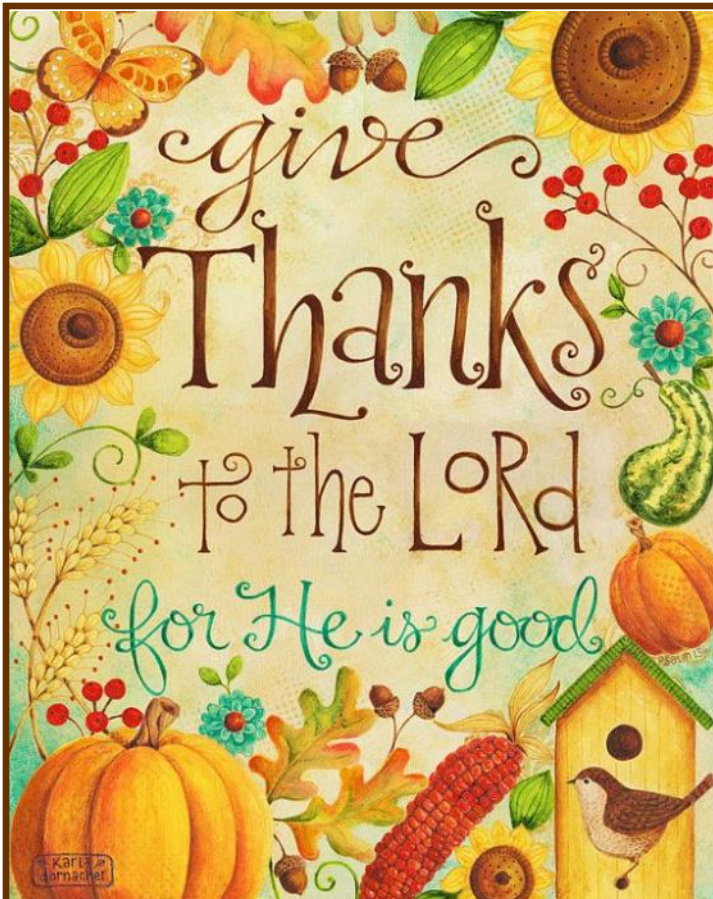


GRACE NOTES

Grace Bible Fellowship

Gunter, Texas

November 2015



Happy Thanksgiving!

November 26, 2015

If you would like to begin
the steps toward membership
or baptism, email Lara to get
more information:

lara@thegbf.com

**Family2Family
New Mexico Mission Trip
November 20 - 23**

**Mandatory Meeting:
Wednesday, November 11
@ 7:50 pm**
(following evening activities)

**All paperwork and payment
are due at this time.**

Welcome!

New Members

**Jennifer Buysse
& sons, Tyler and Ryan**

Reggie and Laurie Richmond

**Shaw and Kristi Eft
& daughters, Emerson & Olivia**

Grace Groups Update

Grace Groups are off to a fantastic start. Thank you to all the leaders who have labored in this gospel ministry. Just as iron sharpens iron, men and women are coming together to grow in Christ together.

Galatians 6:2 commands us to "bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ." Looking to Jesus as the ultimate burden bearer, GBF's Grace Groups have sought to meet regularly and love one another.

Material ranges from topical studies on prayer and apologetics to Bible studies on the book of Philippians and the Gospel of Mark. Whatever the topic, our groups have aimed to make things gospel-centered, relational, and fun!

Luke says in his account of the early church, "they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers." Meeting in homes and under the authority of the Word, GBF's Grace Groups have sought to model what it means to be a faith family.

Adam



Members of Jason Carney's Grace Group take time for a selfie at their latest get together. This group meets every other Sunday at 5 pm and is studying *The Reason for God*. For more information on other groups, see page 7.



WITH COMPLETE STUDY GUIDE

DISCIPLINES *of a* GODLY MAN

R. KENT HUGHES

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ GBF

MONDAYS, 7 AM

TUESDAYS, 6 AM

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



Notes from the Women's Ministry...

