



GRACE NOTES

June 2016

A graphic of a vintage-style card for Father's Day. The card features the text 'GOD BLESS Fathers' in a large, cursive, orange font. Below this, a compass rose is centered on the card. At the bottom left, it says 'PROVERBS 17:24'. The card is set against a background of a world map. Below the card, the text 'HAPPY FATHERS DAY' and 'SUNDAY, JUNE 19' is displayed in a red, serif font.

Welcome,
New Members!

John and Alicia Gage
Brooks, Mitch, Knox & Titus
Cory and Jennifer Brinkman
Zachary, Noel, Isabella & Lucy

Mega Sports Camp

Pre-K through 6th Graders

June 28 - 30 ★ **5 - 8 pm**



Kick off/Registration Event

Monday, June 27 ★ **6 - 8 pm**

water slides

bounce houses

hot dogs & chips

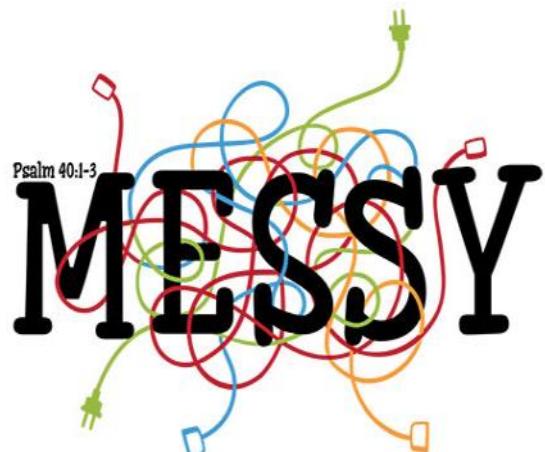
popsicles

2016 Student Ministry Mission Trip to New Mexico Navajo Reservation

June 18 - 25



In prayer, please support our students and ministry leaders
as they spread the Gospel in New Mexico!



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

Volunteer

Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms. 1 Peter 4:10

Volunteers are needed in the following areas. Please be in prayer about these opportunities to serve.

- Make coffee on Sunday mornings. Sign up for one Sunday, weekly or monthly. It is simple and the directions are in the kitchen.
- Clean and organize the kitchen once a month.
- Update the bulletin boards in the hallways once a month.

Email Lara (lara@thegbf) for more information regarding these opportunities.

Your help is greatly appreciated!

During the week of May 17 - 21, our GBF facilities hosted childcare for workers building the new park in Gunter. It was a great opportunity to share life, fun and the gospel with the kids. A big thanks to our GBF family, GHS students, Grace Groups and community members for chipping in to help. And special thanks to Casey Layman for coordinating the childcare effort.



MEN'S BIBLE STUDY @ GBF

TUESDAYS, 6 - 7 AM

During the month of June, the study will include topics from the ESV Men's Devotional Bible.

The men will take July off and resume meeting in August with a new study.

You did it! *Congratulations*



These high school seniors have been active participants in our student ministry and will graduate on June 4. GBF wishes all of the graduates God's blessings for the future.



**ABIGAIL
BON**

Parents:
David and Sharon
Bon

Will attend
Texas A&M
University



**STRATTON
CARROLL**

Parents:
Shawn and Sharon
Carroll

Will attend
Grayson County
College

**TAYLOR
CHEERS**

Parents:
Walter and Roshanda
Cheers

Will attend
Baylor
University



**ADAM
CHICK**

Parents:
Brian & Andrea
Chick

Will attend
Texas Tech
University





CONNOR CLEMENT

Parents:
Kerry and Norma
Clement

Will attend
Blinn College
then Texas A&M
University



TAYLOR CRELIA

Parents:
Jeff and Amy
Crelia

Will pursue a
degree in
Chemistry

CADE FERRELL

Parents:
Danny and Karen Perkins
and
John Ferrell

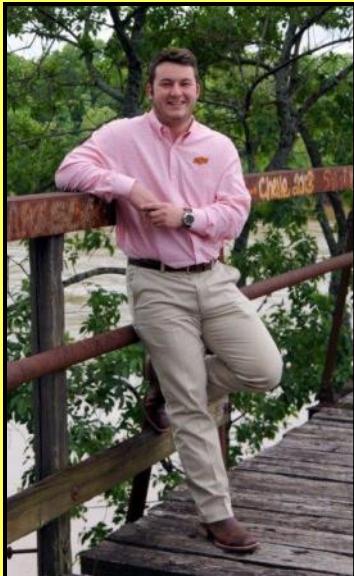
Will attend Grayson
County College and
transfer to UNT or TWU



