



# GRACE NOTES

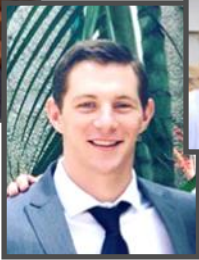
October 2016



Pastor Roy Layman



Byron Baird  
Worship



Price Ferrell  
Youth



Alicia Gage  
Children



**October is Pastor Appreciation Month!** GBF will honor Brother Roy, as well as Byron, Alicia and Price, on Sunday, October 30, during worship.

There are many ways to show our leaders how much we appreciate the role of a pastor and ministry directors. Dennis Rainey at [www.familylife.com](http://www.familylife.com) offers a few simple acts of caring that you can use this month to let pastors know that you appreciate the load they carry: the pressure of caring for sheep, the pace of a growing ministry and the daily sacrifices made for ministry. Communicate that you understand they do more than just show up on Sundays and Wednesdays.

- Invite the pastor and family to lunch after church.
- Write a hand-written note of appreciation for who he/she is and how God has used him/her in your life. Be specific; avoid broad generalizations.
- Pray for them daily. Then call them and tell them you're doing just that and ask for their prayer requests - pray for their families, too.
- Give gift certificates for restaurants, gas or other necessities.
- Offer to babysit for an evening or weekend if they have small children.
- Offer your handyman skills to help fix things around his/her home or office. Knocking those out can be a huge stress relief.
- Arrange for a housekeeping service to clean his/her house, or offer your services!
- Occasionally send the pastor a clever cartoon or joke that mirrors a point he made in a sermon - just so he'll know that you're listening!
- Pick up and clean his/her car while their at the church office one day.
- Call and express appreciation to our leaders. Be specific about how they helped you.
- Volunteer at church. One of the greatest gifts for a pastor and staff is to have obedient, willing servants to consistently fill the needs of the church.
- Don't forget their spouses and families. They make many sacrifices in giving up their husband/wife/mom/dad to ministry opportunities. Send notes of appreciation, flowers or a gift certificate.

*We ask you, brothers, to respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and to esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. 1 Thess. 5:12-13*

# GRACE groups

Ten GraceGroups have organized and began meeting in September. Leaders are needed so we can form new groups and get even more members involved.

If you are interested in leading, please fill out the application at this link:

<http://thegbf.com/grace-group-leader-application/>  
and contact [lara@thegbf.com](mailto:lara@thegbf.com).

Below is a list of groups currently meeting.

Jarod & Lara Martin: Recovery Redemption: How Christ Changes Everything

Benny & Tina Hood: Recovery Redemption: How Christ Changes Everything

Rick & Nancy Nevil: Forgotten God: Reversing Our Tragic Neglect of the Holy Spirit

Mark Hales: Acts 1-12

Jason & Nikki Waligura: Prayers with Paul: A Call to Spiritual Reformation

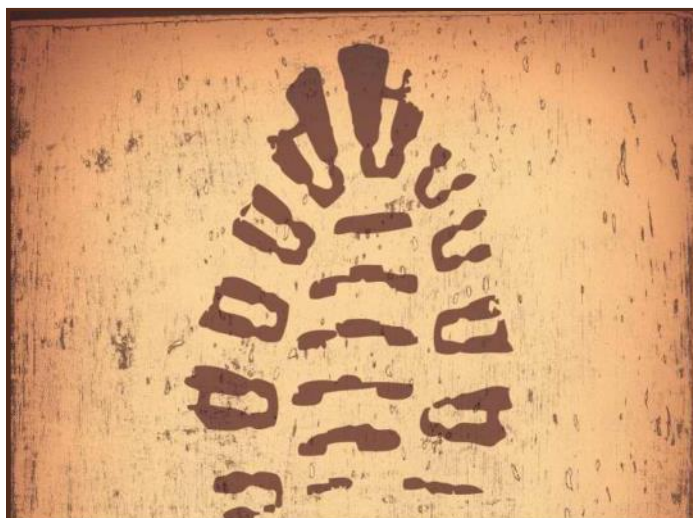
Cory & Jen Brinkman: True Spirituality - Romans 12

