



# GRACE NOTES

November 2016

My soul finds rest  
in God alone...

PSALM 62:1

DON'T FORGET  
DAYLIGHT SAVING  
TIME ENDS SUNDAY

Set your clocks back one hour  
on Saturday night, November 5.

If you are interested in taking over the publication of  
Grace Notes beginning in January, please contact  
[carrie3016@gmail.com](mailto:carrie3016@gmail.com).

*Welcome,  
New Members!*

Brad and Jessica James  
Caroline, Camden and Carrington James

Nat and Kathleen McClure  
Grant and Sean

Bradley and Laci Bracewell  
Ryli & Brody

Cecil and Gwyn Smith

Please join us for our **Advent** sermon series beginning November 27 and ending December 24.

For centuries, Christians have celebrated the glorious fact that Jesus Christ has come, and looked forward with joyful anticipation for when He comes again!

The word advent is from a Latin word that means "coming." Advent is the season leading up to Christmas, when we celebrate the "coming" or "advent" of Christ. The Advent season, rich in Christian tradition and theological significance, begins four Sundays before December 25. Advent is a time for the Church to remember we serve a God of promises, both fulfilled, and not yet fulfilled, a time of joyful reflection and eager expectation.



If the concept of Advent is new to you, you might enjoy and benefit from the following post:

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/seven-reasons-to-celebrate-advent>

# 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

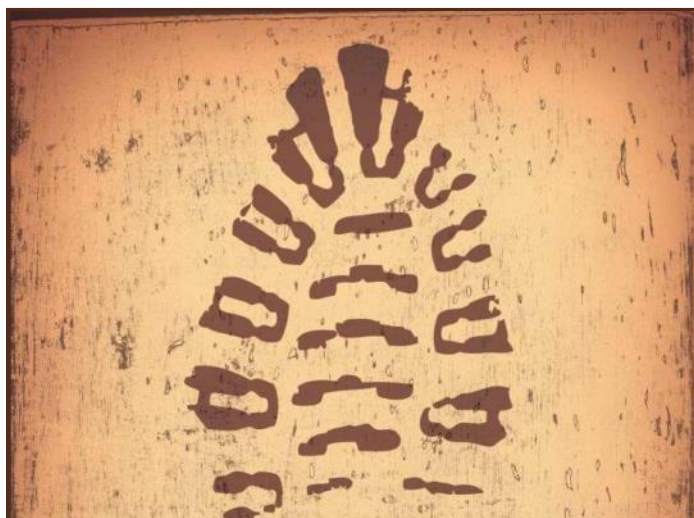
Cory & Jen Brinkman: True Spirituality - Romans 12

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/>

Grace Bible Family,

WOW, WHAT A DAY!?!? My family and I cannot thank you enough for all of the encouraging words, gifts and goodies for pastor appreciation. I want you to know that I love you, and that I'm committed to serving you for God's glory and your good. Thanks for allowing me the great privilege of being your pastor!

Blessings,

*Roy*

GBF Fam,

I cannot thank you all enough for all the encouragement, gifts, and just everything today. Thank you so much for allowing me the awesome privilege of serving in our student ministry. I love these students and I love being a part of what God is doing in and through their lives. I am beyond blessed to be a part of this church family. Love y'all!

In Christ,

*Price*

I wasn't sure how I would tell everyone thank you, but Price, Roy, and Facebook led the way. I feel so blessed that God led our family to be a part of the GBF family. Your words of encouragement, blessings, gifts, and oh SO sweet letters from the kids, were so thoughtful. Thank You!!!

In Him,

*Alicia*

GBF Family –

Thank you so very much for the appreciation of your worship pastor! The gifts, cards, gift cards, food and words of encouragement were overwhelming!! The GBF church family IS family to me and I count it a blessing and privilege to lead us in musical worship each and every Sunday, along with the GBF Praise Team. I can't thank you enough – much love to all of you from my family and me.