1. *We had a great evening of fun, fellowship and thanksgiving at the progressive dinner on October 24. And we celebrated Jerry Shuler's birthday in style! We are thankful for the women willing to open their homes and those who shared their time to build our community of women. See pictures this page.*

2. *We will be having a women's retreat in early 2016! More details to come in the months ahead so be on the look_out for sign up opportunities and more information.*

3. *The women's ministry now has a blog! www.gbfwomen.blogspot.com and an email address thegbfwomen@gmail.com. We will post upcoming events and announcements on the blog.*





MEN'S RETREAT

On October 2-4, about 20 of our men were able to spend the weekend on the shores of Lake Texoma for the 2015 GBF men's retreat.

Roy led the group in a study of Psalm 123 with emphasis on Taking God Seriously, What Your Wife Needs From You, and What Your Kids Need From You. There was great worship, a lot of time spent hanging out building friendships, and some pretty dang good grub!

Thanks to all who sacrificed their husbands and fathers so they could come back better men!



The Ministry of John MacArthur...

by Roy Layman

In a sermon on October 25, I shared a story and made a plug for John MacArthur. Here are some resources to learn more about and from John MacArthur. I hope you are as blessed by his faithful ministry as I have been.

You can find tons of free teaching resources from his ministry at his website [Grace To You](http://www.gracetoyou.com)

Also, here are just a few of the great books he has written:

[The Gospel According to Jesus: What Is Authentic Faith?](#)

[Twelve Ordinary Men: How the Master Shaped His Disciples for Greatness, and What He Wants to Do with You](#)

[Found: God's Will](#)

[ESV MacArthur Study Bible](#)

In addition to checking out these resources, stop and say prayer of thanks for the faithful ministry of pastor John. May he continue to boldly share the gospel and equip people for the work of ministry!

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

The Merchant of Cool

by Roy Layman

About a decade ago I watched a PBS Documentary, [The Merchants of Cool](#). It basically outlined how teenagers are manipulated into buying things based on what they are told is cool/in/trendy or whatever. It made teens look like lifeless puppets whose strings were being pulled by marketers.

It angered me. I loved teens, still do, and it frustrated me so much to see them have an idea of "cool" spoon-fed to them and be used for their money, or their mom and dad's money as is so many times the case.

It also made me mourn for my own lost youth, chasing cool. In our home we use phrases like "don't drink the Kool-Aid" meaning, don't just buy what culture is selling. Not with your money and not with your emotions.

We are who we are because of WHO made us and redeemed us (Eph 2:10). We are not our clothes, not our music, not our lunch table, not how fast we are or how far we can throw, etc.

As far as I am concerned, if a person doesn't "fit in" that is a good thing. It probably means you had an independent thought. Or better yet, a SPIRIT-LED thought.

Yesterday I had some of those same feelings I had after watching *Merchants of Cool* when I read a post outlining the current manipulation of American men. Don't buy the lie, men. Don't conform (Romans 12:1-2). Nothing you click on will make your life meaningful.

As Augustine said, "Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you."

Please read this very sobering post, <http://theblazingcenter.com/2015/10/fanduel-draft-kings-and-the-face-of-american-self-loathing.html>

Family Ties

THE STOVALLS



JON, LEI ANN, COLLIER AND AINSLEE

The Stovall family joined GBF in 2011. Jon, a police officer for the City of Carrollton, was recently ordained as a deacon and leads the men's ministry. Lei Ann is a school teacher in Celina and serves on the women's ministry team and helps out in the nursery.

They have two children: Ainslee, a 13 year old 8th grader and Collier, a 10 year old 5th grader at Gunter Middle School.

As a family, the Stovalls enjoy watching movies, eating out, going on "surprise rides" and family game night.

What is your favorite thing about GBF?

Jon: The people want to be a church and not just go to church.

Lei Ann: The authenticity of the people and that Jesus is the main focus.

Ainslee: Participating in youth on Wednesday nights.

Collier: Worship on Sunday mornings.

What is your favorite memory of GBF?

A favorite family memory is the mission trip to the reservation during Thanksgiving 2014. It was a great time of serving together with our church family, and the Saturday night "slumber party" was particularly memorable!