Tina Hood: STEPS  
(women's bible study)

Nancy Nevil: Fervent: A Woman's Battle Plan to Serious, Specific and Strategic Prayer  
(women's bible study)

Jon Stovall: Stepping Up: A Call To Courageous Manhood  
(men's bible study)  
Mondays @ 7 pm, GBF

Roy Layman: Stepping Up: A Call To Courageous Manhood  
(men's bible study)  
Tuesdays @ 6 am, GBF



## STEPPING UP

A CALL TO COURAGEOUS MANHOOD

### MEN'S BIBLE STUDY

meeting at GBF

## STEPPING UP

TUESDAYS, 6 - 7 AM

MONDAYS @ 7 PM

The study includes a workbook that is not required, but will be helpful.

Order one on Amazon [here](#) or from Lifeway [here](#).

Lifeway in Sherman 903-813-4674 may have a copy available in the store.

We are updating GBF contact information. Please click the link below to provide your current address, phone number and email to stay up to date on everything going on at church. If you experience problems or have questions, please contact [lara@thegbf.com](mailto:lara@thegbf.com).

<http://thegbf.com/update-my-information/>





The GBF men are headed back to Straight Arrow on Lake Texoma for our annual men's retreat October 28-30. We'll start on Friday night and then finish up back at GBF for worship on Sunday morning. Jake Craven, ChurchLife Pastor from Denton Bible Church, will be leading our men this year. Jake is really excited about spending the weekend with our men and will be bringing what God has laid on his heart for them. This is a much needed time to get together with brothers and let our hair down...if you still have any left. We're going to be challenged by the truth of God's Word, build some relationships, and have fun doing it! To register, have questions or want to serve with the prep team, please call or text Jon Stovall at 469-323-2393 or email [men@thegbf.com](mailto:men@thegbf.com).

**Everyone is invited!**

**Monday, 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](mailto:lara@thegbf.com).**

**Grace Bible Fellowship  
10th Annual  
Women's Ministry  
Auction & Silent Auction  
...and Chili Cook-off!**

**Saturday, October 15  
6:00 pm @ GBF**

**Chili Cook-off Details:**

\$4 for your choice - chili or hot dog

To enter the cook-off, contact

Tinna Hood at 903-815-4055 or [tinnahood@msn.com](mailto:tinnahood@msn.com)

**Auction:**

If you would like to donate to the auction or silent auction,  
please put in your request to Kristi Eft at [kristi.eft@sbcglobal.net](mailto:kristi.eft@sbcglobal.net)

**The LORD is good;  
his steadfast love  
endures forever, and  
his faithfulness to all  
generations.**

Psalm 100:5

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

[www.gbfbkids.blogspot.com](http://www.gbfbkids.blogspot.com)

10/26: Night of Worship and  
Show Your Spirit Night  
10/31: Happy Halloweenies

## OCTOBER GRACE KIDS

### Solomon's Sin Divided the Kingdom

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Kings 11-12  
MAIN POINT: God divided Israel into two kingdoms because Solomon sinned.  
KEY PASSAGE: Proverbs 2:6-7  
BIG PICTURE ?: Where does wisdom come from? Wisdom comes from God through His Word.

### Solomon Thought About Life

BIBLE PASSAGE: Ecclesiastes 1:1-11  
MAIN POINT: Life has purpose only with God.  
KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 100:5  
BIG PICTURE ?: Why can we trust God? Everything God does is for His glory and our good.

### Job

BIBLE PASSAGE: Job 1-42  
MAIN POINT: Job learned that God is all-powerful, sovereign, and good.  
KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 100:5  
BIG PICTURE ?: Why can we trust God? Everything God does is for His glory and our good.

