

GRACE NOTES



Grace Bible Fellowship

Gunter, Texas

July 2015

NEW MEXICO MISSION TRIP 2015



“And how are they to preach unless they are sent? As it is written, ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who preach the good news!’” Romans 10:15

For more highlights of the Student Ministry trip to Pine Hill Church, please visit the following links:

<https://vimeo.com/131997416> <https://vimeo.com/131371528> <https://vimeo.com/131324562>

In June, the youth and its leaders took their annual mission trip to the Navajo reservation in Northwestern New Mexico. The week was centered around ministering to the Navajo children by hosting a VBS. By all accounts, the week was fun-filled, relationally oriented, and most importantly, gospel-centered. The Navajo children were able to hear the gospel presented in all its forms. Each day emphasized a particular element of the gospel message (The holiness of God; the sinfulness of man; the sacrifice of Christ; the right response).

While the Navajo children were a focal point of ministry, people of all ages were able to come to the local church to experience the love of Christ. Both men’s and women’s ministries served the Navajo families. While the women crafted and studied the book of James, the men were able to receive individual counsel.

Every GBF student was challenged beyond natural abilities, and relied on the supernatural strength provided by the Lord. All the leaders provided sacrificial service and displayed Christ-like humility. Thank you to everyone who has offered their prayers and support. Lives were truly changed unto the glory of God.

Reaction to the US Supreme Court's Decision on Same-Sex Marriage

By Pastor Roy Layman

If you've been around our church, Grace Bible Fellowship, for any amount of time, our position on marriage shouldn't be a surprise to you. As a church, seeking to be faithful to the gospel of Jesus Christ, we believe that marriage is defined biblically as a sacred relationship between one man and one woman. I often recommend Tim Keller's book [The Meaning of Marriage](#) for a greater understanding of how biblical marriage puts the gospel on display. Marriage is a gospel issue.

Also, if you have been around our church, you know that we don't promote hate, but rather love, of everyone. We believe that all humans were created in the image of God. That God has called us ALL to repentance, faith in Jesus Christ as Savior, and the pursuit of holiness. We believe in grace...and truth. Our mindset needs to be one that glorify God, by holding high the banner truth, *in love*.

The following video is a good reminder of how we can respond to The Supreme Court's Decision on Same-Sex Marriage. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qsp59P1sFro>

Related article: <http://erlc.com/erlc/herewestand> (An Evangelical Declaration on Marriage)

Resources

Below are some helpful resources you can equip yourself with regarding the church's position on same-sex marriage.

[SO-CALLED SAME-SEX MARRIAGE LAMENTING THE NEW CALAMITY](#)

[WHAT DOES THE BIBLE REALLY TEACH ABOUT HOMOSEXUALITY?](#)

[MAKING SENSE OF SCRIPTURE'S 'INCONSISTENCY'](#)

Remember church, as followers of Christ we are a people of grace and truth. We hate sin, but love sinners (ourselves included). We are commanded to reach out, but warned to never sell out. We are in the world, but not of the world. This world is not our home, but it is our mission field. We serve as faithful stewards of gospel, speaking the truth in love, for the glory of God. Whatever the cost, God is worthy.

*"We weep over our sins.
We don't celebrate
them. We don't
institutionalize them."
- John Piper*



WE ♥ OUR PASTOR!

Roy and Casey will be traveling overseas July 23-31 working with missionaries and with a Christian owned hospital, sharing the gospel, providing medical care, and exploring new opportunities for others to go and serve as well. Please be in prayer for this trip.



Who doesn't love our pastor? Sometimes, pastors and church staff get taken for granted because they are called to the service of the church. Pastors are human and get discouraged, stressed and overwhelmed. They need us, as much as we need them.

Summertime can get busy but let's make sure we remember to show appreciation to Roy and his family, as well as the church staff and leadership, on a regular basis. It's biblical!

1 Timothy 5:17 ESV: "Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching."

10 Simple Ways to make sure our Pastor is "feelin' the love!"

1. Invite them to dinner or drop off a meal for the family.
2. Send a card. Even if you don't have something specific to share, just a "thinking of you" card can be an encouragement!
3. Are you a handyman? Offer or stop by to help with lawn care, a car wash or other odd jobs around the house that might need attention.
4. Drop a gift card in his Bible – Gift cards are a great way to express your love and allow them to have a time with their family, fill up the car, or buy something fun for the family.
5. Pray for him and his family by name. Everyday. Let him know you are praying for him.
6. Be a cheerleader and encourager! We really can make a difference.
7. Bless his vacation. Protect his time away with family and his day off.
8. Allow the pastor to dream. His dreams are for us. Support his vision.
9. Be a generous servant in the church. It's a blessing to you and the pastor.
10. Love his wife and children. They sacrifice time, energy and attention so that our church family has a dedicated leader.