KAYCIE HAMILTON

Parents:
Shawn and Jessica
Hamilton

Will play volleyball
at Brookhaven



CADE MEYERDIRK

Parents:
Scott and Shari
Meyerdirk

Will attend
Oklahoma State
University



SYDNEY MORRISON

Parents:
Ronald and Angela
Morrison

Will attend
Texas A&M
University



LEVI MROZINSKI

Parents:
Tom and Jane
Mrozinski

Will attend Collin
College and transfer
to Stephen F Austin
University



EMILY PRICE

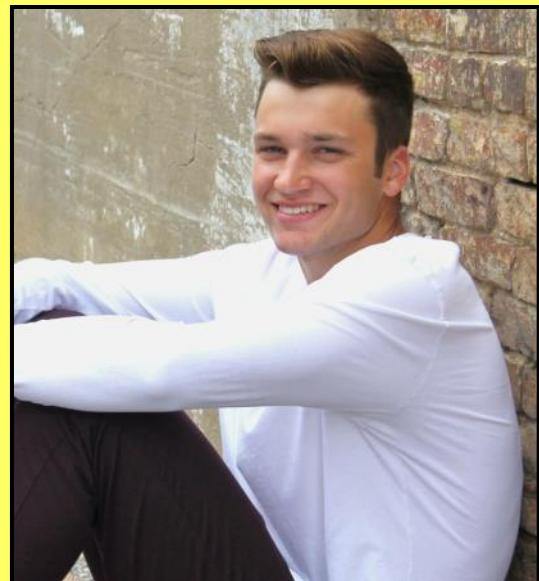
Parents: John and Sara Price
Will attend Texas Tech University



SIDNEY ROWELL

Parents:
Jim and Shannon
Rowell

Will attend
Bryan College



GRiffin UNDERWOOD

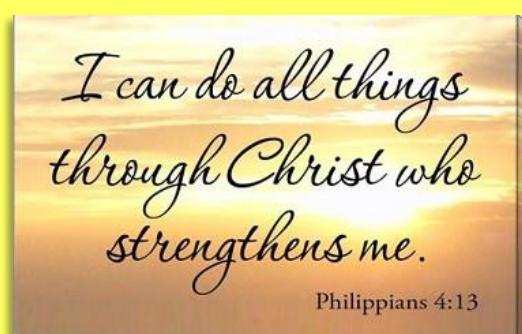
Parents: Eric and Vadra Underwood
Will attend Grayson County College



JAKE WHITTEKER

Parents:
Greg and Corry
Whitteker

Will attend the
United States
Air Force Academy



8 Reasons to Preach Through Books of the Bible

We've primarily taught thru books of the Bible on Sunday mornings at Grace Bible for several years now. It doesn't sound cool, slick, or "relevant" but there are benefits to this approach, Jared C. Wilson outlines a few in this post: [8 Reasons To Preach Through Books of the Bible](#).

The resurgence in commitment in many evangelical circles to expository preaching is a very encouraging sign as the contemporary church navigates so many shifting cultural trends with so many shifting stylistic trends of its own. As many younger churchmen have begun to look not at the latest preaching styles but at what evangelicalism's elder statesmen have been doing for years — not to mention, as they've begun studying the homiletical practices of the gospel renewal movements throughout church history — we've fortunately seen a rise in expositional preaching. Many of us have maintained a commitment to this kind of explication even when our sermons happen to be topical!