### Praises of God's People

BIBLE PASSAGE: Psalm 1; 100; 110  
MAIN POINT: People wrote songs to praise God because of who He is.  
KEY PASSAGE: Psalm 100:5  
BIG PICTURE ?: Why can we trust God? Everything God does is for His glory and our good.

### Elijah Confronted Evil Ahab

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Kings 18  
MAIN POINT: The one true God defeated the prophets of Baal.  
KEY PASSAGE: Hebrews 1:1-2  
BIG PICTURE ?: How many gods are there? There is one true God who alone deserves worship.

**GRACE KIDS**  
**SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR**  
**OCTOBER**

PreK/Kindergarten: Caroline Rowell & Karen Perkins  
1st/2nd Grade: Jessica James & Sam Neufeld  
3rd/4th Grade: Jeremy Devore & John Gage

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# Wednesday GraceKids



## STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERS OF THE MONTH



Price is an 11th/12th Grade Boys Small Group Leader & Student Ministry Intern

**Fave Hobby:** Golf

**Fave Cereal:** Fruity Pebbles

**Something not everyone knows about you?**

I was arrested at an airport senior year of high school.

**Fave hangout in high school:** Heinrich's house on Friday nights (or anytime)

**Fave Bible Verse:**  
Galations 2:20



Tiffany is an 11th/12th Grade Girls Small Group Leader

**Fave Hobby:** Playing pool

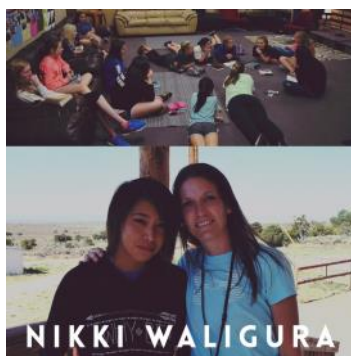
**Fave Cereal:** Frosted Flakes

**Something not everyone knows about you?**

As a kid, I had a horse named Killer

**Fave hangout in high school:** I didn't hang out in high school. Just worked.

**Fave Bible Verse:**  
Romans 8:1-4



Nikki is a Middle School Girls Small Group Leader

**Fave Hobby:** Running, water sports, hanging with my family

**Fave Cereal:** Mini Wheats

**Something not everyone knows about you?**

I grew up racing barrels in the rodeo

**Fave hangout in high school:** Sonic and friends' houses

**Fave Bible Verse:**  
Psalm 46:10



Jason is a Middle School Boys Small Group Leader

**Fave Hobby:** Photography, video, bottle flipping

**Fave Cereal:** Frosted Flakes

**Something not everyone knows about you?**

I lived in Colorado for a while as a kid

**Fave hangout in high school:** My friend, Wes's land; or pretty much anywhere with my friends and a campfire

**Fave Bible Verse:**  
Philippians 3:13-14

We have started our new series "Wisdom."

Wisdom is a gift that far too few of us ever give any serious consideration. We all have those chapters or moments in our past. Those decisions we wish we could undo. Some of the bad decisions simply left us feeling embarrassed. Other left us scarred. What's obvious to us now was not so obvious to us then. The truth is that no one ever plans to ruin their life.

Sadly, no one ever plans to not ruin their life either. Very few of us ever take the time to ask ourselves the question that could potentially save us a world of heartache and regret. The question we should be asking ourselves is this: What is the wise thing to do? This fall we are going to explore just how vital wisdom is to the life of a Christian, and how asking ourselves this question could keep us on the path of a life glorifying to God.

- Parents and students check out the "GBF Students Fall 2016" photo album on Flickr: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/135982369@N08/albums/72157670327006763>



- GBF Student Ministry now has accounts on



Instagram @gbf\_students

and



Twitter @GBFStudents.

