



Worship the
LORD in the
splendor
of his
holiness.

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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 ~
March 2, 2014

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship*
Special Music

Scripture Reading

Revelation 3:1-6

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Sardis: Dead or Alive?”

(Part 7 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: Rachel Irving & Moriah Yale

Walkers: Lorelee Tibboel & Adrianna Pete

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Christina Nye & Liz Helf

Walkers: Pam Keller & Amber Beard

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time. Join us!

6:00 PM Youth Group meets (grades 6-12)

6:00 PM Edge Group meets

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!

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

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



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.



DON'T FORGET to set your clocks “ahead” 1 hour this coming Saturday night (March 8) before you go to bed!



A list of March 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!



DID YOU START ATTENDING GRACE BIBLE CHURCH AFTER MARCH 1, 2013? You and your family are invited to “Pizza With the Pastors, Elders, and Their Wives” on March 16 right after the morning worship service! The purpose of this time of fellowship is for you to get to know the Pastors and Elders and their families and for them to get to know you! You do not have to bring anything except your appetite! After the meal, there will be a brief “Question and Answer” time concerning the church and its ministries. PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET ON THE WELCOME DESK.

COMMUNITY-WIDE PRAYER MEETING
for RMCHS & STAFF
Sunday, March 16, 3 PM
- Watch for details -

Photos of the February 14 Couples' Valentine Party are posted on the bulletin board outside of Pastor John's office. Take a look!

This Week in Church History...

On March 3, 1943, the Navigators were incorporated in San Pedro, California, by founder Dawson E. Trotman. The Navigators is an evangelical, interdenominational organization engaged primarily in personal evangelism, training and discipleship, and Bible memorization. Headquartered since 1954 in Colorado Springs, Colorado, they support over 1,500 workers in the U.S. and in 30 other countries.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Prayer is striking the winning blow ... service is gathering up the results."

~ S.D. Gordon



PRAISE & PETITION

“O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things; His right hand and His holy arm have gained the victory for Him.” !”

~ Psalm 98:1

Praise the Lord for:

1. The many wonderful things He has done in our lives! He is faithful!
2. The victory that is ours in Jesus Christ! He has gained that victory for us through the death and resurrection of Jesus! Praise Him for the salvation that is ours as we trust in Christ!
3. Opportunities to share the Gospel!
4. His faithfulness to us! His guidance in our lives.
5. The privilege of coming to the Lord's Table!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a desire to “make the most of our time” for the Lord Jesus.
2. Less and less personal satisfaction with comfortable, watered-down “easy-chair” Christianity.
3. Jim & Barb Choury, as they continue to serve the Lord in CO with Haven Ministries!
4. Charles & Mildred Schoolcraft (struggling with health issues); Jonathan Helf (surgery on thumb tomorrow); Mark Yoder (knee surgery on Tuesday morning); Shirley Parpart (biopsy on Friday)
5. 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.
6. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“Sardis: Dead or Alive?”

(Part 7 of a Series, “Grace Bible and the Seven Churches!”)

Revelation 3:1-6

Today we look at the fifth of the seven churches of Revelation 2 and 3. We have learned much from Jesus' words to the first four churches. Today we'll look at the church at Sardis, the church known by many as the “Dead Church”...

1. The Commendation

2. The Criticism

3. The Instruction

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, March 3

7:00 PM

Life Group (2 Peter) at the Luginbuhls' Home (303 Cactus Rd.)

Tuesday, March 4

9:30 AM

Ladies' Bible Study

5:15 PM

Deacons' Meeting

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

7:00 PM

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

Wednesday, March 5

6:30 PM

AWANA

Thursday, March 6

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Saturday, March 8

7 AM - 10 AM

Hands of Hope Pancake Breakfast at
PeeWee's Kitchen (see insert)

(PM)

Turn clocks "ahead" 1 hour

Sunday, March 9

College & Military Care Packages

COMING SOON:

March 16 (Noon)

"Pizza With the Pastors, Elders, and Wives"
(see announcement)

March 18 (6 PM)

Elders' Meeting

March 23

Amy Shreve (harpist) & Gary Wixtrom (guitarist)
with us

March 23

Kitchen Shower & Potluck (see insert)



The whole family is invited to a

Kitchen Shower!