Ainslee also loved the youth mission trip to the reservation this past summer. Collier's favorite memory of GBF is getting baptized. A recent favorite memory for Lei Ann was the women's ministry progressive dinner complete with apple cider, a hayride, friends, yummy food, and fun!



VETERANS
DAY



HONORING
ALL WHO HAVE
SERVED

WEDNESDAY,
NOVEMBER 11

GRACEGROUPS

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. Please be in prayer about joining a GraceGroup. If you have questions or would like to volunteer as a leader, please email Adam@thegbf.com. Below is a list of leaders, study topics, meeting times and places.

“And day by day, attending the temple together and breaking bread in their homes, they received their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having favor with all the people. And the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved.” (Acts 2:46-47 ESV)

BATTLING UNBELIEF

Women’s Bible Study
Magan Cavilier

225-933-4204
704 N. 8th Street
Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Jason & Nikki Waligura

214-587-1427
82 Forest Hills Circle
Every other Sunday,
6 - 7:30 pm

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Rick & Nancy Nevil

469-401-2615
699 Wallace Road
Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

SEAMLESS

Women’s Bible Study
Shelly Baird

903-819-2074
105 Forest Meadows Dr.
Friday 9-11 am

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Jarod & Lara Martin

903-815-0562
413 Autry Blvd
Sundays, 6 - 7:30 pm

EXPLICIT GOSPEL

Dirik and Renee Jones

(214) 649-7563
1312 Missouri St, Celina
Sundays @ 5:30 pm

DISCIPLINES OF A GODLY WOMAN

Nancy Nevil

469-401-3614
699 Wallace Road
Saturday mornings

TO LIVE IS CHRIST

Jason & Casey Pettett

(903) 818-2548
Sundays @ 4:30 pm

THE REASON FOR GOD

Jason Carney

903-819-8087
107 Arrowhead Dr
Every other Sunday @ 5 pm

DISCIPLINES OF A GODLY MAN

Jon Stovall

469-323-2393
GBF
Mondays @ 7 am

DISCIPLINES OF A GODLY MAN

Roy Layman

roy@thegbf.com
GBF
Tuesdays @ 6 am

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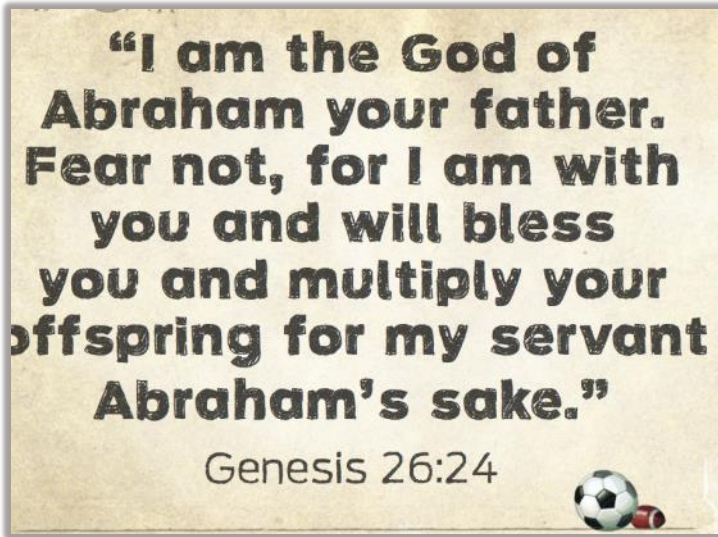
**Jeff & Amy Crelia
Gane & Kris Roberts**

903-815-1182
515 Kerfoot Drive
Every Other Wednesday
6:30 pm

PRAYERS OF PAUL

Justin & Keelie Ferguson

903-821-3371
10434 Hwy 289
Sundays, 5 - 7:30 pm



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NOVEMBER GRACE KIDS

Jacob's New Name

- BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 32–33
- MAIN POINT: God changed Jacob's name to Israel, the name of God's covenant people.
- KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 26:24
- BIG PICTURE ? : What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.

