

# GRACE NOTES

Grace Bible Fellowship

Gunter, Texas

August 2015

**10**  
CELEBRATING  
**YEARS**  
of **GRACE**

Grace Bible Fellowship held it's inaugural service in July of 2005. A special service will be held on Sunday, September 13 to celebrate our 10th anniversary!

We will be rejoicing in God's faithfulness as we reflect on the last decade. This will be a time of thankfulness, remembrance, and looking forward to future ministry.

GBF has always been a church deeply committed to serving the world by God's grace, and for His glory.

Mark your calendars for September 13! If you have been impacted in any way by GBF, please come and celebrate God's goodness with us on this memorable occasion.



Welcome Pounding  
for  
Adam & Magan

*"A pound of this or a pound of that"*

**Sunday, August 16 ♡ 1 - 3 pm @ GBF**  
(following the service)

Gift ideas: Non-perishable food items, paper products, cleaning supplies, gift cards, housewarming gifts, or fun stuff for daughters Elliot (2 1/2) & Haddon (5 months).

**The Cavaliers recently moved to a home in Gunter!**  
**Join us in welcoming this precious family!**

## NAME CHANGE!

Moving forward we are changing the name of our small groups from Lifeline to GraceGroups. This new terminology will communicate our ongoing vision of having everything centered on the grace of God in our lives.

At GBF we firmly believe that the grace of God has the power to transform lives. Our home groups are where much of that power is able to take effect. We are excited about this new shift as we will be able to see our vision continue to be realized in our community.

Leaders are needed for these groups. Training and materials are provided. If you are interested in serving as a GraceGroup Leader, please email [adam@thegbf.com](mailto:adam@thegbf.com).



# Men's Retreat 2015

October 2nd - 4th at Lake Texoma



**Cost:** \$90 includes all meals / snacks

(and we are talking man-food!!!)

**Registration:** Begins September 2nd!

**When:** Begins with dinner at Camp  
Straight Arrow on Friday at 7  
and ends with worship on Sunday  
morning at GBF

WITH COMPLETE STUDY GUIDE

## DISCIPLINES of a GODLY MAN

R. KENT HUGHES

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ GBF

**MONDAYS, 7 PM**  
Beginning August 31

**TUESDAYS, 6 AM**  
Resumes August 4

**STUDY:**  
**THE DISCIPLINES OF A GODLY MAN**  
By R. Kent Hughes

[http://www.amazon.com/Disciplines-Godly-Paperback-Kent-Hughes/dp/1581347588/ref=sr\\_1\\_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1432729662&sr=8-1&keywords=the+disciplines+of+a+godly+man](http://www.amazon.com/Disciplines-Godly-Paperback-Kent-Hughes/dp/1581347588/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1432729662&sr=8-1&keywords=the+disciplines+of+a+godly+man)





Roy and Casey traveled this month with Shelby and Paige Garner to Bangalore, India, where they worked to spread the gospel through preaching, teaching, praying and caring for residents of the Bangalore Baptist Hospital and visited a local orphanage.



Paige teaching Sunday School.



“Boys become kings, girls will be queens  
 Wrapped in Your Majesty  
 When we love, when we love the least of these.  
 Then they will be brave and free,  
 shout Your Name in victory!  
 We will love, we will love the least of these  
 We will love the least of these.”

-Audio Adrenaline, “Kings and Queens”



Grace Bible Fam!

Well, it's been our first summer without Blue Bell ice-cream. Y'all making it ok? We sure have it tough don't we? :)

Seriously, I hope your summer is going great. Summer brings great opportunities for ministry — New Mexico Missions, Mega Sports Camp, Camp KidJam and others. It's also a time when many of us take some extra recreational time and a road trip or two. I love seeing all of the great pictures on social media of families and friends on vacation, or just getting some time by the pool, going fishing, boating, or grilling - ahh, sweet summertime!

But as much as I love summer, I have to admit, I miss you!! Recently, while traveling on vacation with my family, I attended a worship service at a wonderful church. We sang together, and were blessed and challenged by a great sermon, and the people were very friendly. It was great...BUT it wasn't Grace Bible. By that I mean, it wasn't YOU! My people :)

A church is more than great teaching and heartfelt worship, although those things are important. A church is a BODY of believers (1Cor 12:27), we're like FAMILY (Rom 12:10), and we are committed to one another (Heb 10:24-25). Not seeing you as much this summer has served as a reminder to me of how blessed I am to serve as pastor to such a great group of people.

The apostle Paul wrote this to the Thessalonians:

*...being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the Gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us. (1Thess 2:8)*

Serving at Grace Bible, I can definitely relate to Paul's words. Each of you is dear to me, and I am honored to share the gospel with you each Sunday, but it's a privilege to share life with you as well.

As August approaches and summer begins to wind down, many of us hate to see it go. But I REALLY look forward to seeing each of you more often as we gather on Sundays for worship, start new Bible studies and small groups, and begin ministering to our youth and children on Wednesday nights. Summer has been great, but it's going to be a great Fall, Winter, and Spring...together.

