

GRACE NOTES

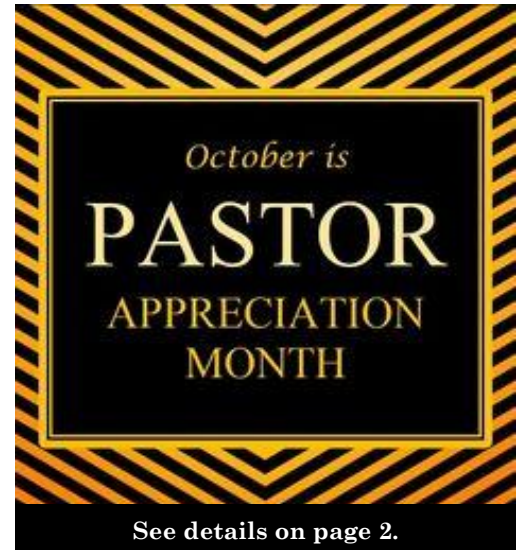
Grace Bible Fellowship

Gunter, Texas

October 2015

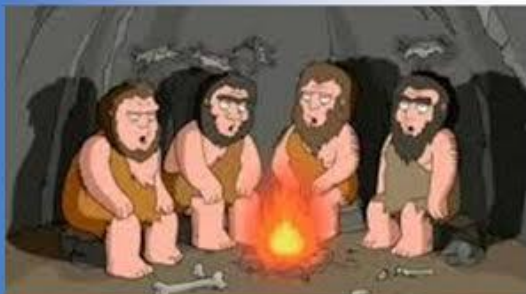
Change Your
Clocks Back &
Smoke Alarm
Batteries

before you go to bed
on Saturday night,
October 31.



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

Contact Jon Stovall for more info: Jon.Stovall@cityofcarrollton.com or 469-323-2393

October is

Pastor Appreciation

Month!

On Sunday, October 18, bring a card to say "Thank You" to our ministerial staff! This can include a personal note of your testimony or how much they mean to you; as well as a gift card for babysitting, a dinner out or a shopping spree! Baskets will be placed in the back of the church.



PASTOR
ROY

ADAM
Youth
and
Family
Life
Pastor



NIKKI
Children's
Minister



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



Celebrating 10 Years of Grace!

Members, family, friends and visitors enjoyed a celebration on September 13 of God's faithfulness to Grace Bible Fellowship over the past 10 years. A video, deacon ordination, lunch and games for the kids were just part of the special day highlighted by a mission statement from Pastor Roy and words on the past, present and future of GBF from Elders Theron, Brent and Jeff (above).



Watch the video
made by Jason Carney!

<https://vimeo.com/139103197>



Thanks to Lara Martin
and everyone who helped
make the anniversary
celebration a success!



Missions Update

Jeremy and Annie Salazar were guests in worship on September 27. We are privileged to partner with them at Northwest Native Ministry.

We first met Jeremy on the Navajo reservation in New Mexico and he now serves as a missionary/church planter to Native Americans in Northwestern United States.

Please keep their ministry in your prayers and their family as they are expecting a baby in April!

"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them?"

Romans 10:13-14

HAPPY HALLOWEEN!



Everyone is invited!

Saturday, October 31

6 pm

The Turners:

203 Preston Glen

**FREE Hot Dogs, Candy, Prizes,
Best Costume and Fun!**

**Please bring a case of water
to donate.**

**If you are interested in helping with this fun,
family event, please email: lara@thegbf.com.**

Homecoming



Tailgate Party!

Liar? lunatic? or... Lord

“I am trying here to prevent anyone saying the really foolish thing that people often say about Him: “I’m ready to accept Jesus as a great moral teacher, but I don’t accept his claim to be God.” That is the one thing we must not say. A man who was merely a man and said the sort of things Jesus said would not be a great moral teacher. He would either be a lunatic—on the level with the man who says he is a poached egg—or else he would be the Devil of Hell. You must make your choice. Either this man was, and is, the Son of God, or else a madman or something worse. You can shut him up for a fool, you can spit at him and kill him as a demon or you can fall at his feet and call him Lord and God. But let us not come with any patronizing nonsense about his being a great human teacher. He has not left that open to us. He did not intend to.” -CS Lewis

