the first meeting at 9:00 a.m. Sunday Morning, February 2nd, in the Family Center.**



Two young ladies were baptized on Sunday, 1/19/2025, following Winterfest. You can reach Jasmine Amos at 1209 N. Dale Avenue, Stephenville, TX 76401. You can reach Kaitlyn Robledo, at 140 Tennessee Drive, Stephenville, TX 76401. Please welcome them to our church family!



## SUNDAY January 26

- January 26: **Adult Class— 9:00 a.m.** In the auditorium Hughbert Collier is teaching the series on The Gospel According to Luke
- January 26: **Young Adult Class**—Evan McLeroy leads a discussion on “Discipleship” in Room 109
- January 26: **Adult Class**—David Bearden leads a class on Godly Parenting Skills on Family Walk Through the Bible in the GPS Room
- January 26: **Sunday Morning Worship** at 10:00 AM David Bearden will preach the lesson on “Obstacles to Spiritual Growth—Sin”

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- January 29: **Wednesday Night Meal** - at 5:30 p.m.  
Fish Sticks, Fries, Slaw & Peach Cobbler  
(recommended price is \$4.00)



- January 30: **Night of Casseroles** —Drop off your casserole by 4:45. Stay and help distribute them starting at 5:00



- February 2: **New Sunday Morning Bible Discussion Class**— 9:00 a.m. in the Family Center

- Bible February 4: **Men’s Annual Chili Cookoff**—6:30 p.m. in the Family Center (contact Larry Herrington)



- February 11: **Duracells Meet**—Note Special Time: Meeting at lunch! Bring a potluck to share—we will play Valentine Bingo!



- February 28: **Father/Daughter Night**—more details soon!

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



Fred & Cathey Alvord; Billy & Linda Powell; Courtney Clayton; Jody Caudle; Mischelle Oliver; Ricky Caudle; Mildred Buchanan; Karen Bills; Micaela Moore; Kenneth Wylie, room 309 in Mulberry Manor; Chantelle Mora; Pam Clayton; Susie Barnes; Jimmy Green; Peggy Rice (mother of Margie Copeland); Mary Havens

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**Giving Update**

<b>Contribution 01/19/2025</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>8,823</b>	<b>Budget for 2025</b>	<b>\$</b>
<b>YTD Contribution</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>27,450</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.

Also Bible Study on Tuesdays, at 8:00 p.m. in the Tri-C.

There will be a Super Bowl Party—Details Soon!



**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—1st Grade  
*\*Volunteers See  
Courtney McGuire\**



### Children's Bible Lessons

01/12 Sunday Morning at 9:00



### There Will Be Children's Church 1/26/2025

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Children's Offering goes to Glenn Moody Bible Fund which provides Bibles for many who do not have one. The Children gave \$4,364.98 in 2024.



*Daddy/Daughter Night  
February 28, 2025  
Family Center  
Mark Your Celndars*



Youth Devo - Starts Sunday, January 26th  
From 5:00 to 7:00 in the Family Center  
Super Bowl Party 2/9/2025

Cross Connect in Brownwood on 2/16/2025

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

Phone 254-965-4510

### Website/Email

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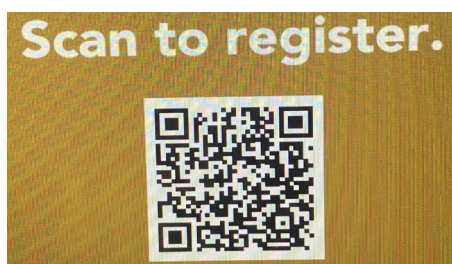


## **Harding University School of Theology**

### **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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