

It's not too late to sign up for this weekend's Women's Retreat!

See page 6!



GRACE NOTES

February 2016

Grace Bible Family,

After a period of deep prayer and reflection, Adam will be stepping away from his role as Family Pastor of Grace Bible -- effective February 1, 2016.

Furthermore, Adam will be stepping into a new role. Adam, Magan, and their two daughters (Elliot and Haddon) will be moving back to Southeast Asia to serve as missionaries. In this role, Adam will be helping to manage an international church-planting network, located in one of the largest urban centers in the world.

While this may come as a surprise to many, it is no surprise to the Lord. The timing and circumstances are not something anyone originally anticipated, but this is exactly what the Lord had in mind.

Please know that this is not a separation. This is actually a continuation of ministry, albeit in a different role. The elders and I stand by and support Adam and his family. There is a great affection and love for one another.

Adam and Magan will continue to call GBF their church home. They're still family. Please pray with us as we ask the Lord's blessing on this big step of faith for them and prayerfully consider how the Lord may lead you to encourage, bless, and support them during this time of transition.

Blessings,

Roy



HADDON, MAGAN, ADAM AND ELLIOT

Returning to overseas ministry

By Adam Cavalier

At one point in his ministry, Jesus says, "The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear its sound, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit" (John 3:8). Just like the wind, we cannot control or fully understand the Spirit of God.

Recently, the Lord called Magan and I to serve Him in our previous ministry context - Southeast Asia. While we were initially surprised by the timing, the Lord gave us an overwhelming sense of peace and a firm conviction as to His direction.

This role will be a familiar one, as we will be returning to the same organization and many of the same people we served with previously. The responsibilities I will be taking on include church planting, training national leaders, and equipping believers to make disciples.

While it may seem like a parting of ways, this is actually a continuation of ministry. The roles and circumstances will be different, but the connection will remain. We will continue to partner with GBF in working to expand Christ's kingdom on earth.

Often times at the end of our Sunday morning worship gatherings, we will link hands together in prayer and solidarity. In the case of the Cavaliers, we will be joining our proverbial hands across the Pacific.

Welcome, New Members!

Kerry and Norma Clement
Kerra, Connor & Channing

Kip and Kathy Madsen
Jacob, Tyler & Ryan

Johnny and Hilda Neufeld
Samantha, Brooklynn & Jackson



The conference is free, but you'll need to register on the Denton Bible men's page: <http://men.dentonbible.org/outreach/>

Don't miss the 2016 Men's Conference at Denton Bible Church! The conference begins Friday evening and concludes around noon on Saturday.

We will be learning how we as men of Christ are in the middle of a collision course between the Gospel and the American culture!

More info will be coming to your inbox. If you have not received any GBF Men's emails in the past, send your contact info to Jon Stovall, jstovall@suddenlink.net.

When a man follows the principles of biblical manhood, those around him benefit from his leadership and care. Kingdom Man challenges and equips men to fully understand their position under God as well as their position over what God has given them. The biblical definition of a man is one who has learned to operate under the authority of Jesus Christ while carrying out responsible and legitimate leadership within the sphere of influence that God has placed him. Kingdom Man provides concepts men can follow that will help them to actively pursue ways to maximize and develop the character qualities of biblical manhood in their lives.

Beginning January 5, Roy will be leading a Men's Bible Study using the book Kingdom Man, by Tony Evans, as a guide.

The men will cover and discuss the topics addressed in the book, one chapter a week. Men are encouraged to buy the book, but not required to.

The study will meet TUESDAY MORNINGS, from 6 - 7 am, at the church, south hallway entrance, 4th room on right. All men are invited. No dress code, age, marital status, or level of Bible knowledge required.

If your work schedule prohibits you from coming every week, come once, or twice, or as often as you can. The only prerequisite is that you be a man who admits you need God, be willing to learn more about Him and His plan for your life.

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ GBF

TUESDAYS, 6 - 7 AM

**STUDY: Kingdom Man
by Tony Evans**

You can buy the book here
http://www.amazon.com/Kingdom-Man-Every-Destiny-Womans/dp/1589977475/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&qid=1448985953&sr=8-1&keywords=kingdom+man



Covenant Member Meeting

At the annual covenant member meeting on January 23, Pastor Roy and the elders gave brief updates on the following:

Brent Wilkens: Budget and Finance
dfwwilkens@aol.com

Jeff Crelia; Membership
jeff.crelia@gmail.com

Theron Whitley: Deacons, Benevolence, Safety
james.t.whitley@gmail.com

Roy: Personnel, Facilities, Vision
roy@thegbf.com

If you were unable to attend the meeting and would like the information shared, please contact the elders at the email addresses above.

Easter Sunday is March 27.

The GBF Easter Celebration Lunch will be on March 20 immediately following the service.

