



THE SON OF MAN

MUST BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF SINFUL
MEN, BE CRUCIFIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY
BE RAISED AGAIN.

LUKE 24:7

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 23, 2014

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship*
Offering*

Amy Shreve & Gary Wixtrom

Scripture Reading

I Peter 3:13-18

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Ready For Easter?” (Part 1)

Love Offering for Gary and Amy
Closing

*Children age 3 - grade 4 will be dismissed to Children's Church after the offering today.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Brenda Manning & Willie Helf

Walkers: Geri Hughbanks & Tyler McKennon

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Brenda Manning & Willie Helf

Walkers: Geri Hughbanks & Tyler McKennon

LATER TODAY...

Noon All-Church Potluck (Kitchen Shower)
6:00 PM Prayer Time
6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12)
6:00 PM Edge Group (after High School)

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!

WE ARE THRILLED to have our friends Amy Shreve, Gary Wixtrom, and their daughter Elise with us this morning! We are looking forward to having them lead us in worship!

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."

~ 1 Samuel 16:7b

WE ARE HAPPY TO WELCOME Dino and Nanette Butler into the "official" church membership this morning! Please continue to pray for Dino and Nanette as they continue to serve our Lord.

UPCOMING AWANA EVENTS:

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| Sat., April 5 | Grand Prix Car Workday (in gym) (9 AM) |
| Wed., April 9 | No AWANA |
| Sat., April 26 | AWANA Grand Prix! |
| Wed., April 30 | Last "Regular Night" of AWANA for '13-'14 school year |
| Wed., May 7 | Grand Finale (Awards) Night! (6:30 PM) |



IF YOU WOULD LIKE to be added (or removed) from the church's e-mail list (Prayer requests, missionary letters, reminders of upcoming events, etc.), please send a brief note to Pastor John at john@gracebiblegallup.org. Thank you!

This Week in Church History...

On March 25, 1906, Dawson E. Trotman, founder of the Navigators, was born in Bisbee, Arizona. In 1933, he opened his home to disciple converted Navy men, calling his group the Navigators the following year. In 1943, he incorporated the work in California. (Since 1954, the navigators has been headquartered in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Its work has since become established worldwide.) Trotman died in 1956 while saving a drowning girl.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"From Christ's death flow all our hopes."

~ J.C. Ryle



PRAISE & PETITION

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord, the people whom He has chosen for His own inheritance.”

~ Psalm 33:12

Praise the Lord for:

1. The freedom we have in our nation to worship the one, true living God! Pray for true revival in our nation!
2. The free gift of salvation, available to all who put their faith and trust in Jesus! Heaven for those who put their faith in Christ! There is “heaven to be gained and a Hell to be shunned!”
3. Amy Shreve and Gary Wixtrom’s ministry in music!
4. Opportunities to share the Gospel!
5. His goodness!
6. Shirley Parpart’s biopsy: No cancer!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a desire to “make the most of our time” for the Lord Jesus; opportunities to share the Gospel during the Easter Season.
2. Kevin & Carrie Ruthven & family, as they are with 12 students on a mission trip in Dallas.
3. More and more of a desire to follow Christ.
4. The ministry of Abe & Lizzie Chavez as they minister, with Navigators, in Albuquerque among Roman Catholic folks.
5. Charles & Mildred Schoolcraft (struggling with health issues); Jonathan Helf (surgery on thumb); Mark Yoder (knee surgery); Shirley Parpart (2nd biopsy)
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.
8. The upcoming (March 28/29) CHIEF Women’s Conference at GBC!

“Ready For Easter?” (Part 1)

I Peter 3:13-18

What do you mean, “Am I ready for Easter? Easter is on April 20, almost a month away! I don’t have time to think about that! Maybe I’ll start getting ready - buying food, getting ready for company, and so on - a week or so before!

Although Easter seems a while away, it’ll be “here before you know it!”. Many Roman Catholic folks as well as others are in the middle of their “Lenten Season”, a time of reflection, repentance, and renewal prior to Easter. It is important for us believers in Jesus Christ - whether we observe the Lenten Season or not - to spend some time reflecting on the significance of, and preparing for, Good Friday and Easter. Why did Jesus die on a cross and rise from the dead? We begin that reflection and preparation today

1. The Context

2. The Action

3. The Purpose

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, March 24

7:00 PM Life Group (2 Peter) at the Luginbuhls' Home (303 Cactus Rd.)

Tuesday, March 25

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

7:00 PM Life Group at Silvas' home
(621 VandenBosch Parkway, Gallup)

Wednesday, March 26

6:30 PM AWANA

Thursday, March 27

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Friday, March 28

4:30 PM - 8:00 PM CHIEF Women's Conference

Saturday, March 29

8:15 AM - 4:00 PM CHIEF Women's Conference

COMING SOON:

April 5 (9 AM) AWANA Grand Prix Car Work Day

April 18 (7 PM) Good Friday Worship Service

April 20 Easter!

