

# GRACE NOTES

Grace Bible Fellowship

Gunter, Texas

December 2014



**THE GIVING TREE:** GBF has been given the opportunity to help local families in need. **HOW TO HELP:** The tree located in the sanctuary will be covered with ornament style tags with specific items that you can purchase to help provide this family with a wonderful Christmas (similar to how the Salvation Army Angel Tree works).

**WHAT TO DO:**

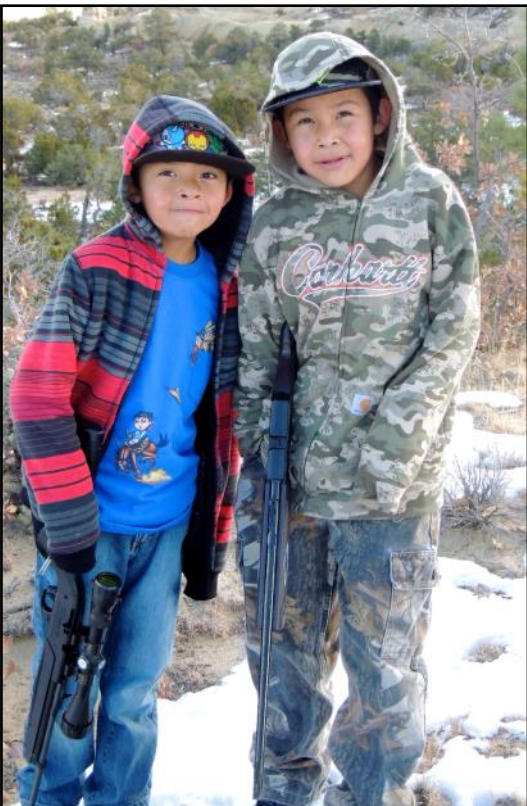
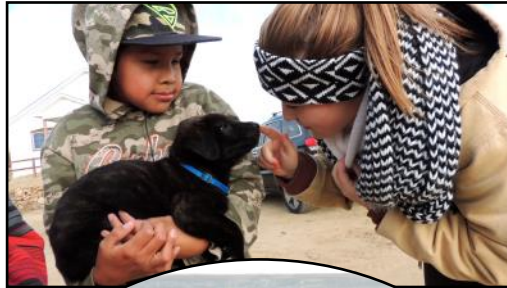
1. Take an Angel Tag/Ornament off of the GBF Tree in the sanctuary.
2. Purchase the item(s) listed on that ornament.
3. Bring back the item in a wrapped box or gift sack with the ANGEL TAG attached. **\*TAG MUST BE INCLUDED SO WE CAN GET THE GIFT TO THE RIGHT CHILD AND RIGHT FAMILY.**
4. Deadline for bringing the gifts to the church will be **December 21.**



# NAVAJO FAMILY MISSION TRIP

Pine Hill Church, New Mexico

November 21-24, 2014





## CURRENT SERMON SERIES:

# HEALTHY CHURCH

1. Our church family has grown significantly in numbers over the last few years. And our church body is diverse! We have folks from all types of church backgrounds and some with no church background at all. We like it that way. Diversity is good thing in a church. But, unity amid diversity, is a necessity in a church. This series will bring unity in the form of clarity, to what it looks like for a church to be faithful, biblical - Healthy.

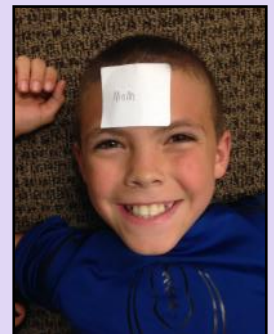
2. The culture continues to change at a rapid rate. What is believed, accepted, even condoned in our culture is in direct opposition to biblical, historic Christian theology and living. But even as the culture shifts, the church is called to go and "make disciples" (Matt. 28.19) to be "salt and light" (Matt. 5.13-15), to follow the example of Paul in becoming "all things to all people" (1 Cor. 9:22). At the same time we are called to "contend for the faith" (Jude 3), we're instructed not to be "unequally yoked with unbelievers" (2 Cor. 6.14) and not to be "conformed to the pattern of this world" (Rom. 12.2). As this faithful balance becomes seemingly more challenging the health of the church comes to the forefront. We are to be a hospital for the sick, not a hospital of the sick. For this, we must be faithful, biblical - Healthy.