If you would like to smoke a brisket for the lunch, please email Lara@thegbf.com.



We are continuing to complete our membership class, GBF 101. If you are interested in participating, please email Lara@thegbf.com.



Lara is updating information for the church regarding your mailing address, email address and phone number. Please send her this information at lara@thegbf.com as soon as possible. Also, let her know if you are interested in being added to the text message alert list and the email list for Grace Notes. The updated information will also be helpful for the GBF accountant to mail all tax documents to the correct address. Thank you so much in advance for cooperating in this effort.

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

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

Family Ties

THE PERKINS

Danny and Karen Perkins, along with their children, have been members of GBF since the first day in 2005.

Danny is employed at Raytheon in McKinney and Karen is a Registered Nurse at Parkland Memorial Hospital in Dallas.

Their children include Price Ferrell - a 23 year old senior at Southeastern Oklahoma State University; Kimberly Ferrell - a 21 year old sophomore at Grayson College; Cade Ferrell - an 18 year old senior at Gunter High; and son, Cory Perkins, his wife, Heather, and their children, Hannah and Huxley.

As a family, the Perkins love to vacation to the beach, camping or anywhere they can spend time together. It's extra special when the grandbabies get to come!

Serving the Lord at GBF runs in the family. Karen serves on the prayer ministry team and in the children's ministry. Price is our Youth Intern as well as a part of the Connect Team. Kimberly lovingly serves in the children's ministry and Cade is on the Connect Team.

What is your favorite thing about GBF?

We all love the people, the sound, expositional Biblical teaching, the worship service, the "come as you are" atmosphere, and being supported through good times and difficult times. We're a family.

Cade and Price serve together on the Connect Team.



GBF is truly blessed by this family.

**TOP (left to right): Kimberly Ferrell, Karen and Danny Perkins
ABOVE (left to right): Cade Ferrell and Price Ferrell.**

What is your favorite memory of GBF?

Kimberly: Too many to count!

Price: Getting to serve with the students on the New Mexico mission trips.

Cade: Going to Carney's house for Breakaway and eating all of his food.

Karen: We didn't have curriculum for the 5th & 6th grade so I had the opportunity to create the curriculum - with pastor oversight and much of the Holy Spirit. I taught the book of Genesis to their Sunday School class for an entire year with field trips. At the end of the year, they would race to the room and draw a timeline of all the major events in Genesis!

Danny: Back when the youth consisted of our son, Cory and Angel Watts, the church was small, so we were the leaders, along with Jeff and Wendy Enloe. Cory and Angel used to tease each other and say, "Hey, if you don't show up...we notice!"

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>

prayer
ministry



The new prayer ministry at GBF exists to connect, grow and serve through the area of prayer.

Currently, we are asking those interested in praying during the Sunday morning service to sign up in the kitchen/coffee area.

There will be many upcoming opportunities to be involved in the ministry such as group prayer gatherings, intercessory prayer team, and opportunities to learn more about prayer.

If you are interested in hearing more about the prayer ministry or have any questions please contact Karen @ 972-971-2652 or Keelie @ 903-821-3371.

Prayer Ministry Team members include Jeff Crelia, Stuart Freeny, Keelie Ferguson, Rick Nevil, Karen Perkins and Betty Sue Wilson.

Online Giving option available and easy

At GBF, part of our trifold vision is to SERVE God and our communities with all He has entrusted to us. We are called to give of our Time, Talent, and Treasures. Last month, we introduced online giving as a way to express heartfelt generosity. This new system is called *PushPay*. Please take some time, check it out, and consider it as an option for you moving forward. Here are the options to access this new and exciting option::

1. To start, text **'pushpay'** to **77977** and you will receive a link to download the app. Just search for "Grace Bible Fellowship" and you will see the option to give to us. It has our GBF logo, so you can't miss it. From there, you'll receive step-by-step instructions on how to give.
2. You can also give via the website. <https://pushpay.com/pay/thegbf/>. Options include a recurring gift or a one-time gift.

Please know that this is a fast, easy, and secure way to give. All major credit cards and online bank draft payments are accepted. If you have any questions, feel free to message Brent (dfwwilkens@aol.com), and we'll be glad to help.



WINTER WOMEN'S RETREAT

February 5 - 6, 2016

IF : GUNTER

Where: Grace Bible Fellowship - Lock-in Style - Friday @ 6 pm.

Come ready to eat great food, hear the Word and enjoy awesome community!

We will be finished at approximately 3 pm on Saturday.

What: The world around us feels like it is crumbling and almost nothing seems certain....until we look to Jesus and see that our hope is very clear and certain. He didn't just give us salvation from sin - Jesus is our salvation and the example of what it means to live in the fullness of grace and truth. What the world needs is His redemption, the very redemption and hope that lives inside of us. Rather than shrink back, it is time to love like Jesus loved, serve like Jesus served, pray like Jesus prayed, and pursue holiness like Jesus pursued it.