While there's no need to be dogmatic about this kind of sermon delivery, and while I think taking time for short topical sermon series or strategic "stand-alone" messages can be good and helpful, I do think it is generally wise for a pastor not just to preach expositorily, but to preach expositorily through entire books of the Bible. I think every preacher ought to endeavor to feed his flock this way. And here are eight reasons why:

1. It's biblical.

Contrary to what some have said, expository preaching through books of the Bible has biblical precedent. The two most notable examples can be found in Nehemiah 8, where Ezra preaches through the book of the Law, "giving the sense" (v.8) as he goes, and of course in Luke 24, where "beginning with Moses and all the Prophets, Jesus interpreted to them in all the Scriptures the things concerning himself" (v.27).

2. It helps people learn their Bible.

It is a sad reality that most Christians get most of their Bible at church. We want them to spend daily time in the word, of course, but too many don't and won't. Preaching through books of the Bible, then, over time exposes churchgoers to the fullness of God's counsel.

3. It spiritually stretches the preacher and deepens his understanding of God.

If a preacher will commit to preaching through entire books of the Bible, he will find himself dealing with difficult and complex passages he might otherwise have avoided. Systematically working through a book means you can't skip the confusing parts or the scandalous parts or the "boring" parts, the study of all of which is helpful to the preacher's own devotional

life — since *all* Scripture is breathed out by God and useful (2 Tim. 3:16) - and consequently helpful to the congregation.

4. It puts controversial or "hot topic" issues in their proper place.

A preacher committed to preaching through books of the Bible can't hobby-horse or camp out on one political, social, or cultural issue he feels most important. His preaching isn't being driven by Hallmark or the headlines. Thus, he gets around to the "social issues" when the Bible does and ends up correlating his concern and energy about them to the Bible's concern and energy about them.

5. It helps Christians see the full storyline of redemption.

The gospel announcement of Christ's sinless life, sacrificial death, and glorious resurrection for the salvation of sinners is a grand plan foreshadowed and echoed throughout all of Scripture, and preaching through entire books of the Bible helps churches see the epic story God is telling about his Son from the foundation of the world.

6. It more greatly magnifies the glory of Jesus Christ.

As Jesus himself says to those disciples on the road to Emmaus, even the old covenant Scriptures are "about himself." And as Paul says, all the promises of God find their "yes and amen" in Jesus (2 Cor. 1:20). To not preach through as many biblical texts as you can is to withhold certain aspects of Christ's glory from your church.

7. It fosters congregational patience, endurance, and commitment to the word.

Hopping from one topic to the next, jumping around according to pastoral interest or current devotional mood, has some advantages to be sure, but a commitment to a book more befits the plodding needed for faithful, long-term ministry. Preachers who preach through books of the Bible logically think in more long-term ways, which is beneficial for pastoral fruitfulness. And the way preachers preach shapes their church.

8. It creates a longer pastoral and congregational legacy.

To preach with the times is to go where all times go. Now, sermons ought to be applicable and relevant to the Christian's daily life and the world we live in. But the great thing about the Scriptures is that they are remarkably applicable and relevant to the world we live in *without our help!* And while sermons fashioned toward the tyranny of the now may be of some help for some time, sermons preached from the eternal word can be of help for all time. In the long run of pastoral ministry and the life of the church, a pastor who resources his congregation with faithful, plodding biblical exposition is providing a body of work that will live much longer after his own departure.

**The LORD is our
judge; the LORD is
our lawgiver; the
LORD is our king;
he will save us.**

Isaiah 33:22



MARK YOUR CALENDAR
www.gbfkids.blogspot.com

June 1: Last Impact of the year
June 15: MSC Volunteer Meeting @ 6 pm
June 27: MSC Kick Off 6-8 pm
June 28-30: Mega Sports Camp 5-8pm

JUNE GRACE KIDS

Joshua's Final Encouragement

BIBLE PASSAGE: Joshua 23:1–24:28
MAIN POINT: Joshua encouraged the people to worship God alone.
KEY PASSAGE: Joshua 1:9
BIG PICTURE ?: Whom can we trust? We can trust God to take care of us.

