



# GRACE NOTES

July 2016



STUDENT  
MINISTRY  
NEW MEXICO  
MISSION  
TRIP

JUNE  
18 - 25

The GBF Student Ministry recently went on its annual mission trip to Pine Hill Church on the Navajo Indian Reservation in northwest New Mexico. The theme verse for this year's trip was Romans 1:16, "For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek." We should always strive to be unashamed of the gospel of Jesus Christ. This past week, our students lived this out. They boldly taught and shared the gospel by putting on a Vacation Bible School at Pine Hill Church for the local Navajo kids. I witnessed our students boldly proclaim the gospel of Jesus, unconditionally love the Navajo children, and have a lot of fun doing so.

Over a five day period, we broke the gospel down into four parts: the holiness of God, the sinfulness of man, the sacrifice of Christ, and the right response. Our students stepped completely outside of their comfort zone and embraced all new challenges. Whether they were called upon to teach that day or to lead rec and snack out in the hot sun, our students worked their tail off each and every day to make sure that every Navajo child left knowing that they were loved by God and by us. From the moment the first kid jumped out of the van to the moment the last kid loaded up in the van to leave for the day, our students were totally engaged. No child was made to feel like an outcast. Every child was able to walk away from VBS knowing that someone else cares for the well-being of their soul. Not because they have some alternative motive, but because they genuinely love them.

We established 3 pillars to determine how we facilitate VBS. First and foremost, we were to be gospel-centered. If we spend the entire week on the reservation, but we never speak the truth, we miss the mark. Second, we were to be relational. Information best travels across bridges of trust. We set out to build relationships in the name of Jesus. Lastly, we were going to have fun. Fun is a universal language that everyone understands and everyone enjoys. If we can laugh with one another, we can learn from one another. Our students executed this to perfection. We have an amazing group of students and I was truly blessed to be able to serve with them on the NM Mission Trip of 2016. We did it for the turn-up. It was lit.

In Christ,

Price Ferrell

MISSION TRIP PICS!

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*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.

- 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!

*Jace, Lilly and Mox Martin are proud to announce the birth of their baby sister,*

*Lucy Mae*

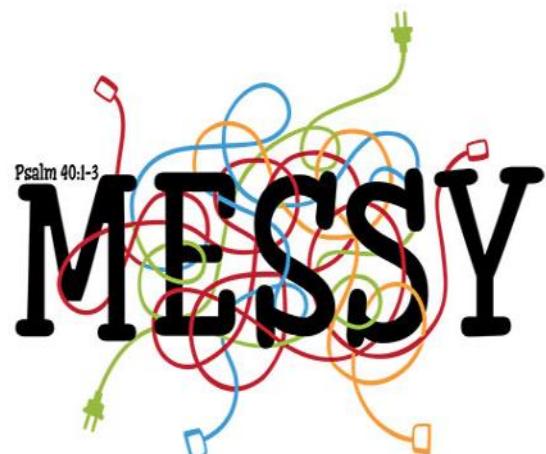
*June 6, 2016*

*7 lbs, 3 oz.*

*18.5 inches long*

*Proud Parents: Jarod and Lara Martin*

**LUCY**



Psalm 40:1-3

**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](mailto:nikki@thegbf.com)

# Meet our new children's ministry director: Alicia Gage



The Gage Family (Left to Right): Mitchell, Alicia, Brooks, Titus, John and Knox.

Our new children's ministry director might be new to GBF, but she is certainly not new to church leadership, especially when it involves children and family.

Alicia Gage and her husband, John, joined the church in March, along with their four boys: Brooks -10, Mitchell - 9, Knox—6, and Titus - 2 1/2.

In their previous church, Alicia was involved in teaching children's church, the weekly worship team, and summer Vacation Bible Camp, while she and John hosted a community group.

Alicia graduated from Decatur High School and earned a Bachelor's degree in Kinesiology from Hardin- Simmons University. She is also a certified teacher and John works for Independent Bank in Prosper.

The Gages are excited to be a part of the growing family at GBF. They enjoy fishing, being outdoors and participating in sports events.

Alicia will officially begin her duties on July 17. A few of her goals for the children's program include: to provide a safe, secure, loving environment; for children to know the truth through catechisms and scripture; for each child to know that God is real and seek a personal relationship with Him; to equip, encourage, and appreciate the volunteers; and to equip parents to be the primary spiritual leader of their child.

## What is your favorite thing about GBF?

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| John:     | <i>The love that people in the church have for Jesus.</i>          |
| Alicia:   | <i>The community and that the gospel is preached every Sunday.</i> |
| Brooks:   | <i>Meeting new friends</i>   |
| Mitchell: | <i>Going to church with family.</i>                                |
| Knox:     | <i>Doing the bible crafts</i>                                      |
| Titus:    | <i>Jesus</i>   |

Welcome, Gage family and thank you for serving the Lord at GBF!



Wishing you a safe and happy  
**Independence Day!**  
**Monday, July 4**

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

# What I Said To A Friend Reading a Joel Osteen Book

For some, when I say that I am not a supporter of Joel Osteen's teaching you probably think, "DUH! He's a prosperity preacher!" For others you might think "REALLY!? He has such a positive message. Why would you NOT support that?!?!"

About a year ago a friend of mine/member of my church family posted on Twitter that she was currently reading one of Mr. Osteen's books. I messaged her about it and brought some things to her attention. I thought I would share my message to her with you all. My intention is not to slander Mr. Osteen, but rather to raise what I feel like are some legitimate concerns about his teaching. Below is exactly what I sent to her via text message and I did ask her permission before posting.