April 26 AWANA Grand Prix

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million (19.5% of the population).

There are a number of reasons for this increase. The first is that the life expectancy of people in the UK has increased. The average life expectancy at birth in the UK is now 77 years for men and 81 years for women. This is an increase of 10 years since 1950. The second reason is that the number of people who are aged 65 and over has increased. This is because the number of people who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million in 1990 to 13.5 million in 2000. This is an increase of 3 million people.

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[From Jack & Jan Becker,
our missionaries in Greeley, CO]

Integrity Mission, Inc.

March 2014

Dear Friends,

Our hearts are heavy as I write due to the home-going of Brother Josh Allen, Pastor of Grace Bible Church in Las Cruces, NM. He was headed to the El Paso airport on the interstate to pick up his twin brother when he was struck head-on by a vehicle going the wrong way at a high speed. He leaves behind his young wife and infant son, relatives, friends, and a church. That church is special to us, since the Lord used us to plant it before we moved here to Colorado. Please pray for the family and the congregation. Surely we grieve with those who grieve; but we do not grieve as those who have no hope. Josh is with His Savior Whom He served. May the Spirit, the Comforter, comfort all who grieve for him at this time.

Now turning to the work here in Colorado, please pray for our ongoing versatility. Here's an upcoming example. Sunday afternoon at the Spanish church Jan teaches the little ones in Sunday school and I preach at the worship service. Monday night Jan cooks for the young ladies' fellowship in our home and I lead the Bible study. Early Tuesday afternoon I am part of a Bible study at a college athletic department. Wednesday evening we're involved with the midweek ministry at the Spanish Church. That means time also spent in the "study" (converted bedrooms), in between interpersonal appointments and other activities.

I have begun a series of Spanish Sunday school classes on "the family". A number of our



THE NAVIGATORS®

To know Christ and to make Him known

[Abe & Lizzie Chavez,
our missionaries in Albq.]

March 19, 2014

Dear Friends at Grace Bible Church,

We, the Catholic faithful, are currently in the season of Lent. It starts on Ash Wednesday and ends on Holy Thursday on the week of Easter. Lent means “spring,” and for Catholics, it is a **springtime of conversion**. These six weeks afford an opportunity to reflect, repent and renew our commitments to God. We *reflect* on our current journey of faith and seize this opportunity to *repent* as the Holy Spirit reveals. Then we *renew* our commitment to God and strive to move closer to God, always aware of the Gospel and all that Jesus did for us on the cross.

We are so delighted to be assisting our parish with small group ministry during this season of Lent. “Living the Eucharist” is a six-week bible study that our parish/diocese has undertaken to help Catholics locally with our Lenten process. Lectio Divina, a very effective Catholic devotional style of prayer and scripture interaction, is a part of each week’s curriculum. As you know, small groups are a ready vehicle for spiritual conversion and transformation as participants grow together in their faith journeys. Some 300 people (English and Spanish-speaking) in our parish alone have signed up for these small groups with about 8-12 people in each group. Liz and I have had the privilege of planning this with our parish’s Small Group coordinator since a few months before Lent arrived. We are all delighted with the response of parishioners and the reality that many who are involved or leading small groups have been trained by Emmaus Journey Facilitator trainers and material. Is God great or what! Please keep these groups in your prayers—that real faith formation will happen by the Holy Spirit’s direction; and that each participant will come away with a devotional habit of daily scripture intake

through rapid cultural change. Parents face linguistic challenges, too, as they try to raise their children in the midst of the secularized society. When I began pastoring as a young, single man, an older pastor encouraged me by saying that our authority was not experience, but the Word of God. I've never been a father (nor a Mexican either, for that matter!), but I can teach what God has to say in a language they can understand to try to help these families stay on course as they move against the opposing societal current. Meanwhile, in her class downstairs in the building, Jan seeks to prepare the young minds to grow in the Lord and withstand the surrounding negative influences. We are, of course, not sufficient in ourselves for these things, but God is with us.

Please pray for the Spanish Church. The Pastor of the English-speaking church that hosts them retired, and that congregation is looking for a new Pastor. The Mexican Pastor is a faithful, bi-vocational man. Although the Spanish group is not large, they have the potential to impact international missions with their family connections to countries like Mexico, El Salvador, Cuba, and Spain. As the Lord uses my ministry for the edification of the adults, Jan seeks to evangelize and build up the children. You know, I noticed the last two weeks that when I went downstairs to let Jan know that the upstairs class was over; her kids were so engrossed in their manual project that they weren't interested in leaving. When you consider how short their attention spans can be (according to one mother), you can see how God is helping us.

