

## **GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

Worship Service - 10:15 AM

Edge - 6:00 PM

Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

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*Grace Bible Church*  
*~ The Lord's Day ~*  
*February 2, 2014*

WELCOME

9:00 AM  
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service

Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Serving the Lord in Romania!

Holly Knox & Caitie Yale

Praise & Worship\*

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Revelation 2:1-7

Message

John Luginbuhl

**“Ephesus: Lost Love!”**

**(Part 3 of a Series, “Grace Bible and the Seven Churches!”)**

The Lord's Table

Closing

\*Offering will be received during the third song; children age 3 - grade 4 will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Special Music.

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:**

*Crawlers/Walkers ..... Naomi Yazzie & Moriah Yale*

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Crawlers/Walkers ..... EJ Charles & Madison Sutliff*

**LATER TODAY...**

Noon Annual Business Meeting

4:00 PM Edge Super Bowl Party at David & Barbara  
Irving's home

6:00 PM Prayer Time. Join us!

6:00 PM Youth Group (entering 6th grade through  
entering 12th grade) meets

## PRAISE & PETITION



“Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

~ Jesus, in John 5:13

### Praise the Lord for:

1. His wonderful love for us demonstrated in so many ways!
2. His grace that is sufficient for us every day.
3. The great salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ as we put our faith in Him.
4. The love of Christ we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.
5. Our spouses, children, family, and friends!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper desire to worship Him!
2. More love for Jesus and one another!
3. CJ Landmann & Savanna Johnson, as they were married yesterday!
4. Rodger and Lynne Schmidt (and their two boys Andrew & Stephen) as they minister in Mozambique.
5. Healing for Kelly Stapp (had ankle surgery), Steve Tobey (surgery); Rick Hess (tests)
6. Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son), Sean Begaye, and Jana Sheffield (Nixons' niece), all in Afghanistan; Adam Sowers (Ft. Hood); Kyle Prendergast (Ophelia Krupica's son), stationed (Air Force) in Germany.
7. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

**“Ephesus: Lost Love!”**  
**(Part 3 of a Series, “Grace Bible and the Seven Churches!”)**  
**Revelation 2:1-7**

We have spent the past 3 weeks (“Jesus Christ Revealed”, parts 1 & 2; “What Jesus Wants the Church(es) to Know”) learning about Who this Person is Who is about to give the seven churches of Revelation - and Grace Bible Church - instructions. Are we ready to be instructed? Are we ready to be commended? Are we ready to be criticized? Let’s take a look at what the Lord says to the church at Ephesus (and to us!)

1. The “Formula”

2. The Commendation

3. The Criticism

4. The Instruction

## **This Week at Grace Bible...**

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, February 3**

**7:00 PM**

Life Group (I Peter) at the Luginbuhls' Home (303 Cactus Rd.)

### **Tuesday, February 4**

**9:30 AM**

Ladies' Bible Study

**5:20 PM**

Ladies' Aerobics

**7:00 PM**

Life Group (Philippians) at Silvas' home (621 VandenBosch Parkway, Gallup)

### **Wednesday, February 5**

**6:30 PM**

AWANA

### **Thursday, February 6**

**5:20 PM**

Ladies' Aerobics

### **Saturday, February 8**

**9:00 AM**

Deaconess Meeting (Gills' home)

### **Sunday, February 9**

**During AM Worship**

Baptismal Service

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## **COMING SOON:**

**February 14** Tentative Couple's Valentine's Party

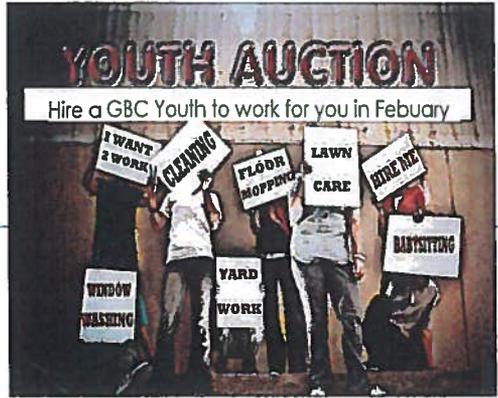
**February 14-17** Youth Winter Retreat 2014 (Hesperus, CO)



# FUND RAISERS

## STUDENT AUCTION FUND RAISER

Feb. 9 - If you still have not taken down your Christmas lights, hire one of our students to do it. We will be auctioning off our students after church at 12:15 to help you with anything you need done or you could spend that time getting to know our students anyway you seem fit.



