

# GRACE NOTES



**BACK TO SCHOOL** means back to Wednesday nights for the GBF Student Ministry. Price Ferrell welcomes students in grades 7 - 12 to the first meeting for the school year.

*“An excellent wife who can find?  
She is far more precious than jewels. “*  
*Proverbs 31:10*

She never imagined she would be a pastor’s wife. As a little girl, Casey played “getting married” and assumed she would live a simple life with her husband, they would have “regular jobs” and share life together.

But God had a bigger plan. Casey met Roy when she was a freshman in high school in Howe and he was a senior. They have been together 20 years this month and celebrated 16 years of marriage on June 20. Get to know more about Casey and her role as a mom and Roy’s wife on pages 2 and 3.



# Meet Casey: wife, mother, mentor and child of God

Casey Vineyard Layman was awakened to the gospel in the Fall of 2000, after she and Roy experienced drastic changes in their lives that previous Spring. "The Lord had begun to open my eyes to see that I could not make it through life without knowing and following Him. It took me coming face to face with some of the sin in my life and being disgusted with it and desiring something more for my life," Casey said.

Roy and Casey were married as soon as she graduated from high school and are exactly 3 years apart, sharing the same birthday on September 6. She will be 35.

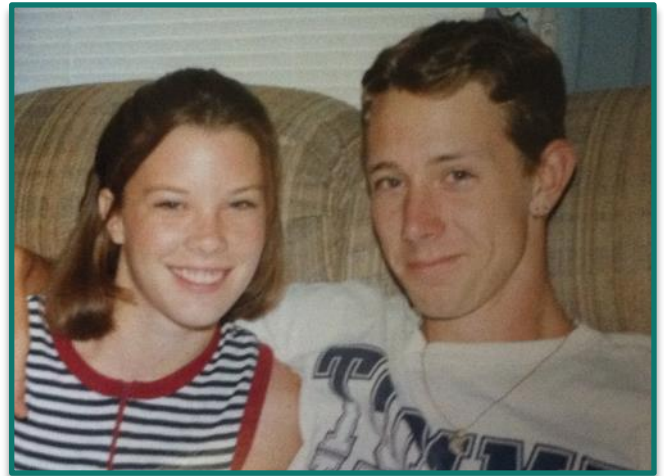
*"The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life."*  
Proverbs 31:11-12

## **What is the most memorable event of your early married life?**

Probably those first years as parents of Quinten and Trinity. We had the two of them by the time I was 21. We were kids raising kids.

Another memory was a 'We Rent Pigs' sign that Roy insisted we put on our wedding registry. It was a reference to a movie, *Lonesome Dove* that he liked. He hung it up in plain view at every little house we moved to the first few years we were married.

*There is no role of "pastor's wife" in the bible, but it is a very important and difficult position that requires grace, wisdom, selflessness and patience. **What's the one thing you wish you had known before Roy took his first call?***



Roy began as a full-time youth pastor at FBC Howe in 2005. I wish I'd known how God was going to sovereignly equip me for what was ahead. It would have saved me a lot of unnecessary anxiety. When Roy took a job as Youth Pastor, I had never worked with youth before. I taught children's Sunday School at our church. But as a Youth Pastor's wife, all of these teenage girls just started coming to me! It freaked me out! But God knew what He was doing. And now, to this day, I couldn't imagine NOT working with students.

*Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come. She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue. She looks well to the ways of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness. Her children rise up and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praises her..."*

Proverbs 31: 25-28

## **What do you consider your most important responsibility as a pastor's wife?**

I think my most important role is the same as of every woman in the Bible. My first responsibility is to glorify God in serving my family, my household, and my husband. *Continued on page 3.*

**From Roy:** "Proverbs 18:22 says, he who finds a wife finds a good thing and obtains favor from the Lord.' Casey is a reminder of the extravagant grace of God in my life. People often say that I "married up" based on Casey's good looks, and she is a stunner, no doubt. But she's so much more. She's Godly, compassionate, loyal, wise and very discerning...and FUNNY. We LAUGH so much together. Recently, I was acting like a fool in Chic-fil-A with our family and Casey laughed so hard that sweet tea came out her nose. I looked, and thought, "Wow, that's gross, MAN I LOVE THIS GIRL!" She's my girl and I love her, and even though she's mine, I'll spend the rest of my life doing my best to win her heart each day. She's worth every effort, and more."