Blessings,

*Byron*



**HAPPY HALLOWEENIES!**

From Alicia, Meghan, Price, Roy and Lara!

**Hebrews 10:25**

**Let us not give up meeting together...**



# Five Truths About Thanksgiving

by Joseph Scheumann

<http://www.desiringgod.org/articles/five-truths-about-thanksgiving>

Thanksgiving is more than a day off. It is more than eating mashed potatoes and gravy, watching football, and taking a wonderful turkey-induced nap. Thanksgiving is a pervasive and essential concept in Scripture. Although it is good to set aside a Thursday each November to cultivate a heart of thanksgiving, the Scriptures have more to say about giving thanks than one day a year can handle.

Here are five biblical truths about thanksgiving.

**1. THANKSGIVING IS TRINITARIAN.** The typical pattern of thanksgiving in the New Testament is that God the Father is the object of thanksgiving, God the Son is the person through whom thanksgiving flows, and God the Holy Spirit is the source of thanksgiving. Paul models this in Romans 1:8: “First, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, because your faith is proclaimed in all the world.” Colossians 3:16–17:

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him. The very presence of thanksgiving points to the Holy Spirit as the source of thanksgiving because without the work of the Spirit it is impossible to please God (Romans 8:5–8). Christianity does not call for vague thanksgiving to a vague deity. Our God is triune and, as a result, thanksgiving has a Trinitarian flavor. Thanksgiving flows to God the Father, through God the Son, from God the Spirit.

**2. THANKSGIVING REPLACES SIN.** When Paul commands believers to stop sinning, he also commands believers to put thanksgiving in its place. Paul writes: “Let there be no filthiness nor foolish talk nor crude joking, which are out of place, but instead let there be thanksgiving” (Ephesians 5:4).

Paul knows that we are always acting. We either act with sinful, thankless hearts which leads to foolish talk or crude jokes, or we act with thankful hearts and thereby please God with our speech. John Piper explains, The key to unlocking a heart of gratitude and overcoming bitterness and ugliness and disrespect and violence is a strong belief in God, the Creator and Sustainer and Provider and Hope-giver. If we do not believe we are deeply indebted to God for all we have or hope to have, then the very spring of gratitude has gone dry.

**3. THANKSGIVING SANCTIFIES CREATION.** How should Christians think about God’s good creation? Paul says that it should be received with a heart full of thanksgiving: “Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving. For it is made holy by the word of God and prayer” (1 Timothy 4:4).

Paul teaches that creation is good and should be received with thanksgiving because it is made holy through the word of God and prayer. Piper explains the connection between the goodness of creation, thanksgiving, and prayer, The word of God teaches us to taste food as a communication of his diverse goodness and his supreme worth. And when we taste food as a communication of God’s goodness and worth in the eating of this food, we offer up our prayers of thanks, and ask him to give us the fullest possible feast of his supreme worth. And we pray this in Jesus’s name, knowing that every lasting blessing was bought by his blood.

**4. THANKSGIVING FOR THE GOSPEL.** We should aim to have our thanksgiving rise in proportion to the value of the object for which we give thanks. Therefore, we should be most grateful for God’s work for us in Christ because it unites us to our highest joy – God himself. Paul writes, “I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus” (1 Corinthians 1:4).

Paul never tired of giving thanks for the grace of God in Jesus’s person and work. And neither should we. God has showed his love for us even when we were enemies of God (Romans 5:8); he called us out of darkness and made us heirs of God (Romans 8:17); Jesus bore the punishment we deserved, and we receive his perfect righteousness (2 Corinthians 5:21).

**5. THANKSGIVING IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES.** One surprising aspect of thanksgiving is that it’s for all circumstances, not just one big meal a year. Paul writes, “Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you” (1 Thessalonians 5:16–18).