The First Judges

BIBLE PASSAGE: Judges 3:7-31
MAIN POINT: God's people turned from Him to worship idols.
KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 33:22
BIG PICTURE ?: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory & our good.

Deborah and Barak

BIBLE PASSAGE: Judges 4–5
MAIN POINT: God's people needed someone to rescue them from their enemies.
KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 33:22
BIG PICTURE ?: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

Gideon

BIBLE PASSAGE: Judges 6–8
MAIN POINT: God used Gideon's weakness for His glory.
KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 33:22
BIG PICTURE ?: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

GRACE KIDS

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR
JUNE**

Pre-K/Kindergarten:
1st & 2nd Grade:
3rd & 4th Grade Girls:
3rd & 4th Grade Boys:

Keelie
Carrie S.
Mandy & Addie

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THE FIESZELS
BERKLEY, TAYLOR, JAKE AND BEAR

CHILD DEDICATION

Jake and Taylor Fieszel recently participated in child dedication for their children, Bear and Berkley. The tradition is set aside for parents to commit themselves publicly to raise their child in the nurture and love of the Lord, and for the church to pray for them in their awesome responsibility as parents.



Thank you to all who participated in our annual Children's Ministry Facebook auction! Your generosity will enable more kids to attend camp and help with other ministry needs.



IMPACT

Girls win the
Shoe Relay!



STUDENT MINISTRY



BREAKAWAY



DATES TO REMEMBER

- June 1: Last Wed night gathering.
- June 5: Pre-NM Meeting for students at GBF 6:30 - 7:30 pm.
- June 12: Mandatory NM Mission Trip Meeting at GBF, 5:30 - 6:15 pm.
- June 18-25: Student Ministry New Mexico Mission Trip
- June 26: Youth 6:30-7:45 pm at GBF
- June 27-30: Mega Sports Camp at GBF. Students are strongly encouraged to help.

STUDENT MINISTRY UPDATE

BY PRICE FERRELL

We finished our series based out of the book Daniel called "Set Apart". Romans 12:2 says, "Do not be conformed to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind." Christians will never bring the world to God by becoming just like them. We are to be something different than what we see in the world around us. The life of a Christian is counter-cultural. In the book of Daniel, we see many examples of how a young person living in culture that does not honor God can still live a life that is God glorifying.

Breakaway Weekend, April 30 - May 1: Breakaway Weekend was held at Straight Arrow Camps off of Lake Texoma. Our verse for Breakaway was Hebrews 12:1-2: "...let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God."

These weekends serve as a time for students to grow closer to God, to each other, and to their leaders in a setting that is fun for everyone involved. In short, it is a time for students to break away from the influences that discourage them as young Christians, and a time to be encouraged by the love of God, their leaders, and one another.

During our time, I witnessed our students have an incredible amount of fun. Whether they were throwing water balloons or throwing Vienna Sausages, our students were having fun and not apologizing for it. I witnessed students grow closer in their relationships with other students. No student was made to feel like the outcast of the group. The students' relationships with their youth leaders were deepened. Every student was able to walk away from that weekend knowing that someone else cares for the well-being of their soul. Not because they have some alternative motive, but because they genuinely care about them. Every student was also preached the gospel of Jesus Christ. Our pastor, Roy Layman, shared his testimony of what Christ had done and is continuing to do in his life. Our students left knowing the truth that there is no life greater than a life lived for Christ. Every other life this world has to offer will always fall short and leave you feeling empty. In GBF Student Ministry, we aim to always be gospel-centered, relational, and fun in everything that we do. This past weekend was no exception

Links to Breakaway Weekend photos and video: <https://vimeo.com/165789414>

<https://vimeo.com/165250161>

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/135982369@N08/albums/72157667775185646>



Lip Sync Video: We started a lip sync video project that we will share on June 1st.



thank you!