***What do you think is the biggest misconception about being a pastor's wife?***

The biggest misconception for me is that I know everything that is going on at the church or with what Roy is doing in ministry. Roy doesn't always share a lot with me about his work day. Partly because it doesn't involve me, partly because I don't ask, and partly because many times it seems like we are going 100 mph in 100 directions and we don't always have time to talk. When we do have a chance to talk, most of that time is devoted to discussing our 4 kids (Quinten -15, Trinity -13, Norah -6 and Phoebe -3), whom we love very much, by the way!

***What is the greatest blessing of being a pastor's wife?***

The greatest blessing of being a pastor's wife has to be the unlimited opportunities to serve others. Roy and I agree that all people are opportunities for the gospel and God's glory. It's great to be a part of and have a front row seat to what our God is doing.

***How can the congregation best support you practically and in prayer?***

We always appreciate prayers for our family - that we stay the course and serve well. Pray that I be a woman of humility and remain accountable to God's Word. As far as practically, just be you. We love our church family.

***Besides being Roy's wife, what are other ways you serve at GBF?***

I serve as a small group leader in student ministry for high school girls. I also serve in the nursery rotation. Roy says I am his "partner in ministry" - while I'm not included in a lot of what Roy does, he calls me in to assist him with counseling, planning his calendar, and I nearly always serve as a sounding board for his sermons during the week as he prepares them. \*Casey is also in her 2nd year of BTCL (Bible Training Centre for Leaders) at Denton Bible, which meets every Tuesday evening and on some Saturdays.

*"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all. Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Give her of the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the gates." Proverbs 31:29-31.*

## FUN FACTS

**Food:** Toaster Strudels

**Drink:** Dr. Pepper

**Music:** I like country music, mostly stuff I grew up listening to: George Strait, Allan Jackson, etc. I really enjoy worship music. Honestly, whatever Quinten is in to seems to be pretty good! He has good taste in music.

**Movie and/or TV show:** Steel Magnolias is my favorite movie, I don't watch much TV, but I enjoy *Food Network* and *Full House*

**Occupation:** Part time school nurse for Gunter ISD

**Family activity:** We eat together, at the dinner table, several times a week, and that's always fun. We've been blessed to go to the beach a few times over the years and I LOVE those times. We do a lot of things together, all 6 of us....never a dull moment when we are all together.

**What makes you laugh the most?** Norah, she's hilarious...and then Roy.

## MEN'S BIBLE STUDY



### ***Biblical Manhood***

*(meeting at GBF)*

**Tuesdays @ 6 am**

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

**Monday, Sept. 15 @ 7 pm**

**Jon Stovall 469-323-2393**

**Wed, Sept. 17 @ 6:30 pm**

**Theron Whitley 903-815-7797**



**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.



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of the **DAY**  
*Thessalonians* <sup>1 & 2</sup>  
by BETH MOORE

### **Women's Bible Study**

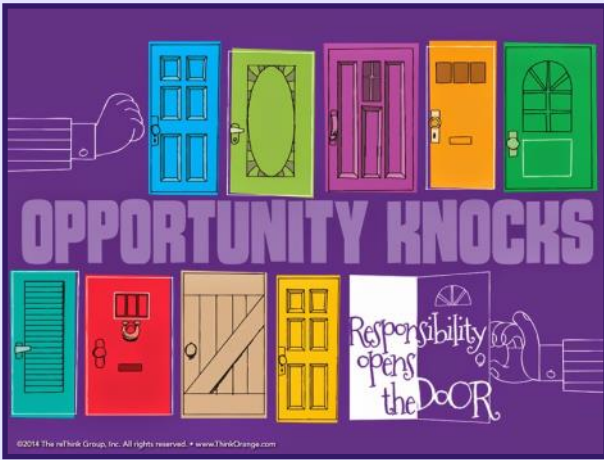
#### **An in-depth Bible study of 1 and 2 Thessalonians by Beth Moore**

Is family life a challenge? Is work driving you crazy? Do you know God has a purpose for your life, but can't figure out what it is? Know that your circumstances are not coincidental. And God's timing is impeccable. Join Beth Moore on the Thessalonian shores as she walks you through the truth of each verse of 1 and 2 Thessalonians. In this study, you'll face crises, afflictions, relationships, doubts, concerns, and fears. Find encouragement for living the Christian life now and hope for when Christ returns.

**235 Green Meadow Ct.**

**6:30 pm**

**Begins September 16**



**"Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much." Luke 16:10a**

God has created everyone with potential: talents, time, resources, opportunities. And we can either respond to God with our abilities in a way that honors Him, or we can waste what He has given. Think about the word responsibility. It really breaks down into how you respond with your abilities. And we want children to not only understand how to respond to the ability that God's given them, but also how to respond to God's ability to work through them to change the world around them.