We love you,
John & Jan

P.O. Box 531, Fort Washington, PA 19034

Emmaus Journey is also currently preparing to send another Mission team to Poland. There are nine young adults from our local Emmaus Journey ministry and four young adults from two parishes in Arkansas that are teaming together to facilitate a Catholic Christian camp experience for 120 campers in Poland (Elementary and Mid-school age). They will have a spiritual curriculum every day for the campers, and will also help the campers with acquiring better English-speaking skills. In the past, these camps have been very inspirational and tremendous growth has been expressed by the campers, their parents, the camp directors, and Polish pastoral leaders. This year's Poland mission trip will occur on July 1-18. Please keep them in your prayers as they are meeting in Albuquerque on March 12-14 and will have subsequent training and development opportunities. Two of our local EYAM (Emmaus Journey Young Adult Mission) leaders will direct this mission trip. They are Daniel Medina and our daughter, Celina Chávez. Pray for all the mission team—that God's purposes will be completely served in this mission trip.

Thank you for your partnership in our ministry! Constant growth is occurring! By your prayers and gifts, you enable us to continue creating a new "springtime" for our Catholic friends through the vehicles of evangelization and discipleship in their journeys of faith. May God be glorified!

Serving Him ... You,

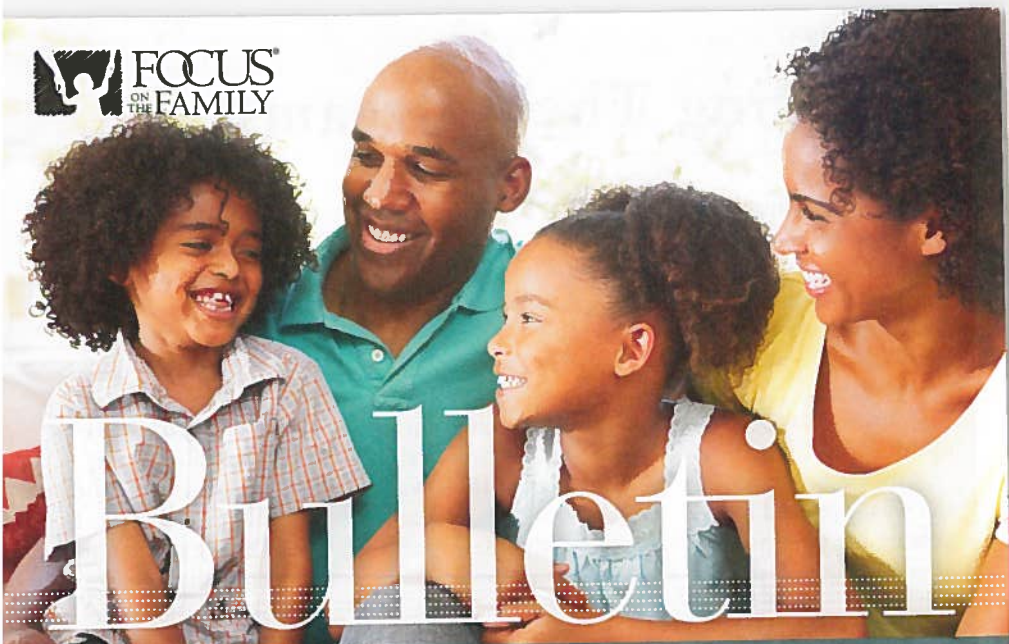
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all very much!

Quez Lopez



Daniel and Celina with the Arkansas Missioners



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Spring Is Here!

Making Chores Fun

BY MARCIA HORNOK

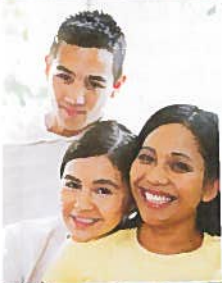
I WANTED TO MOTIVATE MY CHILDREN TO HELP WITH THE housework, so I decided to make a game of it. I wrote chores on index cards, one per card, and spread them upside down on the kitchen table. All chores were within my children's abilities, and none took more than three to four minutes to complete.

One chore card read, "Put old socks on your hands and dust the living room furniture." I was careful not to include extensive chores like, "Vacuum the whole upstairs." I also included fun tasks, such as: "Sing a song to the baby"; "Set the timer for three minutes and draw a picture"; "Hug someone"; "Do a somersault"; "Ask Mommy for a treat." The children were eager to draw a card, do the chore and hurry back for another card in hopes of getting a fun assignment.

While my children "played" this game, I did the chores that required adult attention. When all the cards were done, we rewarded ourselves with homemade smoothies.

The next time I announced, "It's time to clean the house," my children asked, "Can we use the chore game?"

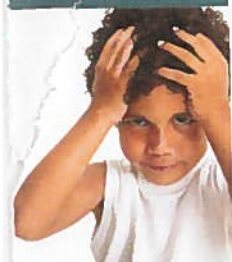
Visit ThrivingFamily.com for chore cards to help you and your kids turn spring-cleaning into a game! Type "chore cards" in the search box.



TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Why does
God love
people?

Answer on back



Inspiring Their Dreams

When my daughter Jenny was 4 years old, she was a genius at avoiding bedtime. She could go on with nightly prayers until I'd finally say, "OK, Jenny. Amen."

I knew what she was up to.

One night, while she was supposed to be putting her pajamas on, I was sitting in my chair, exhausted. Suddenly, out of nowhere, Jenny danced into the room dressed as a ballerina—complete with tiara. She jumped onto the coffee table, struck a pose and shouted, "Ta-da!" I was about to say, "Very funny, Jenny. Now go put your pajamas on."

But instead of sending

her back to her room, I grabbed the lamp and gave her a spotlight. Then I rolled up my magazine for a megaphone and announced: "And now, ladies and gentlemen, I give you the beautiful, the talented, Jenny Stafford!" It was as if she were on the main stage of the Metropolitan Opera House. When she finished her dance, the crowd (both of us) jumped to their feet in applause. And a dream was born.

Jenny couldn't get enough drama. Every chance that she could be in a drama in church, she was. In high school, she wasn't just in "Hello, Dolly," she *was* Dolly.

She went on to earn her master's degree from the Tisch School of the Arts, and today she works for the Metropolitan Opera Guild. And to think that I nearly missed an opportunity to inspire that dream.

The spirit of a child is a lot like wet cement. It doesn't take much effort to make an imprint. Any time you see your child go skipping by, you're in the presence of a construction zone and ought to ask yourself, *What is being built here? Is there anything I can do to advance this cause?*

Discipline and routines are important, of course, but so is our response to those unplanned, seemingly trivial moments. I've given my daughters many important talks that were forgotten soon after. But to this day they remember little things I did. You never know when you're making a lasting imprint.
—Wess Stafford



Choosing to Remember

You know those little things you'd like to change about your spouse? Most likely those are the same things that made you fall in love with him or her. Think about it: If your husband seems careless about money and a tad too loud for your liking, I'm guessing he spoiled you a little while you were dating and was the life of the party—qualities you initially fell in love with.

Did the fact that your wife had it all together when you were dating feel like a great match for you? Her ability to stretch each dollar and her power to complete projects with amazing accuracy were attractive, right? But now those same traits may be described as “cheap” and “rigid.”

I'm choosing to remember why I wanted to marry my husband in the first place. I love my husband as is. After all, that is what my husband does for me; and ultimately, isn't that exactly what our Lord does for us every day? —*Kathi Lipp*



Attention for Two

My daughters being born only 20 months apart seemed like a perfect storm. How could I manage with a newborn and an already needy toddler? I soon realized that everything could be a lesson for my toddler. Though it seemed counterintuitive, the more I involved her in the baby care, the easier it became. Changing the baby became a game of “bring Mommy the wipes,” and nursing time for the baby became “song time” for the toddler. Every little task with the baby gradually incorporated a new development opportunity for my toddler.

Now, when I need to give one of my girls attention, they are learning that this doesn't mean the other one gets left out. Instead, they recognize one of their important roles in the family: sibling. Allowing my girls to share in each other's development has not only taught them early lessons in nurturing, but it has also shown me that even little hands can help in big ways. —*Emily Pardy*



Family Matters

Answers to your questions . . .

It's important for married couples who strive for perfection in their relationship to be serious, right?

Answer: One of the first things to go when people are trying to keep up an appearance of perfection is a sense of humor. People who are trying too hard can't laugh. And they especially can't laugh at themselves. Expressing joy is difficult when you are putting out so much effort to maintain the perception of perfection.

People who know they are not all they're cracked up to be find it easier to crack up! G.

K. Chesterton said that angels can fly because they take themselves lightly. We are free to laugh heartily when we take ourselves lightly.

I confess, I don't expect people to laugh just because I'm funny: I really expect them to laugh because life is funny, and I can't help pointing out its hilarity to others. When they see the goofy things in life that I see, they laugh with me (and sometimes *at me!*)

My only advantage is that my mind works (or twists) in such a way that I find humor just about anywhere. I believe the Creator of life has a great

sense of humor—and I don't have to go much further than my own stumbling and bumbling to come up with exhibit A.

Someone has defined humor this way: a gentle way to acknowledge human frailty. I like that definition. It's a way of saying, "I'm not OK, you're not OK, but that's OK." None of us is OK.

(The content of this answer was taken from *Happily Ever Laughter*, edited by Ken Davis)

**TOUGH
QUESTIONS
FROM KIDS**

Answer:

God loves us because that's what He decided to do. God doesn't love us because we're good or nice people. In fact, no one could ever be good enough to be worthy of His love. Isn't it amazing that God loves us even though we sometimes ignore Him and disobey Him?

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