A little over a year ago, I was over at Jarod Martin's house watching the College Football National Championship game. I know this is random, but bear with me. After the game when I went home, I started thinking about how in the world I ended up at Jarod's house watching a football game with my pastor, Roy, Jason Carney, and a few others. For whatever reason, Jarod first started pouring into my life when I was a freshman in high school. As my youth leader, he took me out to eat, answered questions, talked me through problems, encouraged me, and was a second voice for truth in my life. Today, that friendship continues on and we even serve together in several ministries within Grace Bible including our student ministry.

I know stuff like this does not happen all the time for every student that comes through our student ministry, but it does happen. When it does happen, it is not because we give away free iPads or helicopter rides every Wednesday night. Rather, it is because we have an incredibly dedicated group of youth leaders who genuinely love Jesus and love students.



The youth leader's love for our students was clearly seen this past month at Breakaway. Proverbs 14:4 says, "Where there are no oxen, the manger is clean, but abundant crops comes only by the power of the ox." The principle here is if you want to be a part of great things, you must be ready to clean up big messes. That is our youth leaders. From 7:00 am Saturday morning to after church on Sunday morning, they never stopped serving our students. Yes, they needed some help from some ibuprofen after getting beaten up in Knockerball, but they still never stopped. Any time I was getting ready to set up for the next activity, they would ask, "What do you need me to do?" After our worship service that night, they took their small groups and further discussed the gospel of Christ and how it applies to their lives. What more could you ask for? Breakaway would not have happened if it were not for their servant-hearted attitude.

You want to know the greatest thing about our youth leaders? They do this every Wednesday night all year long. Every week, they give their time and energy to sharing the gospel and praying with the students. The very same things Jarod started doing with me when I was a freshman in high school are still being done today. As a result, student's lives are being changed. As a church, we are blessed to have such a devout group of youth leaders who sacrifice their time and energy discipling students for the glory of God.

With all that said, I would like thank **Nikki Waligura, Beth Hood, Magan Cavalier, Janna Whitley, Lara Martin, Tiffany McGill, Casey Layman, Jason Carney, Adam Cavalier, Jason Pettett, Justin Ferguson, Theron Whitley, and Jarod Martin** for serving our students this past school year.

I would also like to send a thank you out to all the parents who have stepped in along the way to help out with transporting and chaperoning students. You all have been a huge help. I am blessed to be able to serve our students with each and every one of you.

In Christ,

Price Ferrell



GRACE GROUPS

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. Current **GraceGroups** are wrapping up for this semester, but we are in need of more homes and leaders for next fall. Please be in prayer about joining a GraceGroup or volunteering to be a leader. Below is a list of leaders, study topics, meeting times and places. If you are interested in leading a group, please contact Rick Nevil or Theron - james.t.whitley@gmail.com