THANK YOU!



Adam Cavalier - Family Life Pastor



Byron Baird - Worship Pastor



Nikki Mize - Children's Minister



Bethany DeVore
Early Childhood Director



Jason Carney
Renaissance Man



Lara Martin - Ministry Assistant



Jim Turner



Price Ferrell
Student Ministry

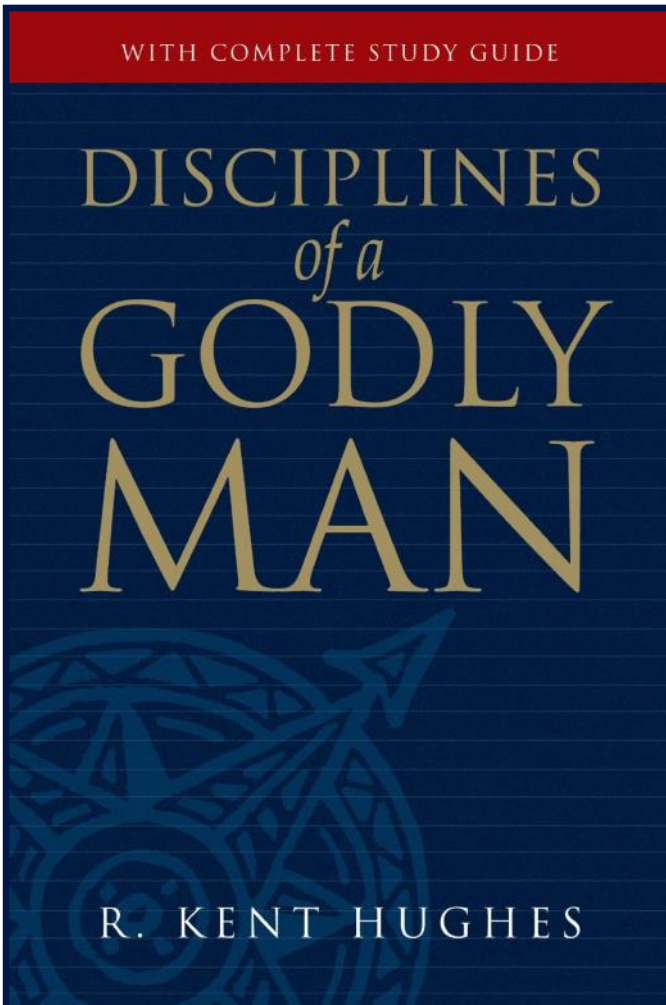
Welcome New Members



Kerry, Laci, Austin, Ashtin
& Kourtney Miller



Stephen, Jana,
Collin & Catelyn Dean



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

TUESDAYS @ 6 AM
GBF

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

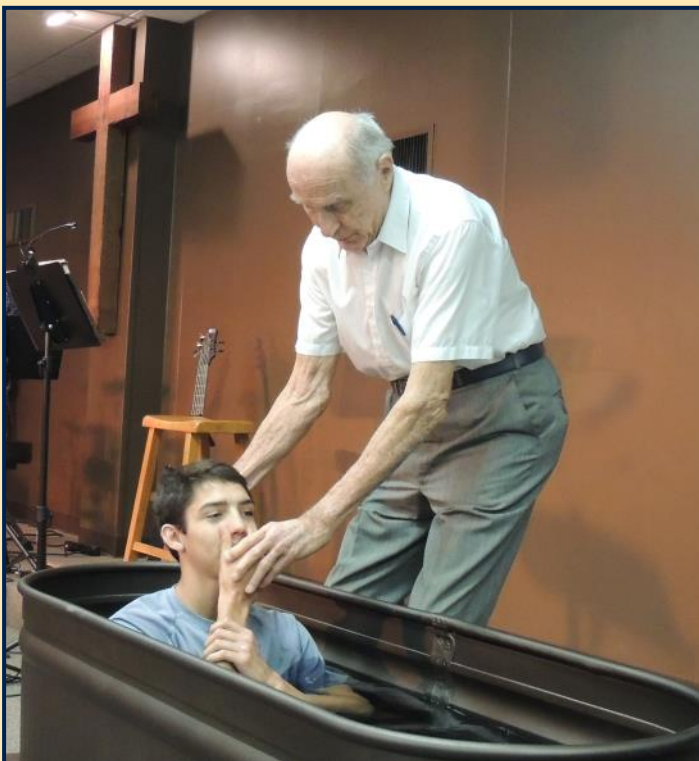
Baptisms



Kayla Rizzo



Park Lewis



Nicolas Gonzales

Nicolas was baptized by his grandfather, BJ Vernon, who also baptized Nicolas's brother, Evan, later in the day.



Major Lewis

Baptism video: <https://vimeo.com/130060340>

**Let your heart therefore
be loyal to the LORD our God,
to walk in His statutes and
keep His commandments,
as at this day.**

1 Kings 8:61



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JULY GRACE KIDS

July 12th:

Solomon Asked for Wisdom

1 Kings 2:1-4,10-12; 3:1-15

What did King Solomon ask from God?

King Solomon asked God for wisdom to lead God's people.

Christ Connection: King Solomon could have asked for earthly treasures, but he asked for wisdom to lead God's people. God created people to do His will. Jesus provided the ultimate example by completely trusting God with His life. Jesus gave up His own life to die on the cross for our sins so that God could bring us back to Himself. **Key Passage:** 1 Kings 8:61

July 19th:

Solomon Built the Temple

1 Kings 6:1-8:66

What did God promise Solomon?

God said, "I will live among the Israelites and not abandon My people."

Christ Connection: Because God is holy, only the priests could approach God—and only if they followed specific instructions. Ordinary people had no direct access to the holy presence of God. Jesus changed all that. By His death on the cross, Jesus took away our sin. We can approach God intimately and individually when we trust Jesus as Lord and Savior. **Key Passage:** 1 Kings 8:61

July 26th:

Solomon's Sin Divided the Kingdom

1 Kings 11-12

How did God punish King Solomon's sin?

God divided Israel into two kingdoms.