Giving thanks in all circumstances is especially difficult while undergoing suffering. How can we be thankful when there’s something that hurts so much? We can give thanks in the midst of suffering because it is meant to enlarge our faith, not as punishment (2 Corinthians 4:17–18), and because it is redemptive, not random. Our suffering is not punishment for our sin — because Christ has borne our punishment in our place (Romans 3:25). The demands of justice have been met. And our suffering is not random — because God is sovereign over it, and through it God is conforming us in the image of his Son (Romans 8:28–29).

**Long ago, at many times  
and in many ways,  
God spoke to our fathers  
by the prophets, but in  
these last days He has  
spoken to us by His Son.  
HEBREWS 1:1-2**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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

No Wednesday activities on  
November 23

## NOVEMBER GRACE KIDS

**ELIJAH RAN FROM JEZEBEL WORKERS:**

BIBLE PASSAGE: 1 Kings 19

MAIN POINT: God revealed Himself to Elijah in a whisper.

**ELISHA AND NAAMAN**

BIBLE PASSAGE: 2 Kings 5

MAIN POINT: God healed Naaman's skin disease.

**GOD CALLED ISAIAH**

BIBLE PASSAGE: Isaiah 6

MAIN POINT: Isaiah saw the holy God in His glory.

**ISAIAH PREACHED ABOUT THE MESSIAH**

BIBLE PASSAGE: Isaiah 53

MAIN POINT: God said the Messiah would be a suffering servant.



**GRACE KIDS  
SMALL GROUP LEADERS FOR  
NOVEMBER**

PreK/Kindergarten:

1st/2nd Grade:

3rd/4th Grade:

Addie T. & Trinity L.

Mary G.

Jessica J. & Erin W.

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# GRACE KIDS CATECHISMS #1-25

1. Who made you? **God**
2. What else did God make? **God made all things.**
3. Why did God make you and all things?  
**For His own glory.**
4. How can you glorify God?  
**By loving Him and doing what He commands.**
5. Why ought you to glorify God?  
**Because He made me and takes care of me.**
6. Is there more than One True God?  
**No, there is only One True God.**
7. In How many persons does this one God exist?  
**In 3 persons.**
8. Name these 3 persons.  
**The Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**
9. What is God?  
**God is a spirit and does not have a body like men.**
10. Where is God? **God is Everywhere .**
11. Can you see God?  
**No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.**
12. Does God know all things?  
**Yes; nothing can be hid from God.**
13. Can God do all things?  
**Yes; God can do all His holy will.**
14. Where do you learn how to love and obey God?  
**In the Bible alone.**
15. Who wrote the Bible?  
**Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.**
16. Who were our first parents? **Adam and Eve.**
17. Of what were our first parents made?  
**God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.**
18. What did God give Adam and eve besides bodies?  
**He game them souls that could never die.**
19. Have you a soul as well as a body?  
**Yes. I have a soul that can never die.**
20. How do you know that you have a soul?  
**Because the bible tells me so.**
21. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?  
**He made them holy and happy.**
22. What is a covenant?  
**An agreement between two or more persons.**
23. What covenant did God make with Adam?  
**The covenant of works.**
24. What was Adam bound to do by the covenant of works? **To obey God perfectly.**
25. What did God promise in the covenant of works?  
**To reward Adam with life if he obeyed him.**





## November in the Student Ministry

by Price Ferrell

We are continuing our 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 semester we are exploring 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.

### Fields of Faith

- Our very own Meghan Mazerolle shared about living on mission for Christ! Q Layman and Mack Whitteker led us in worship! Taylor Prosser led us in a time of prayer to close out the night!