## Organic Honey for Sale

Studies have shown that 65% of American sold honey has dyed fructose corn syrup.\* You will find jars of fair trade raw honey in the Café for sale for \$8. You can speak to Pastor Steve, Rosio Mckennon, or anyone of our Youth staff to purchase a jar.

\*<http://www.sfgate.com/news/article/If-it-s-American-honey-it-s-likely-not-organic-3256294.php>

# YOUTH WINTER RETREAT 2014



February 14-17

Hesperus, Co

\$150

**GBC Youth** will have a weekend of insane snow adventures! Join us for the 2014 Youth Group Ski Retreat at Hesperus camp right outside Durango, CO, February 14-17. We will have an amazing weekend full of skiing, snowboarding, tubing, ice skating, worship, biblical teaching and fun with friends! Spaces are limited, so sign up now!!!

Registration is full!

We will be discovering what it means to live lives of:

**Biblical Manhood / Womanhood**

Scholarships are available

## significant news for christians

Some news that's encouraging—some disturbing. Read with discernment. Watch and pray.

# THE Church Around the WORLD

February 2014



## Country in Focus: Sumatra (1)



Sumatra, one of the islands of Indonesia, is the world's sixth-largest island and is the largest unevangelized island on earth. The island lies in a geographically volatile area, prone to earthquakes and tsunamis—those that struck in 2004 killed over 200,000 people and left 500,000 homeless. Of the 49 unreached people groups on Sumatra, 29 have no indigenous church and 8 have no known gospel workers at all. There are some pockets where Christianity is strong, especially in the areas where the former Dutch colonial administration allowed mission work, but more than 3.5 million Aceh people remain staunchly Muslim. Following the 2004 disaster, many Christian relief and aid agencies stepped in, and their presence continues to bear fruit.

Pray that:

- the positive impact made by Christian relief agencies will continue to bear fruit;
- the majority of Muslims who have never heard of Jesus will be reached with the Good News.

## Iranians Jailed for House Church Attendance (2)

Mojtaba Hossein, Mohammad-Reza Partoei, Vahid Hakkani, and Homayoun Shokouhi have each been sentenced to more than three and a half years in prison after being arrested in 2012 during a raid on an Iranian house church. They were charged with spreading Christianity, disrupting national security, propaganda against the regime, and contact with foreign agencies.

These are the latest in a long line of prosecutions of Christians in Iran, with the most common charges being actions against public security and propaganda against the regime.

"It is obvious that the Islamic government of Iran has taken actions to prevent access of both Christians and the public to Christian societies, to churches, to Christian literature and religion, despite the Christians' constitutional, national, and international rights," Attieh Fard, an Iranian lawyer, told the United Nations Human Rights Council. "Now Iran has said it is committed to its international obligations, it should in fact start to take measures to protect these constitutional rights."

At least 300 Christians have been arrested in Iran over the past three years. Many of these Christians were arrested while taking part in house churches—small meetings of Christians who gather to worship and pray together.

## Growing Orphan Crisis Demands Awareness

In November, many churches observed Orphan Sunday, a day designed to convince Christians to focus on children who are waiting for foster homes or adoptive families. Jodi Jackson Tucker is the international director of Orphan Sunday, established by Christian Alliance for Orphans, and explains why there is an abundance of older children available.

"I think people consider adopting an older child but they have a fear that perhaps the child won't bond with them or will come with too many issues," she said. "In our experience, all kids have issues whether they're born to you biologically or adopted." Tucker says her personal experience with four adopted children—the youngest 10 years old—is that a lot of love makes the difference

in the heart of a child.