In Christ,

*Pastor Roy*



# Getting ready for Back to School



*As a church family, let's commit to praying for our children, teachers and staff as they head back for another school year.*



In addition to prayer, other helpful hints for getting your family prepared for the first day of school include ([www.webmd.com](http://www.webmd.com) & [www.parenting.org](http://www.parenting.org)):

- Don't make plans for big trips right before the start of school.
- A few weeks before school starts, move bedtime back to an earlier time and stick to it. Maintain a consistent bedtime routine.
- Put a positive spin on going back to school. Talk about the fun things at school, especially seeing old friends and making new ones.
- Do as much as possible the night before school. My kids pick out their outfits the night before, and I'll often assemble their lunches.
- Get to bed early. The most important yet hardest thing to do for your kids is get them to bed early on school nights—that's Sunday through Thursday nights. Studies have shown that well-rested kids are more alert in school.
- Serve a glass of water with breakfast and make sure your child has plenty of water to drink at school.
- Let your kids take responsibility for morning tasks. They're capable of dressing themselves, brushing their teeth, washing their face, putting their lunches in the backpacks, and remembering their homework.
- Put together an emergency pack for the car. No matter how hard you try, you will run late some mornings, and your child won't have time for breakfast, brushing teeth, or braiding hair. For those situations, create an emergency pack filled with a sports bar, hairbrush, barrettes, sugarless gum (cleans teeth), and a few dollars for lunch money.
- If you pick up kids from school, arrive with a snack in hand. Hungry kids are cranky kids.
- Establish school-day schedules for homework, TV, baths and bedtime.



*Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe.*

**1 Timothy 4:12**

**And may your hearts  
be fully committed  
to the LORD our God,  
to live by his decrees and  
obey his commands,  
as at this time.**

**1 Kings 8:61**



# Children's Ministry

## AUGUST GRACE KIDS

**August 2: Poetry & Wisdom *Psalms, Proverbs, Ecclesiastes***

Where does wisdom come from? Wisdom comes from God.

(1 Corinthians 1:30)

**August 9: Sin Entered the World - Genesis 3:1-24**

What is sin? Sin is breaking God's law, and sin separates people from God.

**August 16: God Created People - Genesis 1:26-2:25**

Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.

(Hebrews 1:3)

**August 23: God Created the World - Genesis 1:1-25**

Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.

(Colossians 1:16-17)

**August 30: The Tower of Babel - Genesis 11:1-9**

Why did God create the world? God created the world and everything in it for His glory.

(Revelation 7:9-10)

**GRACE KIDS**

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR**

**AUGUST**

PreK & Kindergarten: Sydney & Caroline

1st & 2nd Grade: Buffy & Ansley

3rd & 4th Grade Girls: Addie & Karen or Michelle

3rd & 4th Grade Boys: Rob & Devon



# CAMP KidJam







# STUDENT MINISTRY

## Important Dates for August:

- Sunday, August 2: Youth Meeting at the church
- Sunday, August 9: Last Youth Meeting of the summer (at the church)
- Monday, August 24 First Day of School

The Student Ministry and Impact Kids will begin meeting for the Fall semester on Wednesday, September 2.



Sweet  
Summertime



*Looking to serve at GBF?*



Volunteers are needed  
in the following areas:

- + Nursery
- + Preschool
- + Grace Kids

Email [Nikki@thegbf.com](mailto:Nikki@thegbf.com) or  
[Bethany@thegbf.com](mailto:Bethany@thegbf.com)  
to sign up for slots!



While in India, Pastor Roy spoke in the same chapel as Mother Theresa had spoken 35 years earlier! Follow GBF on [Facebook: Grace Bible Fellowship - Gunter, TX](#) or [Twitter @gbfgunter](#) for the date when Roy, Casey, Shelby and Paige will share about their trip.

*All we need is a little bit of*  
**COFFEE**  
*and a whole lot of*  
**JESUS...**



**AND** *we need volunteers*  
*to make coffee on*  
*Sunday mornings!*

PLEASE CONTACT LARA  
TO SIGN UP!

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Follow Pastor Roy's blog  
<http://roylayman.wordpress.com>  
where he shares resources,  
Grace Bible church life, and pastoral  
insights from a small church pastor  
in a mega-church world.

You can also access the blog  
by going to the church website  
[www.thegbf.com](http://www.thegbf.com)

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# August 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am  Youth Meeting @ GBF, 6:30 pm	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's Bible Study 6 am	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am  Youth Meeting @ GBF, 6:30 pm	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Men's Bible Study 6 am	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> Men's Bible Study 6 am	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	<b>24</b> GISD FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL	<b>25</b> Men's Bible Study 6 am	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	<b>31</b> Men's Bible Study 7 pm	<b>1</b> Men's Bible Study 6 am	<b>2</b> IMPACT 252 6:30 pm  STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 pm	<b>3</b>  <b>4</b> Women's Bible Study and GraceGroups will begin meeting on September 20. Watch for details!		<b>5</b>