Register: <http://www.ifgathering.com/localgatherings/ifgunter>

Cost: Online registration will require a minimum \$1 donation.

Fee of \$50 to cover retreat expenses.

If cost is an issue, please contact Magan Cavalier @ 225-933-4204.

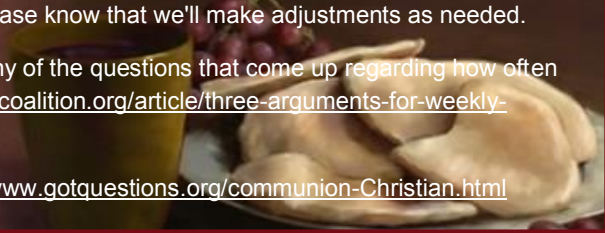
THE LORDS SUPPER

Grace Bible -- You've probably noticed an increased frequency of The Lord's Supper in our weekly worship services. A worship service should bring glory to God, teach and remind us of The Gospel, and stir our affections for God. The Lord's Supper is a glorious grace to those ends!

At our Elder retreat last Spring, increasing The Lord's Supper at Grace Bible became a matter of prayer and discussion. We then shared it with the Deacons for input, and moved forward with the adjustment. Now, more often than not, as long as it makes sense, we'll observe The Lord's Supper during worship. We won't be legalistic about it. There will be times when we won't observe (we didn't the Sunday before last). We're not mad at any other church or denomination for not doing things this way. And I can't promise we'll ALWAYS do it this way. One thing we want to be sensitive to going forward, is not letting this glorious ordinance become an empty ritual due to our frequency of participation. Please know that we'll make adjustments as needed.

I encourage to you to please read the post at the link below. It answers many of the questions that come up regarding how often the ordinance should be observed. Well worth a read: <http://www.thegospelcoalition.org/article/three-arguments-for-weekly-communion>

Also, here's an introduction to the importance of The Lord's Supper. <http://www.gotquestions.org/communion-Christian.html>



Daughters need their Dad

One of the greatest privileges of my life is being a dad to four great kids. One boy and 3 girls. Naturally, my son and I share a lot of "guy things" in common. But I share a very special bond with my 3 daughters that my son and I don't have. It's hard to explain, but daughters soften a man's heart like nothing else can. Daughters know their dad is the last man on earth who would ever hurt them, and the first man who would lay down his life to protect them.

Dads sometimes think that raising girls, especially as they get older, is a mothers work. Moms fill a necessary and special role for sure, but girls always need their daddy, too.

Below is a link to a post that every dad of a daughter needs to read. For me, the post is especially impactful, because it was shared with me by my older sister. As a faithful aunt to my three girls, my sister wants me to get what this post is saying! The author rightly says, *"Fathers, more than anyone else, set the course for a daughter's life...If you fully understood just how profoundly you can influence your daughter's life, you would be overwhelmed."*

Check it out: <http://blog.lifeway.com/leadingmen/2016/01/05/why-daughters-need-their-dads/#.Vq2gS7vSnIV>

Marriage is a Team Sport

We often view sports as the best example and teacher of teamwork. I'm not sure that's always true. Don't get me wrong, I LOVE the entertainment value of sports, and the many things they can teach us. But more and more the emphasis is placed on individuals rather than the team. Look at pro sports -- Manning vs Brady, Manning vs Newton, Curry vs LeBron, who was better: Jordan or Kobe? Individual stats, celebration dances, big \$\$ contracts, galore. All about the team, right? Eh, maybe not so much. We (or maybe it's just me) even sometimes rationalize the over-programming of our kids lives with sports by saying it will "teach them teamwork." There's truth to that! But maybe sports aren't the *best* place for kids to learn the value of selflessness through teamwork.

The first place that "teamwork" should be modeled is in one of the basic institutions that God gave us, the family. And within the family, the most obvious example of good teamwork for our kids and others, ought to be the team that exists between a husband and wife (Gen 2:24). In one sense, **marriage is a team sport**. A biblical marriage is two people walking in God-glorifying unity, seeking the good of one another, making necessary sacrifices, loving unconditionally, forgiving and being forgiven, for a LIFETIME! (Eph 5:22-33) -- now THAT requires some teamwork.

So, married folks -- if you missed the tee-ball sign up deadline and are worried where your kids will learn teamwork this Spring, fear not. The greatest opportunity to teach teamwork won't require any new sports gear for your child, but it might require a renewed perspective on you might be a better teammate to your spouse.

Check out this post from Greg Smalley, with practical ways for husbands and wives to "Establish a teammates mentality". [You're On the Same Team](#).

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.

GraceGroups are finished for this year and will resume meeting the week of January 10. Please contact Adam if you are interested in joining a group for 2016!