(for our church kitchen)

March 23rd in the gym

Join us for a potluck lunch right after morning service!

Bring food to share for the potluck and an unwrapped "gift" for the church kitchen.

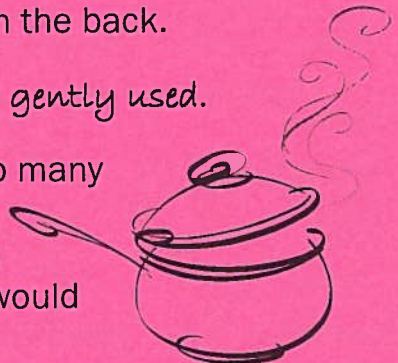
We have lots of events here at the church that use the kitchen and we need to have a well-stocked, functional kitchen.

We are also adding an outdoor patio area and we need items for this.

The list of things we need is on the back.

Items need to be new or very gently used.

So that we don't end up with too many duplicates - there is a "gift tree" in the foyer. Please take a tag off the tree of the item you would like to gift the kitchen.



Things we need

Utensils:

Tongs—metal and metal with rubber edges for cooking (bacon specifically) and serving

Pizza Cutters (heavy duty)

Set of metal measuring cups

Rolling pin

BBQ Grilling tools

Decent set of cutting knives

Microplane grater

Appliances:

Electric Can Opener

Crockpot/Slow cooker

Roaster

Cooking Dishes:

Metal 9x9 & 9x13 baking pans

Various sized pots and pans, skillets, sauce pans, with lids

Metal mixing bowls in graduated sizes

Large plastic mixing bowl with lid (for storing frybread dough)

Cast-iron skillet

Linens:

Aprons

Bibs

Washcloths/Dishcloths (NO TOWELS—we have plenty)

Sponges

Miscellaneous:

Non-wooden cutting boards

Small square clothes basket

Glass drink dispensers (2)

Cooling racks

Small glass syrup dispensers (10)

Money towards cup dispenser (we have a particular one in mind)

First Aid Kit:

Tweezers and needles

Ice packs

Band-Aids in various sizes

Anti-bacterial ointment

Gauze & First Aid Tape

Burn cream

Supplies:

Bulk size boxes of sugar packets, Splenda packets, Sweet & Low packets

Honey

DAWN Dish soap

Hand soft soap

Napkins

Paper plates

Outdoor Patio:

Gas grill (32x19 inch minimum cooking surface with side burner)

Charcoal grill (22 inch cooking surface minimum)

Portable Propane Cooker (like the burner to a turkey fryer)

Extra propane tank for the grill and cooker

Outdoor table & chairs

Portable canopy

Chains and locks to lock up grills

Money to use toward patio completion

Remember: These items are going to be used frequently so quality counts

COLLEGE & MILITARY CARE PACKAGES


The Edge group will be sending care packages to let our College Students and Military Personnel know that we are thinking of them.

QUESTIONS?
Contact Betsy at 778-5936
or Jeff at 728-0519

If you know of someone who needs one of these care packages, please fill out the information below and place in the offering plate, or give to Betsy Branson or Jeff Irving. We can only send packages to complete and accurate addresses so please submit all of the information by the deadline.

We also need donations of goodies to put in the boxes. Please mark your donations and leave on the island in the kitchen. We plan to do 20 boxes.

DEADLINE: March 9, 2014

<p>SOME GREAT IDEAS: Encouraging notes & cards School supplies Video rental certificates Microwave popcorn Fast food certificates Coffee shop certificates Hot chocolate, coffee, tea Homemade goodies Small boxed cereal</p>	<p>Stationary & stamps Dried fruits such as raisins Breakfast bars Peanut butter crackers Oatmeal The possibilities are endless!</p>	
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RECIPIENT'S NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____

SUBMITTED BY: _____
DEADLINE: SUNDAY, MARCH 9, 2014
PLEASE ENSURE THIS ADDRESS IS CORRECT!!!!