Women's Bible Study

225-933-4204

215 Preston Glen

Tuesdays @ 6:30 pm

Jason & Nikki Waligura

214-587-1427

82 Forest Hills Circle

Every other Sunday,

6 - 7:30 pm

PRAYERS OF PAUL

Rick & Nancy Nevil

469-401-2615

699 Wallace Road

Wednesdays @ 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study

Shelly Baird

903-819-2074

105 Forest Meadows Dr.

Friday 9-11 am

Jarod & Lara Martin

903-815-0562

413 Autry Blvd

Sundays, 6 - 7:30 pm

Jason Carney

903-819-8087

107 Arrowhead Dr

Every other Sunday @ 5 pm

Justin & Keelie Ferguson

903-821-3371

10434 Hwy 289

Sundays, 5 - 7:30 pm

KINGDOM MAN

Roy Layman

roy@thegbf.com

GBF

Tuesdays @ 6 am

Jeff & Amy Crelia

Gane & Kris Roberts

903-815-1182

515 Kerfoot Drive

Every Other Wednesday

6:30 pm

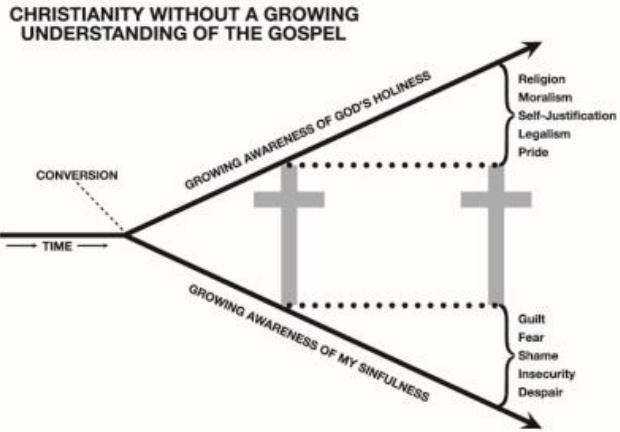


AN ABSOLUTE MUST: A Growing Understanding of the Gospel

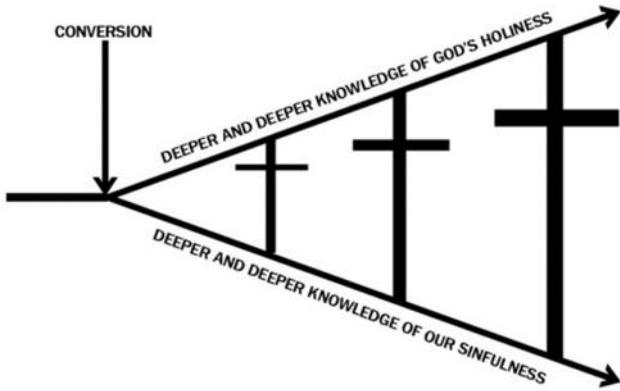
By Roy Layman

Most of our New Testament is made up of letters written to churches reminding them of the gospel (the good news that Christ died for sinners). Ever wonder why? Why would "saved" people need to here the gospel of Jesus again? The truth is we never outgrow the gospel. "The gospel is not just the A-B-C's but the A-Z of Christianity" -Tim Keller.

The fact is, a growing awareness of God's holiness, and a growing awareness of our own sinfulness, without a growing appreciation for the gospel, is hurtful. The picture below illustrates this well. Notice what happens when we don't increase our view of the gospel (the cross). We try to fill the growing gap with **performance** (religion, moralism, self-justification, legalism, pride) and/or **pain** (guilt, fear, shame, insecurity, despair).



The picture below illustrates Christianity **WITH** a growing understanding of the gospel. In this picture we see an ever increasing appreciation of the gospel (the cross) as we further our knowledge of God's holiness and our own sinfulness.



The Christian life becomes a struggle when we don't focus the gospel and it's far reaching implications. We think the benefits of the gospel are limited to when we pass from this life to the next. But the gospel gives us freedom from our past, power of the present, AND hope for the future. The gospel not only saves us (John 3:16, Romans 10:13), but also progressively sanctifies us, allowing us to be "transformed...from one degree of glory to another" (2 Cor 3:18). Performance and pain are now replaced by worship, a realization of the grace (unearned favor) that has been afforded to us, and a pursuit of holiness out of thankfulness.

Now, if you're reading all of this and are thoroughly confused, don't worry. It's probably my lack of explanation more than your inability to understand. Please, shoot me an email and let's get together and talk about this. There's nothing I want more than to help people apply the gospel to our lives.

The following article has been taken from Pastor Roy's blog, <https://roylayman.wordpress.com/>

Every struggle with what to say when someone is hurting? Me too. Maybe the best place to start is with what NOT to say. Check out this great post on the subject.

http://donmcminn.com/2016/05/dont-say-someone-hurting/?utm_content=bufferaea4c&utm_medium=social&utm_source=facebook.com&utm_campaign=buffer

When someone is hurting, do *NOT* respond with:

- **Advice/instruction** – “Let me tell you how to solve the problem.” Or, “The next time that happens you should...”
- **Logic/reasoning** – “Let me analyze the situation and tell you why it happened.” Or, “I think the reason that happened was because...”
- **Pep talk** – “You’re a winner! You’ll make it through these tough times!” Or, “I’m sure tomorrow will be a better day.”
- **Minimize the incident** – “Sure it hurt, but get things into perspective; there’s a lot going on that’s good.” Or, “Aren’t you being overly sensitive?”
- **Anger** – “That makes me so mad! They shouldn’t get away with that!” (Angry at who caused the hurt.) Or, “I’m so upset that you keep getting yourself hurt.” (Angry at the one who is hurting.)
- **Martyr’s complex** – “I had something similar happen to me.” Or, “After the kind of day I had, let me tell you what hurt really feels like.”
- **Personal fear/anxiety** – “I’m afraid that’s going to affect my life too.”
- **Mr. “Fix it”** – “I can’t believe that salesman talked to you like that. I’m calling the store right now and talking to his boss.” Or, “I know you must have been scared when you had a flat tire on that lonely road. Tomorrow I’ll take the car in and get a whole new set of tires.”
- **Spiritualizing** – “Well, you know that God will work all this out for your good.” Or, “Remember what Joseph said when his brothers mistreated him: ‘They meant it for evil, but God meant it for good.’”

The best antidote for hurt is comfort. Comfort is an emotion, not a cerebral commodity. It is also very simple; if we make it complicated, we’ll miss the mark. We can comfort others through gentle words, appropriate touch, and our quiet presence.

GENTLE WORDS

While there are many words in the Oxford Dictionary, only about 40-50 words qualify as comforting words. The “vocabulary of comfort” includes phrases like these:

- “I’m really sorry that you’re hurting.”
- “It hurts me that you’re hurting because I love you and care for you.”

“It saddens me that you felt _____ (embarrassed, rejected, belittled). I know that must have hurt you.”

When comforting someone, the fewer words spoken, the better. If we say too much, we will inevitably move into the cognitive, rational realm, which will be counterproductive.

When speaking words of comfort, it’s also important that our tone of voice be complementary to what is being said. Words of comfort should be spoken gently and with compassion.

APPROPRIATE TOUCH

Proper and tender acts of physical affection can also minister comfort. Depending on the relationship, a warm embrace, a hug, holding hands, or a kiss can help communicate care and concern.

QUIET PRESENCE

Sometimes, just being *with* a person who is hurting is helpful. When I was a young minister, I wasn’t sure what to say to someone who had just lost a loved one. A wise mentor taught me that the “ministry of your presence” is powerful and effective. Just being physically present communicates care and concern.

So when you encounter someone who is hurting, do not do the nine items listed at the beginning of this essay. Do extend comfort. You’ll be amazed at the outcome.

An opportunity to bless others...



Help Kris battle
Ovarian Cancer again!

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

The Cavalier family spent their last Sunday at GBF last week. They are headed to Louisiana for a few weeks before transitioning to full time ministry in Asia.

Please pray for Adam, Magan and their daughters Elliot and Haddie (and a third girl, Carson, arriving soon!). We will miss you!



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Elders: Brent Wilkens, Jeff Crelia
THERON WHITLEY, Roy Layman

Prayer Ministry

What this is: Praying for the service, for our pastor and for the church body during the Sunday morning service.

Get involved: If you would like to be a part of our Sunday morning prayer team please sign up in the kitchen this Sunday and you will be contacted with further information.

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

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

June 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Last meeting for IMPACT and Student Ministry 6:30 PM	2	3	4
5 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am NM Mission Trip Meeting, 6:30 pm	6	7 Men's Bible Study 6 am	8	9	10	11
12 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Mandatory NM Mission Trip Mtg 5:30 pm	13	14 Men's Bible Study 6 am	15 Mega Sports Camp Volunteer Meeting, 6 pm 	16	17	18
19 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am FATHER'S DAY	20	21 Men's Bible Study 6 am	22	23	24	25
					Student Ministry Mission Trip to New Mexico	
26 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am Youth @ GBF 6:30 pm	27 Mega Sports Camp Kick-off 6 - 8 pm	28 Men's Bible Study 6 am	29	30		
			MEGA SPORTS CAMP 5 - 8 PM			