### Night of Worship

- During Night of Worship, we dedicate the entire night to singing worship songs that are led by our student-led praise team. In between songs, several students read various passages of Scripture and share what God is doing in their lives right now. 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. With that being said, big thanks to Q, Mack, Cassidy, Zoe, and Grant for leading us in worship! Thank you Carson, Paige, Sydney, and Olivia for sharing what God is doing in your life right now! These students truly are unashamed – Romans 1:16!
- Jason Carney added some pictures to 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

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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| November 2:  | Youth 6:30 pm; “The Mocker vs the Wise Person” |
| November 9:  | Youth 6:30 pm; “Wisdom in Time”                |
| November 16: | Youth 6:30 pm; “Wisdom in Relationships”       |
| November 23: | Thanksgiving Break! No youth.                  |
| November 30: | Youth 6:30 pm                                  |

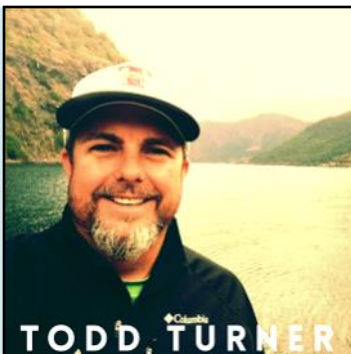


# Night of Worship



*For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes....Romans 1:16*

## STUDENT MINISTRY LEADERS OF THE MONTH



**Todd is a Middle School guys small group leader.**

**Fave Hobby:** Blogging, Travel, Hunting

**Fave Cereal:** Fruity Pebbles

**Something not everyone knows about you?** I lived in Mexico, played college soccer, was on a CBS sitcom. (Sitcom! Which one?)

**Fave hangout in high school:** Cruising the strip in Tyler - "Broadway."

**Fave Bible Verse:** Micah 6:8



**Mandy is a Middle School girls small group leader.**

**Fave Hobby:** Crossfit and Olympic Lifting (super heavy)

**Fave Cereal:** Raisin Bran with extra sugar.

**Something not everyone knows about you?** Former Gunter Homecoming Queen

**Fave hangout in high school:** The gym or having all my friends over to my house. And the Midway Mall.

**Fave Bible Verse:** Jeremiah 29:11



**Lara is a 9th - 10th Grade girls small group leader.**

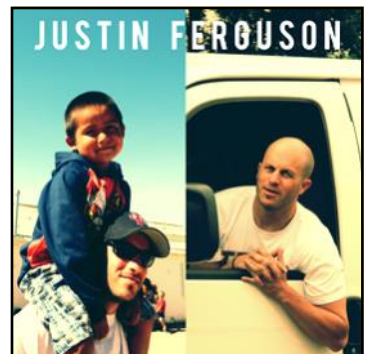
**Fave Hobby:** I like to tell jokes, drink coffee, travel and eat bacon cheeseburgers.

**Fave Cereal:** Cinnamon Toast Crunch

**Something not everyone knows about you?** In the last 5 minutes, I've eaten all the peanut M&Ms in Gunter.

**Fave hangout in high school:** Friends' house, mall, shop, Gunter Grocery or Tiger Video.

**Fave Bible Verse:** Ephesians 2:4-5



**Justin is a 9th -10th Grade guys small group leader.**

**Fave Hobby:** Watching or playing anything competitive.

**Fave Cereal:** Lucky Charms

**Something not everyone knows about you?** I have a Bachelor's Degree in Finance but I'm a firefighter.

**Fave hangout in high school:** Mi Casa (hot tub/ pool table)

**Fave Bible Verse:** Romans 5:8



## *Women's Ministry Chili Cook-off and Auction*

Thank you to everyone who participated, donated and purchased items this year to provide funds for the women's ministry.



Men's  
Retreat  
  
October  
28-29  
  
Lake Texoma





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details coming soon!

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

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.

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)



# NOVEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Men's Bible Study, 6 am	2 GRACE KIDS 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 PM	3	4	5
6 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	7 Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	8 Men's Bible Study, 6 am	9 GRACE KIDS 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 PM	10	11  VETERANS' DAY	12
13 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	14 Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	15 Men's Bible Study, 6 am	16 GRACE KIDS 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 PM	17	18	19
20 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	21	22	23	24  Happy Thanksgiving	25	26
THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY						
27 FAMILY WORSHIP 10:45 am	28 Men's Bible Study, 7 pm	29 Men's Bible Study, 6 am	30 GRACE KIDS 6:30 pm STUDENT MINISTRY 6:30 PM			