

# GRACE NOTES

Grace Bible Fellowship

Gunter, Texas

August 2014



Life is not meant to be lived alone. Jesus knew this. He loved the crowds, fed them, healed them, spoke truth to them. But Jesus also had a small group of only 12 men who he shared life with on a day to day basis. In a large church setting, it's difficult to know and be known in a deeply personal way. Lifeline groups are designed to help this.

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.

Practically speaking, there's something very unique, warm, and disarming about meeting in someone's home. We want to move people out of rows and into circles. In the relaxed setting of a home, we are more likely to laugh, more likely to share, and more likely to shed a tear with someone. Plus, when we share the name of Jesus in a home, we take a step toward expanding Christ into all of life. As Christians, we have a weird tendency to categorize our life separately into Sunday morning at church, our life at home, and our life at work/school. Lifeline groups work to break that bad habit and begin to see Christ for who he is...our life (Col 3:4).

Summer is winding down and our schedules will become more routine. Groups are forming and will begin in September so please make connecting with a Lifeline group a priority for the fall. Sign up at church during the month of August. Many options are available. If you have questions, contact Lara at the church office ([lara@thegbf.com](mailto:lara@thegbf.com)).

**"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works," -Hebrews 10:24**

While on vacation this summer, many of us have missed Sunday morning worship at GBF. But did you know that we don't have to miss out on the sermons? Each week, Pastor Roy's sermons are posted for listening or downloading from our website at <http://thegbf.com/resources/sermons/>. So while we can't enjoy the experience of worship and fellowship with our church family, we can stay up to date and be blessed by what God is teaching us through the messages, currently from the book of Romans. If you have questions, please contact Byron Baird at 903-328-8104 or [bbaird@diemdi.com](mailto:bbaird@diemdi.com).

Also enjoy Roy's blog by visiting the church website, [www.thegbf.com](http://www.thegbf.com), or at <http://roylayman.wordpress.com/>.





**KEEP  
CALM  
and  
MAKE  
COFFEE**

Volunteers are still needed to make coffee before Sunday worship. Please prayerfully consider serving our congregation in this way!

Contact Kris Freeny @ 903 - 815 - 8859.

## **MEN'S BIBLE STUDY**

**Tuesdays, 6 am @ GBF**

***The Life of David***

**Pastor Roy: 903-818-3290**



**Coming in September!**

**Evening Men's Bible Study**

**Monday, September 15 @ 7 pm**

**Wednesday, September 17 @ 6:30 pm**

***Biblical Manhood***

**Contact Theron Whitley for more**

**info: 903-815-7797**



**Zane Alexander Duarte**

July 10, 2014

8 lbs.12 oz., 21 3/4" long

Proud Parents: Manny and Jynna Duarte

Big Sister: Aubrey

**Huxley Cree Perkins**

July 14, 2014

8 lbs.15 oz., 20" long

Proud Parents: Cory and Heather Perkins

Big Sister: Hannah



Dear friends,  
 since God so loved us,  
 we also ought to love  
 one another.  
 1 John 4:11

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

- Aug. 3: No GraceKids
- Aug. 10: GraceKids
- Aug. 17: GraceKids
- Aug. 24: PROMOTION SUNDAY

**Children's Leaders  
 are needed this Fall!**

- GraceKids Small Group Leaders and IMPACT 252 (Wednesday night) Leaders
- Contact Mandy Turner for more information: [mandy@thegbf.com](mailto:mandy@thegbf.com) or 903-818-7722
- IMPACT KICK OFF MEETING will be September 10

## Opportunities to Serve

From teaching, to loving on babies, to coaching, to cooking, to organizing and cleaning...*there is a place for you.* Take a look below at some of the opportunities to serve in the children's ministry.



**GRACEKIDS** meets most Sundays following the "singing" portion of Family Worship. Volunteers are needed to lead small group activities and to police small groups while we are meeting in large groups.



With our growing church and growing families, there is always a need for more volunteers to help in the **nursery and preschool area**. Nursery ages are from birth thru 2.5 years. Preschool ages are 2.5 years-Pre K.