BATTLING UNBELIEF

Women's Bible Study

225-933-4204

215 Preston Glen

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

KINGDOM MAN

Jon Stovall

469-323-2393

GBF

Mondays @ 7 pm

KINGDOM MAN

Roy Layman

roy@thegbf.com

GBF

Tuesdays @ 6 am

MARK BY MAX LUCADO

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

Sweet Moments

on a GBF Sunday morning...



New Safety procedures for nursery & preschool will be in effect starting February 7.



Welcome to Grace Bible Fellowship!



Nursery (newborn - 2.5 years)

From snuggles to games to songs, your baby is hearing “God loves you!”

- A nursery teacher will be ready to welcome your child starting at 10:30 am.
- Please sign in, make sure all contact information is correct and receive a security label.
- If your child becomes upset and is inconsolable you will be contacted via text message.
- If you need to feed/change/console your baby, there is a “cry room” located at the end of the south hallway (near the women’s restroom).
- When picking up your child, you will be asked to sign them out and show your security label.



Pre-school (2.5 years-Pre-K)

Your child will participate in a short bible lesson, using the Gospel Project curriculum, where they will hear the good news of Jesus each week.

- A Preschool teacher will be ready to welcome your child starting at 10:30 am.
- Please sign in, make sure all contact information is correct and receive a security label.
- If your child becomes upset and is inconsolable you will be contacted via text message.
- When picking up your child, you will be asked to sign them out and show your security label.



Grace Kids (Pre-K-4th grade following praise singing)

- The Children start with a whole group activity and bible story using the Gospel Project curriculum, and then break into small group where they will dig deeper into what Jesus can do in us and through us.
- Children in full time Pre-K thru 4th grade will dismiss to Grace Kids immediately following the singing portion of our worship time.
- When picking up your child, you will be asked to wait in line outside the Grace Kids room and they will be dismissed to you.

IMPACT (K-6th grade: September-June):

- Join us Wednesday Nights 6:30-7:45 pm for a fun time of games, worship and learning more about Jesus!!

If you have any questions please contact Nikki 214-592-7091 or nikki@thegbf.com

"I am the LORD who brought you up out of the land of Egypt to be your God. You shall therefore be holy, for I am holy."

Leviticus 11:45



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

February 17: Night of Worship/
Games/Pizza

February 24: 4/5/6 grade boys
trip to the Mavericks game

FEBRUARY GRACE KIDS

God the Redeemer and God is Holy

The Ten Commandments: Love God

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 19:1–20:11; 31:18

MAIN POINT: God gave us rules to show that He is holy and we are sinners.

KEY PASSAGE: Hebrews 3:5-6

BIG PICTURE ?: What is God's plan? God's plan is to rescue His people from captivity.

The Ten Commandments: Love Others

BIBLE PASSAGE: Exodus 20:12-17

MAIN POINT: God gave us rules to help us know how to love Him and others.

KEY PASSAGE: Leviticus 11:45

BIG PICTURE ?: Who can keep God's law? No one can keep God's law perfectly except Jesus.

JULY 11 - 14

For Students entering
3rd through 6th grade



**AUSTIN COLLEGE
IN SHERMAN**

Student Life for Kids Camp! Sign up by visiting <http://gbfkids.blogspot.com> and clicking on Camp Sign Up or Contact Nikki 214-592-7091 or nikki@thegbf.com

GRACE KIDS

SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR

FEBRUARY

Pre-K/Kindergarten: Sydney & Caroline

1st & 2nd Grade: Addie and Hailey

3rd & 4th Grade Girls: Mandy T.

3rd & 4th Grade Boys: Cade



STUDENT MINISTRY



Youth Ministry
<https://vimeo.com/151865585>



*Breakaway Weekend will be April 31st – May 1st!
More details to come.*

High School Bible Study
(9th-12th grade)
at The Layman's house



Sunday Nights
7 - 8:30 pm
beginning January 10.

February 2016

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7 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth Bible Study 7 pm	8 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	9 Men's Bible Study 6 am	10 IMPACT 252 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 pm	11	12	13 Women's Bible Study @ the Nevils
14 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth Bible Study 7 pm  Valentine's Day	15 Men's Bible Study 7 pm President's Day NO SCHOOL GSD	16 Men's Bible Study 6 am Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	17 IMPACT 252 & STUDENT MINISTRY NIGHT OF WORSHIP 6:30 PM	18	19	20 Women's Bible Study @ the Nevils
21 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth Bible Study 7 pm	22 Men's Bible Study 7 pm	23 Men's Bible Study 6 am Women's Bible Study, 6:30 pm	24 IMPACT 252 6:30 pm Boys Grades 4-6 to Mavs Game STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 pm	25	26 MEN'S CONFERENCE	27 Women's Bible Study @ the Nevils
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