Follow both for updates and news  
in student ministry



Gunter High School FCA presents



**FIELDS OF FAITH**

Wednesday, October 19 @ Tiger Stadium

We will not meet on October 19 so students can attend Fields of Faith. Our very own Meghan Mazerolle will be speaking! Bring your Bibles and your friends!



# NIGHT OF WORSHIP

Every couple of months, the GBF Student Ministry hosts a Night of Worship (NOW).

During a NOW, we set aside the entire night for expressing the worth of God through song and personal testimony. Several students stand up and share what God has been doing in their life. It is very encouraging to hear teenagers speak so boldly about their faith in front of their peers. Their faith is most definitely personal, but not private. There is also time set aside for youth leaders to gather with their small group and pray for them. These are very special nights.

When we assemble for a NOW, we are demonstrating that Christianity is not a solo mission. Many people, not just teenagers, try to go at this faith alone and end up feeling exhausted, beaten down, and short-sided. Singing worship songs alone in your car or in your home is fantastic, but it does not stir up your affections for Jesus like gathering and singing with a group of other believers. Gathering with other believers encourages one another and lets us know that we are not alone in this faith.

This world is harsh and it is even harsher for a Christian because they are constantly made to feel like an outcast. But when you are worshipping God with your brothers and sisters in the faith, you no longer feel like the outcast. You feel a sense of belonging. Very few things rejuvenate the soul quite like gathering with one's church family and singing about what Jesus has done for each and every one of us.

**NOW: Wednesday, October 26**

*Price*



**WEDNESDAY**



**NIGHTS**





## A REAL Man

By Pastor Roy

In our men's study recently, we discussed how the world typically measures manhood by 3 B's:

1. Billfold (how much \$\$ we have/make)
2. Ball-field (how athletic we are/sports knowledge or accomplishments)
3. Bedroom (how we perform sexually/how well we do with the ladies)

It goes without saying, God measures manhood differently. We looked at a definition that used the acronym REAL for what a REAL man does:

Rejects passivity

Expects God's greater reward

Accepts responsibility

Leads courageously

The thing that resonated most with our group this morning was "rejects passivity." As men, we tend to get complacent about the things that are most important. When we do this, we are acting more like Adam than we are like Jesus. The 2 minute video at the link below elaborates on how we inherited passivity from Adam, but we see initiative and action in Jesus Christ. As Christians our highest goal is to follow Jesus. He is a picture of true manhood. Check it out:

<https://youtu.be/jyh648oRW3Q>

**On Sunday mornings,  
remember to check announcements  
on the board in the coffee area,  
located north of the sanctuary,  
for activities planned for the  
month and upcoming week.**

## 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)

## Contact Us

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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](http://www.thegbf.com)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>2</b> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> 10:45 am	<b>3</b> Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>4</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am	<b>5</b> <b>GRACE KIDS</b> 6:30 pm  <b>STUDENT MINISTRY</b> 6:30 PM	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> 10:45 am	<b>10</b> Men's Bible Study, 7 pm  GISD No School  	<b>11</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am	<b>12</b> <b>GRACE KIDS</b> 6:30 pm  <b>STUDENT MINISTRY</b> 6:30 PM	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>  <b>Women's Ministry Auction and Chili Cook-off</b> 6:00 pm
<b>16</b> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> 10:45 am	<b>17</b> Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>18</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am	<b>19</b> <b>GRACE KIDS</b> 6:30 pm  <b>STUDENT MINISTRY @ GHS FIELDS OF FAITH</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> 10:45 am	<b>24</b> Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	<b>25</b> Men's Bible Study, 6 am	<b>26</b> <b>GRACE KIDS (Show Your Spirit) and STUDENT MINISTRY</b> 6:30 PM <b>NIGHT OF WORSHIP</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>  <div> <b>MEN'S RETREAT</b> </div>	<b>29</b>
<b>30</b> <b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b> 10:45 am  <b>PASTOR APPRECIATION SUNDAY</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Happy HALLOWEENIES</b> 6 pm 					