*Hey girl. Pls don't think I'm the Twitter police when I share this w/you :-) And pls know that I you are free to read whatever you want, & I respect that...but I saw your post about Joel Osteen. First of all, props to you! I'm so glad to see you making efforts to feed your soul, few girls your age are doing that w/their time....but to say that I have reservations about Joel would be an understatement :-/ To be fair, I was "warned" about Joel & other "prosperity preachers" in ministry training, so I'm definitely hypersensitive to them, but as your pastor and friend I wanted to give you a chance to make a decision on whether or not his (Joel's) teaching is in line w/biblical Christianity. Here's a link to a post that brings up some of the same concerns I have <http://themattwalshblog.com/2014/09/04/joel-osteen-wife-heretics-thats-america-loves/> and here's a short YouTube vid about the prosperity gospel and its dangers **ESPECIALLY** in 3rd world countries as they don't have the the \$\$ & resources that we have & are seen as not having enough faith or saying the right "powerful" words. [http://youtu.be/G-V\\_91c5ojU](http://youtu.be/G-V_91c5ojU) And one more by Matt Chandler <http://youtu.be/w3oFFZOqKdc>. Pls let me know if you have questions about this & pls don't take this as me telling you what you should/shouldn't read. Just want you to be informed. Much love, Roy*

My friend said that what I shared with her was helpful and that she had passed it on to others. That's my intention, to be helpful.

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An opportunity to bless others...



Help Kris battle  
Ovarian Cancer again!

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

**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)

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**For God is the King of all the earth; sing praises with a psalm! God reigns over the nations; God sits on his holy throne.**

Psalm 47:7-8



**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**  
[www.gbfkids.blogspot.com](http://www.gbfkids.blogspot.com)

July 6: Camp Leader Meeting @ 5:30pm

July 11-14: Student Life for Kids  
 "Messy" Camp

## JULY GRACE KIDS

### Samson

BIBLE PASSAGE: Judges 13-16      MAIN POINT: God gave Samson power.

KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 33:22

BIG PICTURE ?: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

### Ruth and Boaz

BIBLE PASSAGE: Ruth 1-4      MAIN POINT: God provided a redeemer for Ruth.

KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 33:22

BIG PICTURE ?: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

### Eli and Boy Samuel

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 1-3      MAIN POINT: God called Samuel to share God's plan.

KEY PASSAGE: Isaiah 33:22

BIG PICTURE ?: How does God accomplish His plan? God uses people for His glory and our good.

### Israel Demanded a King

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 8-10      MAIN POINT: God chose Saul as Israel's first king.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 47:7-8

BIG PICTURE ?: Who is our King? Jesus is our King forever, and He rules over the world.

### God Rejected Saul as King

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Samuel 13:1-14; 15:1-35

MAIN POINT: God rejected Saul as king because of his sin.

KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 47:7-8

BIG PICTURE ?: Who is our King? Jesus is our King forever, and He rules over the world.

**GRACE KIDS**

**SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR JULY**

Sidney  
 Haley & Samantha  
 Caroline

# NM MISSION TRIP



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# STUDENT MINISTRY

Here's what all went down in Student Ministry during June:

- We started our summer teaching series called **Stories**. Proverbs 27:17 says, “Iron sharpen iron, and one man sharpens another.” One of the best ways Christians can sharpen one another is through the sharing of testimonies. This summer our youth leaders will share their stories of how God has worked through them and is continuing to work through them.
- We went on the New Mexico Mission trip. The recap is on page 1 and below is a list of those who participated. Ask them about how the trip impacted their lives!

Ben Crelia	Trinity Layman
Alex Hales	Ashlynn Whitley
Cade Carruthers	Addie Turner
Quinten Layman	Sydney Morrison
Trey Carr	Taylor Prosser
Evan Gonzalez	Ainslee Stovall
Anthony Pelley	Jacee Childers
Nicholas Gonzalez	Emily Price
Adam Chick	Taylor Cheers
Mack Whitteker	Sydney Wright
Chase Harrison	Erin Robertson
Zander Turner	Kenzie Hamilton
Bri Carr	Zoe Carlile
Connor Clement	Natalie Hayes
Channing Clement	Emerson Eft
Sidney Rowell	Cassidy Almeyer
Chloe Walton	Lakin Satre
Haley Baird	Abigail Bon



## JULY DATES TO REMEMBER

**July 3:** No youth meeting. The city of Gunter will be hosting a July 4<sup>th</sup> celebration that night and we encourage students and leaders to attend

We will meet every Sunday evening during July at 6:30 pm. Locations TBD.

### LEADERS

Jason Carney  
Price Ferrell  
Jason Pettett  
THERON WHITLEY  
Janna Whitley  
Justin Ferguson  
Nikki Waligura  
Roy Layman  
Casey Layman  
Tristen Covington  
Sarah Kulbeth

### KIDS

Caden Whitley  
Jaylee Whitley  
Jaxon Whitley  
Norah Layman  
Phoebe Layman  
Landon Waligura  
Dixie Waligura  
Dakota Waligura  
Corbin Waligura

**WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Tinna Hood  
Amy Crelia



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**Elders:** Brent Wilkens, Jeff Crelia  
Teron Whitley, Roy Layman

Thank you, Nikki, for loving our kids  
and providing amazing leadership  
in the children's 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](http://www.thegbf.com)

# JULY 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	4 	5	6 Kid's Camp Leader Meeting 5:30 pm	7	8	9
10 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am  Youth @ 6:30 pm	11	12	13	14	15	16
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17 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am  Youth @ 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21	22	23
24 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am  Youth @ 6:30 pm	25	26	27	28	29	30
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