Orphan Sunday hopes to bring the church in 52 countries into the picture of adoption. "We're living in a time right now that we have never seen before in the history of our world," Tucker said. "We have more children growing up outside of the family than at any other time. To me it's a crisis for the next generation."

## Statue of Jesus Erected on Syrian Hilltop <sup>(3)</sup>

A London-based charity has erected a giant bronze statue of Jesus on a Syrian hilltop after organizing a truce between warring factions to safeguard its passage from Lebanon.

The statue stands 40 feet tall, arms outstretched, on the Cherubim Mountain, overlooking a route pilgrims took from Constantinople to Jerusalem in ancient times. The delivery of the statue is the result of eight years' work, which was set back by the recent civil war.

Christians and other minorities are all targets in the conflict, and the statue's safety is not guaranteed. It stands among villages where some fighters, linked to al-Qaeda, have little sympathy for Christians.

Project organizer Samir al-Ghadban said the main armed groups in the area—Syrian



## This month you can... Continue to Pray for the Persecuted Church



A new website has gone online in conjunction with the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church, which churches around the world commemorated last November.

The site, [www.iCommitToPray.com](http://www.iCommitToPray.com), invites Christians around the world to commit to pray for those persecuted because of their faith in Christ and to share their prayers

with other believers.

"The first request of our persecuted family, when we go and visit them, is that we pray for them," said Todd Nettleton, spokesperson for The Voice of the Martyrs, which developed and launched the new site. "iCommitToPray.com grew out of our desire to fulfill their request."

The site will be updated

weekly with current prayer needs from hostile and restricted nations so that Christians can remember to pray for the persecuted every week, not just one week in November.

Users who register on the site can post their written prayers, then invite friends to join with them in prayer through social media.



## Church Around the **WORLD**

government forces, rebels, and the local militias of Sednaya, the Christian town near the statue site—stopped fighting for three days while the statue was erected. Ghadban said he hoped the statue, which was inspired by Rio de Janeiro’s Christ the Redeemer statue, would in turn inspire Syria’s Christians.

### **Northern Iraq No Longer Safe for Christians** (4)

The north, generally considered a relatively safe area of Iraq, had become home for many Christians fleeing from the tumultuous central and southern regions. However, several bombings in the north in recent months have caused panic among the Christian community. Last fall, a suicide bomb went off outside the home of a Christian politician in the Kirkuk province, injuring 19 people, including three of the politician’s children.

A spokesperson for Open Doors, a Christian charity that supports Christians under pressure for their faith, said that although many Christians are still choosing to stay, the fear is that if the violence continues, they may decide they have little choice but to leave.

Iraq is number four on the charity’s World Watch List, which ranks the 50 countries in which Christians are most under pressure for their faith. “Christians in Iraq are on the verge of extinction. Large numbers of persecuted Christians have fled abroad or to the (until recently) safer Kurdish region, where

they face unemployment and inadequate schooling, medical care, and housing. The church faces many challenges—members being killed or abducted, and a lack of capable leaders,” reports the World Watch List.

### **Kenyan Pastors Ask for Guns amid Christian-Muslim Violence** (5)

As attacks on Christians mount in Kenya’s coastal region, some evangelical pastors in the Mombasa area may no longer be willing to turn the other cheek. Worried about attacks against their churches and congregations, some pastors are asking for rifles to protect themselves from suspected Islamic extremists.

The violence intensified when two evangelical church pastors were killed inside their churches. The following day, an East African Pentecostal Church pastor was found dead.

Christian leaders blame the attacks on increased radicalization of Muslim youth. The attacks have occurred amid protests by Muslims that they were being targeted in Nairobi’s war against terrorism.

“Our many churches are not under any protection. They do not have walls or gates. The government should issue AK-47 rifles to every church so that we can stop them from being burnt, our property from being looted, and our pastors and Christians from being killed,” said Pastor Lambert Mbela.

## GOP Lawmaker's Controversial "In God We Trust" Proposal <sup>(6)</sup>

Pennsylvania state representative Rick Saccone, a Republican, has a controversial new proposal that is sure to raise the ire of church-state separatists. The lawmaker is proposing that the national motto "In God We Trust" be placed on prominent display at all public schools in the state.