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 infamous Pharisees of the New Testament sought to kill Christ rather than worship him. How did they miss what the woman at the well saw? How did they become so blind and legalistic. Well, not to oversimplify, but they simply put something(s) they associated with getting closer to God in the place of God himself. They began to seek to keep the Law of God rather than the Love of God. Eugene Peterson illustrates it beautifully:

“Imagine yourself moving into a house with a huge picture window overlooking a lake with a grand view of mountains beyond. Snow-capped mountains, beautiful mountains. You have a ringside seat, before all of this beauty, the cloud formations, the wild storms, the entire spectrum of sun illuminated colors, and the rocks and the trees and the wildflowers and the water. At first you’re just captivated by this view. You sit and you stand and you look and admire; you catch your breath. Several times a day you interrupt your work and stand before this window to take in the majesty and the beauty.”



“And then one day you notice some bird droppings on the glass, and you get a bucket of water and a towel and you clean it. A couple of days later, a rainstorm leaves the window streaked and the bucket comes out again. One day some visitors with a tribe of small dirty-fingered children come, and the moment they leave you notice there are smudge marks all over the window. They’re hardly out of the door before you have the bucket out again. You’re so proud of that window, and it’s such a large window. But it’s incredible how many different ways foreign objects can attach themselves to that window, obscuring the vision, distracting from the vision. Keeping that window clean now becomes compulsive neurosis. You accumulate ladders and buckets and squeegees. You construct scaffolding outside and one inside; you have to get to all the difficult corners and heights. You end up having the cleanest window in North America, but it’s now been years since you’ve looked through it. You’ve become a Pharisee.” -Eugene Peterson

<https://roylayman.wordpress.com/2015/09/25/the-pharisees-window/>



Fall Progressive Dinner
for the ladies

Saturday October 24 🍃 5 p.m.
At homes in Hidden Lakes Ranch
\$10/person

Sign up at the coffee station by Oct 18
or contact Casey Pettett - jcpettett@gmail.com

More Details to Come!

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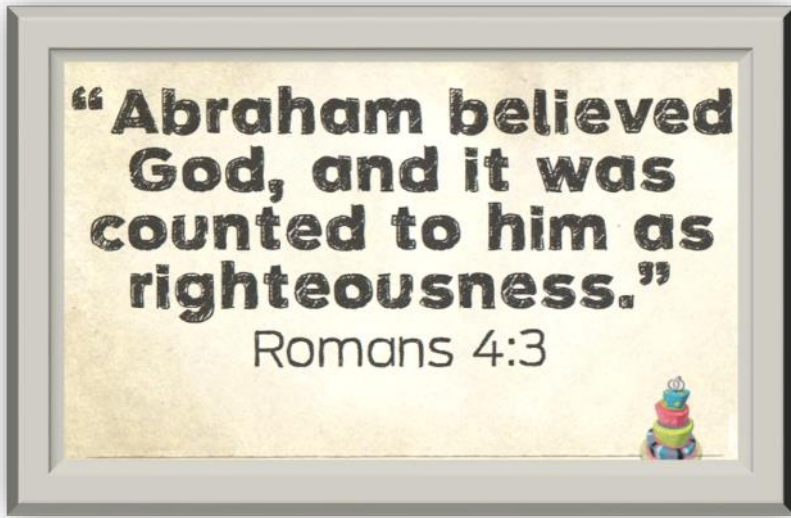
**Jeff & Amy Crelia
Gane & Kris Roberts**

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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OCTOBER GRACE KIDS

God Tested Abraham: Genesis 22:1-19

Main Point: Abraham trusted God even when he didn't understand God's plan.
Big Picture Question: What did God promise? God made a covenant to bless His people.
Christ Connection: Abraham showed his love for God by being willing to sacrifice his son Isaac. This is how God showed His love for us: He sent His Son, Jesus, to die on the cross so that we could have eternal life through Him.
Key Passage: Romans 4:3

The Promise Reaffirmed: Genesis 25:19-26; 26:1-6; 28:10-22

Main Point: God reminded Abraham's family that He always keeps His promises.
Big Picture Question: What did God promise? God made a covenant to bless His people.
Christ Connection: God's wonderful plan to Abraham extended well beyond his lifetime. The plan was shared with Rebekah, Isaac, Jacob, and eventually an entire nation leading to the birth of Jesus. Jesus fulfilled God's plan to provide salvation and redemption for all of God's people.
Key Passage: Romans 4:3