**Week 1      Genesis 1 & 2**      Show you can be trusted by taking care of what God has made. The first job God gave Adam and Eve was a task that we can continue today.

**Week 2      1 Kings 19:16-21 & 2 Kings 2:1-15**      Show you can be trusted to lead by learning how to follow. We all want to lead, but must learn from our leaders before we can be in charge.

**Week 3      Matthew 21:28-32**      Show you can be trusted by what you do. You can't just say you'll do something; you actually have to do it.

**Week 4      Matthew 25:14-29a**      Show you can be trusted with more by taking care of what you have. If you want more responsibility, show that you can be responsible with what you already have.

**IMPACT 252  
KICK OFF MEETING  
September 10 @ 6:30 pm**



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

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., 9/16 @ 6:30 pm

### **Manhood Restored**

**Theron Whitley**

903-815-7797

GBF

Wed., 9/17 @ 6:30 pm

### **Sacred Marriage**

**Rick & Nancy Nevil**

469-401-2615

TBD

### **Beautiful Mess**

**Shelly Baird**

903-819-2074

105 Forest Meadows Dr.

Thurs., 9/19 @ 9-11 am

### **Sacred Parenting**

**Jason & Nikki Waligura**

214-587-1427

82 Forest Hills Circle

Sun., 9/14 @ 5:30-7:30 pm

### **Song of Solomon**

**Justin Ferguson & Theron 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., 9/15 @ 6 am

### **Mingling of the Souls**

**Jarod & Lara Martin**

903-815-0562

366 Pecan Crossing Ct.

Sun., 9/14 @ 6-7:30 pm

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

**Jason Carney**

903-819-8087

107 Arrowhead Dr.

TBD

### **Manhood Restored**

**Jon Stovall**

469-323-2393

GBF

Mon., 9/15 @ 7 pm

### **Explicit Gospel**

**Devon & Nikki Mize**

214-592-7291

101 Falls Creek Lane

Sun., 9/14 @ 4:00-5:30 pm

### **The Wilkens & The Roberts**

903-815-1182

515 Kerfoot Drive

TBD



# nursery & preschool

Bethany Devore is the Early Childhood Director:  
[bethany@thegbf.com](mailto:bethany@thegbf.com), 903-815-0770

With our growing church and growing families, there is always a need for more volunteers to help in the nursery and preschool area on Sundays. We are currently reaching our maximal volunteer to student ratios--which means we will have to turn away children if we do not have the additional volunteer capacities met.

- Nursery: Newborn thru 2.5 years
- Preschool: 2.5 years - Pre K
- Volunteers are to serve once every 5 - 7 weeks.
- We are currently in need of 10 more adults and 7 youth workers to assist.



Hosted by the Women's Ministry



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If you would like to be included in the distribution list for the newsletter, please send your email and/or phone number to Lara Martin, 903-433-1732 or [lara@thegbf.com](mailto:lara@thegbf.com).

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Theron Whitley, Roy Layman

# September 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> 	<b>2</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am	<b>3</b> <b>IMPACT 252</b> <b>Leadership Mtg,</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  <b>Student Ministry</b> <b>6:30-7:45 pm</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>  Roy and Casey's Birthday!  
<b>7</b>  FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>  Men's Bible Study, 6 am	<b>10</b>  <b>IMPACT 252</b> <b>Kickoff, 6:30 pm</b>  <b>Student Ministry</b> <b>6:30-7:45 pm</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>  FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am  <b>Lifeline Groups</b> <b>Begin!</b>	<b>15</b>  Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>16</b>  Men's Bible Study, 6 am  Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>17</b>  <b>IMPACT 252</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  <b>Student Ministry</b> <b>6:30-7:45 pm</b>  Men's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>18</b>  Beautiful Mess, 9 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b>  FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	<b>22</b>  Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>23</b>  Men's Bible Study, 6 am  Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>24</b>  <b>IMPACT 252</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  <b>Student Ministry</b> <b>6:30-7:45 pm</b>  Men's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>25</b>  Beautiful Mess, 9 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>
<b>28</b>  FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	<b>29</b>  Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>30</b>  Men's Bible Study, 6 am  Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>1</b>  <b>IMPACT 252</b> <b>6:30 pm</b>  <b>Student Ministry</b> <b>6:30-7:45 pm</b>  Men's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	<b>2</b>  Beautiful Mess, 9 am	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>