Saccone's proposed bill, titled "The National Motto Display Act" (House Bill 1728), has already passed the House Education Committee. If adopted, it would mandate that schools place the motto on a plaque, a piece of artwork, or another similar placard within 60 days of its passage.



The lawmaker claims that the move has little to do with religion and everything to do with teaching and reaffirming the state's rich cultural history. "It's displaying our national motto. So they can have Harry Potter on the walls, zombies, and witches on brooms but not the national motto?" he said. "It would just be posted in the building somewhere so the kids know what the story is behind it. It's about teaching history."

## Duck Dynasty Patriarch Says a Note Saved His Marriage

The *Duck Dynasty* crew is known for creating a fair bit of laughter, but the Robertson family has also repeatedly made it known that they face the same plights and challenges as everyone else.

Patriarch Phil Robertson and his wife, Kay, began dating in 1964, when Kay was just 14, and married two years later. "He had about 10 hard years," Kay said of the troubles the Robertsons experienced. "He didn't act nice like he does now, especially when he was drinking. He was real selfish and didn't want to be responsible."

Phil admits that his behavior came at a time "when there was no Jesus" in his life. "I was following the ways of the world. I was raised in the '60s," he added. After finding God, he says his worldview and marriage dramatically changed. But he also speaks about how a short note he once wrote played a big role in sustaining his now-strong relationship with Kay.

The note originated long ago, when Kay asked Phil if he loved her. Phil says, "I said yes and she said, 'Write it down.' So I scribbled, 'Miss Kay, I love you. I always have and I always will.'" That note is still taped over the couple's headboard, serving as a daily reminder to them both.

*To check out more church resources and read the editor's thoughts, please visit us at [www.tyndaleperiodicals.com](http://www.tyndaleperiodicals.com).*

**Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.  
Let the whole world know what he has done.** 1 CHRONICLES 16:8

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## WE WELCOME YOU!

There are many good reasons for coming to church, but we hope that your joining us this morning includes the best reason: to thank and worship God for His amazing love revealed in the birth, life, and ministry, the suffering and death, and the wondrous resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! This is what our church is all about! If you are visiting today, please fill out a guest card and bring it to our Welcome Center in the foyer and receive a free gift. Thank you... and visit us again!

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The mission of our church is to prayerfully  
prepare believers for worshiping God, serving  
Christ, loving one another, and  
reaching out to others!

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### 2014 YEAR VERSE:

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

~ I Samuel 16:7b

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WE INVITE YOU TO PARTAKE of the Lord's Table this morning - whether you are a visitor or regular-attender - if you are trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation and if there is no known unconfessed sin in your life.

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YOUR YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS, for tax purposes, are in a box at the Welcome Desk. Envelopes are in alphabetical order by last name. Our thanks to Paul Schell for getting these ready for us!

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE to help plan our church's annual Couples' Valentine's Party on February 14, please contact Pastor John or Linda Luginbuhl as soon as possible. Thank you!

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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: Teacher(s) needed for our 3rd & 4th grade Sunday School class. If you can help with this, please contact Bernie Comer.

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A list of February birthdays and anniversaries of regular-attenders of Grace Bible is on the kitchen door. Please make (legible) corrections/additions right on the list. Thank you!

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**DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES!**

We are collecting them for cash. If you can help, drop them off in a box by the church office.

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### **This Week in Church History...**

On February 5, 1837, Dwight L. Moody, American evangelist, was born at Northfield, Massachusetts. At age 18, he gave his life to Jesus Christ through the testimony of his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball. Five years later, he left his job in his uncle's shoe repair shop to devote his life to Christian evangelism and education. On February 5, 1887, he founded the Chicago Evangelization Society, along with English-born educator Emma Dryer. This educational organization eventually grew to become the Moody Bible Institute.

### *THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...*

*"Long ago I ceased to count heads. Truth is usually in the minority in this evil world."*

*~ C. H. Spurgeon*