- Volunteers are to serve once every 5 - 7 weeks.
- Bethany Devore is the Early Childhood Director: [bethany@thegbf.com](mailto:bethany@thegbf.com), 903-815-0770

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# Camp KIDJAM



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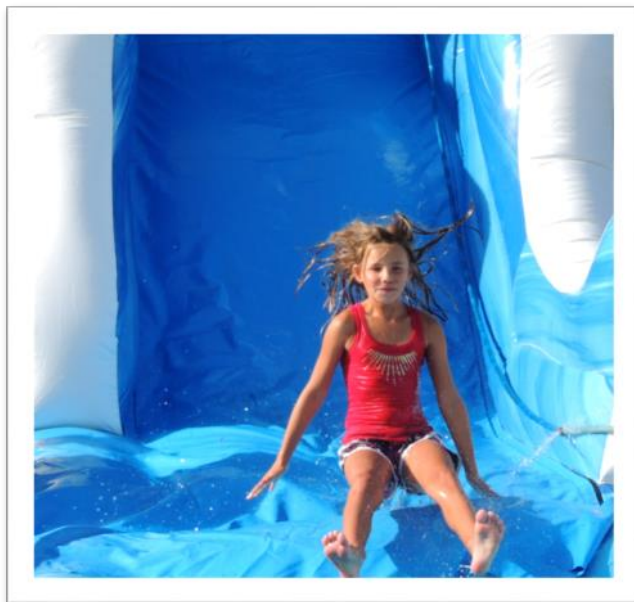
Kids MOVED. From here to there. From bored to passionate. From self-ish to giving. From unfocused to wide awake. This summer, we looked at the lives of some people in the Bible who changed direction and moved, such as Joseph and Mary, John the Baptist, the Fisher of Men, and more! They all had one thing in common: Somewhere along the way, they came face to face with Jesus. They discovered who He was. And once that happened, there was no standing still or going back.

God moved toward us, first. Now it's our turn...to Move!





GBF's Annual Sports Camp was a great success. Not only did we have a blast playing basketball, ultimate frisbee, and cheering together - which was AWESOME, but we also learned a great deal of how we can be a part of God's Game Plan. The life of Moses was a great example of how God works through us - even during difficult times. But the ultimate game plan is the true story of God's love for us through the life and death of Jesus Christ, His Son.



## Student Ministry AUGUST Schedule

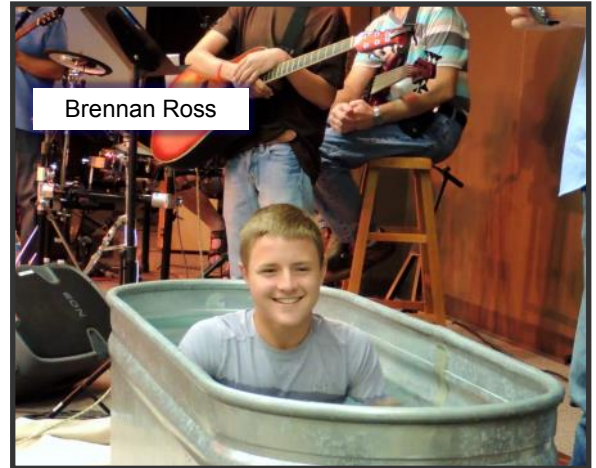
August 3: Youth at the Layman's house, 6:30-7:45 pm.

August 10: Youth at the Ferguson's house, 6:30-7:45 pm.

Sunday, August 17: Current and incoming Middle School girls will be going ice skating in Allen. More details coming. Contact Nikki Waligura for more information: 214-287-1427.

# Baptisms

*We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. Romans 6:4*



Brennan Ross



Jacob Merrill



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# August 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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Children's Ministry Promotion Sunday is August 24						
<b>3</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth @ the Layman's, 6:30 pm <b>No Grace Kids</b>	4	<b>5</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am How People Change, 6:30 pm	6	7	8	9
<b>10</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth @ the Ferguson's, 6:30 pm	11	<b>12</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am	13	14	15	16
<b>17</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am MS Girls Skating in Allen	<b>18</b> GISD Teachers Staff Development thru 8/22	<b>19</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am GMS Meet the Teacher, 5:30 & 6:30 pm	20	<b>21</b> Elementary Meet the Teacher, 6 pm	22	23
<b>24</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am <b>31</b>	<b>25</b> GISD School Starts 	<b>26</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am	<b>27</b> <b>Student Ministry @ GBF, 6:30-7:45 pm</b>	28	29	30