Christ Connection: King Solomon's sin led to the division of Israel. Every king failed to lead God's people perfectly. God's people needed a better king, a perfect king! Through David's family, God would send His own Son, Jesus Christ, to be King over God's people forever. Jesus would lead the people perfectly back to God. **Key Passage:** 1 Kings 8:61

GRACE KIDS

SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR

JULY

Pre-K/Kindergarten: Laci

1st & 2nd Grade: Jonathon & Jennifer

3rd & 4th Grade Girls: Hailey & Lauren

3rd & 4th Grade Boys: Matty & Grayson



Volunteers are needed
for the nursery and
preschool rooms -
especially over the summer

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



**MEGA
SPORTS
CAMP**





STUDENT+ MINISTRY

Important Dates for July:

- Sunday, July 5: Youth Meeting at GBF, 6:30 pm
- Sunday, July 12: Youth Meeting at the Meyerdirk's, 67 Oak Creek Court, Gunter
- Sunday, July 19: Youth Meeting at GBF, 6:30 pm
- Sunday, July 26: Youth Meeting at the Crelia's, 235 Green Meadow Court, Gunter

CONGRATULATIONS to Melina and Jana's team for winning the Video Scavenger Hunt!

The videos are posted here: <https://vimeo.com/130379116>

On the reservation in New Mexico, Tinna Hood, Amy Crelia and Jana Whitley ministered to the Navajo women through crafts and bible study.



Theron Whitley went on the mission trip and shared the gospel with Navajo men.



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2 COR 3:17

Now the Lord is the Spirit,
and where the Spirit of the
Lord is, there is **freedom**.

Happy Independence Day

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

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

July 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
			1	2	3	4 	
5 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am NO GRACE KIDS Youth Meeting @ GBF, 6:30 pm	6	7	8	9	10	11 Baby Shower for Nikki Mize, 10:30 am	
12 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Communion Youth Meeting @ The Meyerdirks	13	14	15	16	17	18	
19 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth Meeting @ GBF, 6:30 pm	20	21	22	23	24	25	
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26 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth Meeting @ The Crelias	27	28	29	30	31		