3 The health of the church is always timely because it's important to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Jesus said, "I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it..." (Matt. 16.18). Jesus viewed persecution of the church as persecution against Him (Acts 9.4)! Paul warned church leadership to "Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock...to care for the church of God, which he obtained with his own blood." (Acts 20.28). Jesus paid a high price for the church, his own blood! It is of great interest to Jesus, and thus should be of great interest to us, that the church be - Healthy.

*Welcome  
New Members!  
Charles and Kim Garner*



## IMPACT 252





*Happy Halloweenies!*



## GBF F.A.M.

(foster and adoption ministry)

Have you ever thought about fostering/adopting, but you're just not in a place where you're ready to make that commitment?

There is still an opportunity for you to serve in this ministry! For more information, contact Jason and Nikki Waligura at 214-287-1427 or nrw\_2000hotmail.com.



**Morning Worship  
and a hot cup of Joe**



**...THE  
PERFECT  
BLEND!**

**Volunteers are still needed  
to make coffee before  
Sunday worship!  
Contact Kris Freeny  
903 - 815 - 8859**



Be rich in good deeds...  
 be generous and willing to share.  
 1 Timothy 6:18 NIV

With all the Christmas  
 hoopla, it's easier than ever  
 to lose focus on why we  
 celebrate Christmas in the  
 first place. That's why we  
 want to spend this month  
 talking about  
**Generosity: making  
 someone's day by giving  
 something away.**

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**DECEMBER THEME: Generosity**

It's official—the holidays are around the corner. How do I know? Relatives are asking for Christmas lists so they can get their shopping done. The commercials on TV are rolling out their latest toy temptations to get children drooling. Even the shopping malls and discount stores are busy stocking Christmas decorations just in case you feel like getting a jump-start on your seasonal lawn ornaments and light displays.

We hope kids get wrapped up in others as they show them how much God has been so generous toward us. There's a danger in getting so wrapped up in ourselves or so wrapped up in our things that we miss the essence of this season. There's just something about giving that reflects the character of God to those around us. Every good thing we have is a gift from Him. But we also know that God's generosity has a purpose. God gives to us and expects us to do the same for others in return.

Generosity changes us when we learn how to give the way God gives. This month, we'll look at four great stories from the New Testament that help us understand God's plan for generosity in our lives.

Many times, we think that our ability to be generous is connected to our stuff. However, being rich really isn't defined by how much we have or collect, or how many presents we get. We're not generous because we are rich; rather, we are rich because we are generous. This month, we hope that kids will discover what it really means to be rich—to let God's generosity show up in their lives and help them get wrapped up in others.

- WEEK 1:      **Don't get wrapped up in your stuff.**                      (Luke 12:13-21)
- WEEK 2:      **Get wrapped up in what matters most.**                      (Luke 18:18-25)
- WEEK 3:      **Get wrapped up in Christmas.**                      (John 3:16-17, Luke 2:1-18)
- WEEK 4:      **Get wrapped up in giving.**                      (Matthew 2:1-12)

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| <b>GRACE KIDS</b><br><br><b>SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR<br/>DECEMBER</b> | PreK/Kinder-   | Matty G. and Grayson M. |
|  | 1st/2nd Grade- | Taylor C. and Ben C.    |
|  | 3rd/4th Girls- | Buffy Jester            |
|  | 3rd/4th Boys-  | Devon and Nikki M.      |



Brandi Polnac



Michael Polnac



Rebecca Shuler



Stephen Garner



Sylvia Martin

*Raised to new life  
in Christ*



# STUDENT MINISTRY

- The student ministry is studying the book of Matthew and learning about King Jesus!
- The Student Ministry was able to pack 21 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child!



A big thank you to our kids, youth, leaders & Darci Fortune for all their hard work and giving to Operation Christmas Child.

- On December 17, GBF Student Ministry will be having a Christmas party! Along with providing food, we will have a white elephant gift exchange. We ask that each student would please bring a gift. There is a \$5 limit on the gifts.
- December 17 is also the last time that GBF Student Ministry will meet this year. We will start back up on January 7, 2015.

Jason Carney has created several amazing videos for the church. Click the links and enjoy!

