

# ***GRACE BIBLE CHURCH CONNECTION***

*AUGUST, 2009*

## ***JOB vs MINISTRY***

Some people have a JOB in the church; others involve themselves in a MINISTRY. What is the difference?

If you are doing it just because no one else will, it's a JOB.  
If you are doing it to serve the Lord, it's a MINISTRY.

If you quit because somebody criticized you, it was a JOB.  
If you keep on serving, it's a MINISTRY.

If you do it only as it does not interfere with your other activities, it's a JOB.  
If you are committed to staying with it even when it means letting go of other things, it's a MINISTRY.

If you quit because no one praised you or thanked you, it was a JOB.  
If you stay with it even though nobody recognizes your effort, it is a MINISTRY.

It's hard to get excited about a JOB.  
It's almost impossible not to be excited about a MINISTRY.

An average church is filled with people doing JOBS.  
A great and growing church is filled with people involved in MINISTRY.

Where do we fit in? What about us?

If GOD calls you to a MINISTRY, don't treat it like a JOB.  
If you have a JOB, give it up and find a MINISTRY.

God does not want us feeling stuck with a JOB,  
but excited and faithful to Him in a MINISTRY.



***5-Day Clubs are coming!***

*Aug. 3-7 & 10-14*

*See back page for details!*

**Women of Grace Activities**

**All Ladies Welcome!**

**Fall Retreat at Hidden Acres September 11-12!**

*(See Bonnie Baker or Cheryl Rupp for details)*



**Weekly Fellowship: Thursdays at 6:30pm at Panera Bread in Ames**



Coming Wednesday nights in September 2009...

**E.K.G.**

...RETHINKING WHAT IT MEANS TO LIVE IN A COMMUNITY THAT IS PASSIONATE FOR GOD.

**Ministering to the Lord, the Church, and Others**

*Worship Coordinator: Annette Miller*

<b>Week Date</b>	<b>Nursery</b>	<b>Ushers/Greeters</b>	<b>Treats</b>	<b>Cleaning</b>
08.02.09	Edith A & Rachael	Marvin & Dick	Annette	Beckers
08.09.09	Heather & Cindy	Jill & Galen	Jan	Cindy & Annette
08.16.09	Jan & Lindsey	Dave & Kirk	Bakers	Lorntsons
08.23.09	Bonnie & Anita	Tom & Seth	Holck	Dunshee
08.30.09	Ann & Blair	Wade & Annette	Carol	Eubanks

***THE IDOLS IN OUR MIDST***

The other day I began a new book, entitled *We Become What We Worship* from a theologian named G.K. Beale. The main point of the book is that people take on the characteristics of whatever they worship, whether for good or for ill. In the case of worshipping our God in heaven, that's a great thing as you and I become more and more like Him. However, we all too often spend our time, money, and efforts worshipping earthly things: climbing the corporate ladder, getting a good education, playing sports, etc. The subtle lie that our culture tells us that we must be busy to be productive, that we must run the rat race and keep up with our neighbors and TV stars if we are to live the good life. The problem with this thinking is that there will always be somebody ahead of us on the ladder of life. There will always be somebody who runs a business better, who gets better grades or who has published more papers in the academic arena, and who plays our sports position much more skillfully. That's just life. The real question we should be asking is this: do our priorities match our faith?

When you and I get up in the morning, are we more excited for the game on TV that afternoon or for the time of prayer that we will spend side by side with church members? Do we care more for the things which God calls us to do or do we spend our time seeking out entertainment and wealth to the exclusion of God? Biblically, if we say we have time for such things and yet we do not make time for God then our priorities are wrong.

Beale notes a passage in Isaiah in which we would all do well to take note of: Isaiah pictures a man felling and then cutting up a tree, describing what the man is using the wood for "Then it becomes something for a man to burn, so he takes one of them and warms himself; he also makes a fire to bake bread. He also makes a god and worships it; he makes it a graven image and falls down before it. Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he eats meat as he roasts it and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says 'Aha! I am warm, I have seen the fire.' But the rest of it he makes into a god, his graven image. He falls down before it and worships; he also prays to it and says, 'Deliver me, for you are my god!' (Isaiah 44:15-17)." My dear friends, who do we worship? Do we worship our God and Creator or do we worship the things of this world? Let us never be as shortsighted as the wood-carver: the things of this world are temporary. Jobs, sports, prestige and honor - these do not matter compared to the things of God: sacrificially loving one another, praying for each other, spending time living alongside one another. These are the things which comprise life in community. Let's make sure that what we are doing has eternal value!        -Pastor Kevin

***The GBC Media Program is Online!***

*That's right, GBC now has a presence on Facebook (find us at "Grace Bible Church" or search by email at gilbertefc@msn.com. Also, podcasts of our Sunday sermons are also up - visit our website and click on the "Staying Connected" menu and then select "Podcasts." This link can also be used in iTunes to get our podcasts in that manner. Exciting changes are coming to our website soon!*

**CHANGING LIVES  
THROUGH JESUS CHRIST**

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*CONNECTING TO THE GILBERT AREA  
WITH THE GOSPEL OF JESUS CHRIST*



*Larry Rupp - Lead Pastor*

*Kevin Miller - Discipleship & Community*

*Engagement Pastor*

*Amanda Jennings - Worship Director*

*Service Times:*

*Sunday morning prayer: 8:30am*

*Sunday School : 9:00 a.m.*

*Church Service: 10:30 a.m.*

*Wednesday Prayer Gathering: 7:00pm*

**What is a 5-Day Club®?** 5-Day Club® is an exciting, fun-filled hour held each day for five consecutive days. It includes: dynamic Bible lessons, creative learning activities, inspiring missionary story, meaningful songs, life-changing Scripture memorization.



**Where can MY children go to a 5-Day Club?**

***August 3-7***

\*Holly Middleton: 3-4 p.m. (ages 4-12) - 211 Mathews Dr., Gilbert 233-5202

\*Trent & Tina Becker: 5-6 p.m. (ages 4-12) - 305 School St., Gilbert 233-4465

***August 10-14***

\*Tod & Michelle Stuber: 9-10 a.m. (ages 4-12) - 207 School St., Gilbert 817-0366

\*Joan Busch: 3-4 p.m. (junior high) - 1219 24<sup>th</sup> St., Ames 233-5282