The Stolen Blessing: Genesis 25:27-34; 27:1-45

Main Point: Jacob stole Esau's blessing.
Big Picture Question: What can stop God's plan? Nothing can stop God's perfect plan.
Christ Connection: Jesus is the firstborn over all creation. (Colossians 1:15) When Jesus hung on the cross, He gave up His blessing for us. Jesus took the punishment we deserve so that the Father would give us the blessing Jesus deserves.
Key Passage: Genesis 26:24

"I am the God of Abraham your father. Fear not, for I am with you and will bless you and multiply your offspring for my servant Abraham's sake."
Genesis 26:24

NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Wednesday, October 28 @ 6:30 pm

Food provided.

GRACE KIDS

SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR

OCTOBER

Pre-K/Kindergarten: Lacy D.
1st & 2nd Grade: Johnathon & Ansley
3rd & 4th Grade Girls: Jennifer
3rd & 4th Grade Boys: Matty & Grayson

DEACON ORDINATION



Justin Ferguson, Jon Stovall, Rick Nevil, Jarod Martin

"Deacons likewise must be dignified, not double-tongued, not addicted to much wine, not greedy for dishonest gain. They must hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience. And let them also be tested first; then let them serve as deacons if they prove themselves blameless. Their wives likewise must be dignified, not slanderers, but sober-minded, faithful in all things. Let deacons each be the husband of one wife, managing their children and their own households well. For those who serve well as deacons gain a good standing for themselves and also great confidence in the faith that is in Christ Jesus." 1 Timothy 3:8-13

An opportunity to serve...



Help the Rigsbys during their time of crisis!

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

Help Kris battle Ovarian Cancer again!

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





STUDENT+ MINISTRY

Last month, the GBF youth started their Fall weekly gatherings. They started the year off by diving straight into the New City Catechism (NCC). This program is designed to teach students the basic elements of the Christian faith. Starting from who God is - and then moving onto other important basics - the main goal is to instill the foundational elements of the faith.

Our hope is that this will be an important time of growing in our knowledge of the Lord. We're seeking to grow closer to the Lord and each other through this teaching. Feel free to visit the website and check it out! <http://www.newcitycatechism.com/>

At GBF, we want you to come as you are. Keeping things Gospel-centered, relational, and fun has been the central theme for the ministry - and will continue to be! As we move into October, we pray that you would consider joining us on Wednesday nights - from 6:30-7:45pm - and bring a friend!



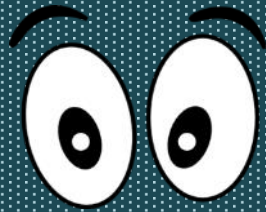
High School and College Grace Group!

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

Contact Adam for details! 225-341-9352

Study: To Live as Christ

Looking to serve at GBF?



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

Volunteers are needed
in the following areas:

- ✦ Nursery
- ✦ Preschool
- ✦ Grace Kids

Family2Family New Mexico Mission Trip

November 20 - 23

More info to come.

Sign up in the kitchen on Sunday mornings.



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

lara@thegbf.com

Contact Us

www.thegbf.com

Phone: 903.433.1732

Grace Bible Fellowship

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Senior Pastor: Roy Layman

Family Life Pastor: Adam Cavalier

Elders: Brent Wilkens, Jeff Crelia

Theron Whitley, Roy Layman

October 2015

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			30 IMPACT 252 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 pm	1	2 Seamless Bible Study, 9 am Men's Retreat thru 10/4 	3
4 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	5 Men's Bible Study 7 am	6 Men's Bible Study 6 am Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	7 IMPACT 252 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 pm	8	9 Seamless Bible Study, 9 am	10
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18 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY	19 Men's Bible Study 7 am	20 Men's Bible Study 6 am Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	21 IMPACT 252 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 pm	22	23 Seamless Bible Study, 9 am	24 <i>Women's Progressive Dinner</i> <i>5 pm</i>
25 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	26 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	27 Men's Bible Study 6 am Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	28 IMPACT 252 STUDENT MINISTRY Night of Worship 6:30 pm	29	30 Seamless Bible Study, 9 am	31  Happy Halloweenies 6 pm Fall Back 1 hr before going to bed!