New Mexico Video:

<https://vimeo.com/113184136>

Baptism Video:

<https://vimeo.com/111976335>

A silly youth video:

<https://vimeo.com/112350639>

## Contact Us

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Elders: Brent Wilkens, Jeff Crelia

Theron Whitley, Roy Layman

A Lifeline group is a small group of people, meeting in a home on a regular basis, for the purpose of authentic community and spiritual growth.



Below is a list of Lifeline Groups, the leaders, meeting dates and topic of study.  
Please contact any of the leaders for more information.

More groups are forming and information on those will be available as soon as possible.

### **1 & 2 Thessalonians**

**Tinna Hood**

903-815-4055

235 Green Meadow Ct.

Tues. @ 6:30 pm

### **Manhood Restored**

**Theron Whitley**

903-815-7797

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Wed. @ 6:30 pm

### **Sacred Marriage**

**Rick & Nancy Nevil**

469-401-2615

699 Wallace Road

Wed. @ 6:30 pm

### **Beautiful Mess**

**Shelly Baird**

903-819-2074

105 Forest Meadows Dr.

Thurs. @ 9-11 am

### **Sacred Parenting**

**Jason & Nikki Waligura**

214-587-1427

82 Forest Hills Circle

Sun. @ 5:30-7:30 pm

### **Song of Solomon**

**Justin & Keelie Ferguson  
and Theron & Jana Whitley**

903-818-4555

10434 St. Hwy. 289

Sun., 9/14 @ 4:30-6:30 pm

### **Manhood Restored**

**Roy Layman**

roy@thegbf.com

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Mon. @ 6 am

### **Mingling of the Souls**

**Jarod & Lara Martin**

903-815-0562

366 Pecan Crossing Ct.

Sun. @ 6-7:30 pm

### **To Live is Christ to Die is Gain**

**Jason Carney**

903-819-8087

107 Arrowhead Dr.

Sun. @ 6 pm

### **Manhood Restored**

**Jon Stovall**

469-323-2393

GBF

Mon. @ 7 pm

### **Explicit Gospel**

**Devon & Nikki Mize**

214-592-7291

101 Falls Creek Lane

Sun. @ 4:00-5:30 pm

### **A Life Well-Lived**

**Brent & DeeDee Wilkins  
and Gane & Kris Roberts**

903-815-1182

515 Kerfoot Drive

Sun. @ 6 pm



### **To Live is Christ to Die is Gain**

**Brian & Marci Ross and  
Tom & Jane Mrozinski**

903-814-7799

3000 Bennett Rd., Howe

Sun. @ 6 pm



# December 2014

| Sunday  | Monday                           | Tuesday                       | Wednesday   | Thursday  | Friday                         | Saturday |
|---|----------------------------------|-------------------------------|---|---|--------------------------------|----------|
|   | 1                                | 2<br>Men's Bible Study, 6 am  | 3<br>IMPACT 252<br>6:30 pm<br>Student Ministry<br>6:30-7:45 pm<br>Men's Bible Study<br>6:30 pm      | 4   | 5                              | 6        |
| 7<br>FAMILY WORSHIP<br>10:45 am<br>GIVING TREE                | 8<br>Men's Bible Study,<br>7 pm  | 9<br>Men's Bible Study, 6 am  | 10<br>IMPACT 252<br>6:30 pm<br>Student Ministry<br>6:30-7:45 pm<br>Men's Bible Study,<br>6:30 pm    | 11  | 12                             | 13       |
| 14<br>FAMILY WORSHIP<br>10:45 am<br>Baptism Service           | 15<br>Men's Bible Study,<br>7 pm | 16<br>Men's Bible Study, 6 am | 17<br>IMPACT 252<br>6:30 pm<br>Student Ministry<br>Christmas Party<br>Men's Bible Study,<br>6:30 pm | 18  | 19<br>GISD Early Release, 1 pm | 20       |
| 21<br>FAMILY WORSHIP<br>10:45 am<br>Giving Tree gifts are due | 22                               | 23                            | CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE<br>5:30 pm  | 25<br>Christmas Day<br> | 26                             | 27       |
| GISD HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL                                      |                                  |                               |   |   |                                |          |
| 28<br>FAMILY WORSHIP<br>10:45 am<br>No GraceKids              | 29                               | 30                            | 31<br>           | 1<br>New Year's Day   | 2                              | 3        |
| GISD HOLIDAY - NO SCHOOL                                      |                                  |                               |   |   |                                |          |