Joseph Sent to Egypt

- BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 37:1-36; 39:1–41:57
- MAIN POINT: God used Joseph's suffering for good.
- KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 26:24
- BIG PICTURE ? : What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.

Joseph's Dreams Came True

- BIBLE PASSAGE: Genesis 42:1–46:34; 50:15-21
- MAIN POINT: God sent Joseph to Egypt to establish a remnant.
- KEY PASSAGE: Genesis 26:24
- BIG PICTURE ? : What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.

GRACE KIDS

SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR NOVEMBER

Pre-K/Kindergarten: Sydney & Caroline
 1st & 2nd Grade: Ashlyn & Addie T.
 3rd & 4th Grade Girls: Hailey & Laci M.
 3rd & 4th Grade Boys: Open

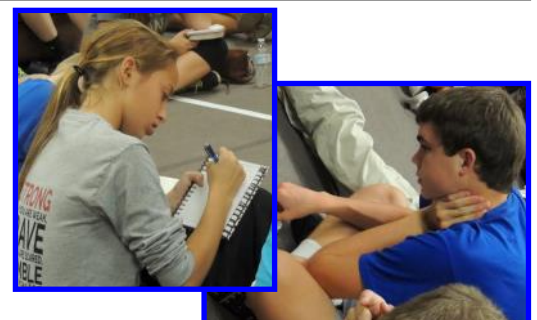


FCA FIELDS OF FAITH: ABOVE: Quentin led worship and RIGHT: Price spoke about "Life's Ultimate Questions" based on Colossians 1:15-23 and Psalms 8.

Recent youth videos!

<https://vimeo.com/141006684>

<https://vimeo.com/142338236>





STUDENT MINISTRY

It was once said of Ezra - who was one of the greatest scribes in all of the Old Testament - that he had "set his heart to study the Law of the Lord, and to do it and to teach his statutes and rules in Israel." (Ezra 7:10)

GBF's Youth have always desired to know the Lord more deeply through the Word. This month, they are continuing to work through the New City Catechism (NCC). <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/> The past few weeks have been focused on the Law of the Lord, and what it means for us today.

More specifically, the Ten Commandments have provided the backbone of our discussions on the Law. Because God knows what's best for us, he gives his people moral and spiritual direction about how to live life in the best way. Unfortunately, Christians can tend to devalue the Old Testament, especially the commands. Quite assuredly, Christians who are under the New Covenant, are not under the Law, but under grace (Romans 6:14; Galatians 5:18).

However, instead of throwing away the commandments of God, we see the Old Testament in light of who Jesus is - and what he has done for us (see Matthew 5:17-30). Christ has fulfilled the law on behalf of those who believe in Him. This truth should motivate us towards Spirit-fueled obedience to God's instruction. Knowing God's commands is imperative towards heartfelt obedience. At GBF, we are committed to seeing life-transformation happen. When students come to know Christ, they are propelled by the Spirit walk in a Christ-like way (Romans 6:4).

Join us on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:45 and bring a friend!

High School and College Grace Group!

Sundays, 3:30 - 5 pm @ The Cavaliers house

Contact Adam for details! 225-341-9352

An opportunity to bless others...



Help Kris battle Ovarian Cancer again!

<https://www.youcaring.com/kris-roberts-435881>



Help the Rigsbys during their time of crisis!

<https://www.youcaring.com/kyle-and-staci-rigsby-429510>

*Looking to serve
at GBF?*



Volunteers are needed
in the following areas:

- ✦ Nursery
- ✦ Preschool
- ✦ Grace Kids

Email Nikki@thegbf.com
to sign up for slots!

**Due to the
Thanksgiving Holiday,
no church activities will be
held from
Monday, November 23 thru
Saturday, November 28.**

Contact Us

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Family Life Pastor: Adam Cavalier

Elders: Brent Wilkens, Jeff Crelia
Theron Whitley, Roy Layman

November 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 <i>CLOCKS FALL BACK 1 HOUR!</i>	2	3	4 IMPACT 252 and STUDENT MINISTRY NIGHT OF WORSHIP 6:30 pm	5	6 Seamless Bible Study, 9 am	7
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