HANDS OF HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

*Help Support Hands of Hope by making
a donation and get a ticket for the*

HANDS OF HOPE PREGNANCY CENTER

Pancake Breakfast

At PeeWee's Kitchen

Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser

The community is invited to make a donation
to the HHPC and enjoy a pancake breakfast
along with eggs, bacon, sausage, juice or coffee
for only \$5.00.



WHEN:

Saturday, March 8th from 7:00am -10:00am



WHERE:

PeeWee's Kitchen

1644 S. 2nd Street, Gallup, NM



HOW:

Purchase tickets for \$5 at the center, from a volunteer or at the door.
Meals are limited and those with prepaid tickets will be honored first.

For more information or to purchase tickets, please contact
Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center (505-722-7125)

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

March 2014



Henan Province



Country in Focus: Henan Province, China (1)



Henan Province, with a population of nearly 100 million, is located along the Yellow River in north-central China. More than 70 percent of the population ekes out a living by farming small plots. Frequent flooding has led to widespread destruction and loss of life, and Mao's disastrous policies caused more than eight million Henanese to die of starvation.

Christians make up about 20 percent of the province's population. Henan was declared an "atheistic zone" in the 1960s but has since become a driving force of the Christian church in China.

Prayer concerns:

- The persecution of Christians in Henan Province is still prevalent and often severe.
- Pseudo-Christian cults are flourishing in Henan.
- The mostly rural church network struggles with migration of workers and urbanization problems.
- Selective abortion, child abandonment, and infanticide occur with regularity.

Chinese Church Protests Arrest of Members (1)

A church in eastern China has written a letter to the Chinese government demanding permission to stage a protest against the detention of 23 members of its congregation.

The Nanle County Church in Puyang, Henan Province, which comes under the state-sanctioned Three-Self Patriotic Movement, claims the majority of those detained, including the church's leader, Fan Ruiling, "have not received a criminal charge, nor any written notice, nor have their families been told where they are detained." The church says the whereabouts of four other arrested church leaders are "unknown and no one knows whether they are alive or dead."

Communist authorities have often clashed with members of unofficial or "house" churches, with demolitions of houses of worship and beatings of parishioners not unknown. But it is unusual for authorities to crack down on a state-sanctioned church.

Fact-Checking Sermons

According to Barna Group research, four in ten churchgoing Millennials fact-check their pastors' sermons online, often during the service, using their smartphones. Seven of ten also report reading Scripture online.

A Most Costly Book (2)

A copy of the *Bay Psalm Book*, the first book published in America, was recently auctioned off by Sotheby's. The book was expected to bring between \$15 and \$20 million but sold for \$14.1 million. One of two copies owned by Old South Church in Boston, it is one of only 11 remaining copies in existence. The proceeds of the auction will be used to help replenish Old South's endowment once \$7 million is used for deferred maintenance. The church historian resigned over the decision to sell one of the church's treasures, but the rest of the congregation overwhelmingly supported the sale.



Church in a Pub (2)

Recently, the regional council of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America approved "Church-in-a-Pub" in Fort Worth, Texas, as a synod-authorized worshiping community. The church, whose official name is Kyrie, meets in a local alehouse every Sunday night. "I'm not interested, frankly, in making more church members," Pastor Philip Heinze said. "I'm interested in having people have significant relationships around Jesus. And if it turns out to be [over] craft beer, fine."

First African Woman Elected to High World Council Post (3)

Dr. Agnes Abuom, an Anglican church leader from Kenya who has served multiple religious posts in Africa, made ecumenical history when she was elected as the new moderator of the World Council of Churches' highest governing body. She is the first woman and the first African chosen to head the 150-member Central Committee.

This month you can...
Talk to an Atheist

All too often churches exist in a bubble and keep those who profess to have no faith outside. But the Fixed Point Foundation is working to change that dynamic. The organization's mission is to seek innovative ways to defend and proclaim the gospel and to prepare Christians to do the same. "Whether it is our traditional concepts of human dignity and purpose or our understanding of what constitutes right

and wrong, Christianity has served as the primary source of inspiration, giving light to law, government, the arts and sciences—indeed, giving light to what Dostoevsky called, "The Eternal Questions," the foundation's mission statement explains. Fixed Point seeks to be an expression of the church speaking into the culture, challenging the unbelief of skeptics and restoring the Christian's confidence that the Bible is precisely

what it claims to be—*true*.

The Fixed Point Foundation was established in 2001 and has sponsored highly publicized events at universities ranging from Oxford to the University of North Carolina. Its resources are being used in universities, schools, and churches around the world.

For more information and access to resources, podcasts, and previous debates, go to www.fixed-point.org.

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Dutch Bishops Paint Picture of Catholic Church in Decline (4)

Dutch bishops visiting Rome have given Pope Francis a dramatic snapshot of the steep decline of Roman Catholicism in the European heartland. Both Catholic and Protestant Christian ranks have shrunk dramatically in Europe over the last several decades, and hundreds of churches have been sold and converted to other uses.

In the Netherlands, churches have been closing at the rate of one or two a week. The bishops reported that about two-thirds of all Roman Catholic churches in the Netherlands would have to be shut or sold by 2025 and many parishes merged because congregations and finances were “in a long-term shrinking process.”

Evangelicals in Austria: Large Enough to Be Legal (5)

More than 150 churches in Austria once viewed as cults are now an official faith—at least in the eyes of their government. The new legal status of evangelicals—and the resulting educational and tax benefits—comes after five denominations joined forces in order to meet the Central European nation’s minimum size requirements. Pastors hope it will boost their legitimacy in the eyes

of their predominately Catholic neighbors. Another benefit: the churches will no longer be breaking labor laws when their pastors preach on Sunday.



British Government: Prosecuting Sex-Selection Abortions Not in the Public Interest (6)

The battle over sex-selection abortion in Great Britain continues unabated after the health minister sent a letter to doctors saying “urgent” guidelines will be issued following the decision of the Crown Prosecution Service (CPS) not to prosecute two abortionists who were willing to abort female babies. The CPS said that although there was enough evidence to prosecute the doctors, it would not be “in the best interests” of the public to do so. This conclusion followed a 19-month investigation spurred by the undercover work of the *Daily Telegraph*, which demonstrated beyond dispute that there are abortionists in England who will abort a child because the mother says she does not want a girl.

UK Parliament Told Christianity Is “Most Persecuted Religion” (6)

The plight of Christians around the world was discussed in the Houses of Parliament in London. Members of the House of Commons were told that the persecution of Christians is increasing, that one Christian is killed about every 11 minutes around the world, and that Christianity is the “most persecuted religion globally.” A list of countries in which life as a Christian is most difficult includes Syria, North Korea, Eritrea, Nigeria, Iraq, and Egypt.



MP Jim Shannon alleged that 200 million Christians will be persecuted for their faith this year, while 500 million live in “dangerous neighborhoods.”

MP Sammy Wilson said, “Within the last month, hundreds of people, from Nigeria to Eritrea to Kazakhstan to China, have been arrested and put in prison simply because of their faith, and when they go into prison they are denied due process. They are denied access to lawyers. They are sometimes even denied knowledge of the charges facing them. They can languish in prison for a long

time and in horrible conditions. This is not only happening in Muslim countries. From Morocco to Pakistan, Christians in Muslim countries are under threat, but it happens elsewhere too.”

Christian Church Growing Rapidly in India (7)

Ministries in India are reporting significant growth in the Christian church among middle and upper caste Indians and the younger Indian generations.

Long recognized as one of the most diverse nations in the world, India is currently the second most populous nation on earth, with over 1.2 billion residents. Experts predict that India will soon eclipse China as the world’s most populous country.

According to Operation World, 74 percent of India’s populace identify as Hindu, 14 percent describe themselves as Muslim, and 6 percent are Christian. However, with an annual growth rate of nearly 4 percent, Christianity is by far the fastest growing of all major religions in India. Traditionally, Christianity has largely been limited to lower castes in India, so the spread of the gospel across other cultural boundaries has been encouraging to missions groups.

“With more than 71 million claiming Christianity, India is now the eighth largest Christian nation in the world,” Dick McClain, president and CEO of the Mission Society, explained. “Yet with 456 languages and more than 2,611 distinct people groups, India still has more people groups unreached with the gospel than any other nation.”

You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior.

PSALM 65:5

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