

#### **GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM Youth Group - 6:00 PM Worship Service - 10:15 AM

PM Edge - 6:00 PM

Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

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# Grace Bible Church ~ The Lord's Day ~ May 18, 2014

#### WELCOME

9:00 AM 10:15 AM Sunday School for all ages Worship Service

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements

Commissioned to Go to Romania!

Praise & Worship

What God is Doing in the

Lives of College Students!

Special Music

Sam & Becky Trommler

Scripture Reading

I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Message

John Luginbuhl

"A Stewardship to be Carried Out!"
(Part 3 of a Series, "Living in Light of Jesus' Return!")

#### 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: Betsy Branson & Amanda Gaines Walkers: Geri Hughbanks & Adrianna Pete

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Pam Keller & Madison Sutliff Walkers: Brenda Manning & Moriah Yale

#### LATER TODAY...

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 our 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 ARE THRILLED to have our long-time friends and missionaries under Missions Door, Sam and Becky Trommler with us this morning! We look forward to hearing what God is doing on college campuses in Phoenix!



OUR THANKS to all who worked so hard yesterday during our all-church Work Day! It was a beautiful day and a lot was accomplished. The church and grounds look great!

THE BOARD OF ELDERS is considering appointing Mark Yoder to the Board of Elders. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Mike Nye or Pastor John. Thank you!

> MOVIE NIGHT AT GBC! FIRDAY, MAY 23, 7 PM "Grace Unplugged" FREE! Refreshments following the movie!

DIDN'T GET YOUR COPY of the May issue of our church's in-home newsletter, "Grace Notes"? Copies are available at the Welcome Desk as well as various places throughout the church building. Check it out!

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

On May 20, 1937, Jesse I. Overholtzer chartered Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc., in Chicago, Illinois. This interdenominational mission agency of Baptist tradition is the outgrowth of evangelistic work. Overholtzer began with children in California as far back as 1916. Today, C.E.F. headquarters is located in Warrenton, Missouri. The organization works in radio and TV broadcasting, evangelism, literature production and distribution, and Bible correspondence courses in 187 countries around the world.

#### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"I would rather win souls than be the greatest king or emperor on earth; I would rather win souls than be the greatest general that ever commanded an army ... My one ambition in life is to win as many as possible. Oh, it is the only thing worth doing, to save souls; and, men and women, we can all do it."

~ R. A. Torrey

## 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 fact that our God is a wonderful God!
- 2. The suffering Jesus did in our place, to pay for our sins; eternal life and forgiveness of sins through Jesus, as we put our personal faith in Him!
- 3. The ministry of Sam & Becky Trommler in Phoenix.
- 4. The wonderful work of the Holy Spirit of God for giving us the ministry of reconciliation and restoration!
- 5. Entrusting us with the Gospel, opportunities to share it!
- 6. Successful surgery for Keira Kontz!
- 7. A wonderful Work Day yesterday!

#### Petition the Lord for:

- More of a desire to "make the most of our time" for the Lord Jesus.
- 2. Continued growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. (I Peter 3:18)
- 3. Holly Knox and Caitie Yale as they prepare to leave for Romania (May 20).
- 4. Charles & Mildred Schoolcraft (struggling with health issues); Jonathan Helf (surgery on thumb); Mark Yoder (knee surgery); Beth Hess (recovering from surgery); Dino Butler (recovering from surgery); Nellie Wero (kidney failure); Charity Chavez's father (VA Hospital, Albq.); Valerie Shell's mother (recuperating) Liz Hardin-Burrola's mother (pneumonia); Keira Kontz (recuperating); Kim Helfenbein's father (ICU, in Kansas)
- 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.

# "A Stewardship to be Carried Out!" (Part 3 of a series, "Living in Light of Jesus' Return!") I Thessalonians 2:1-8

Over the past two weeks, we have learned from chapter 1 of I Thessalonians what the church *is* and *should* be: a people who are elect/chosen, exemplary, enthusiastic (about the Lord and sharing the Gospel) and expectant (waiting for Jesus' return). As we begin to study chapter 2 of I Thessalonians today, we'll begin to see how a church grows / matures.

1. A Stewardship to Be Carried Out (vss. 1-5)

2. A Life to Be Poured Into Others (vss. 6-8)

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

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, May 19

**6:30 PM** Life Group at the Luginbuhls' Home

(303 Cactus Road)

Tuesday, May 20

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics 6:00 PM Elders' Meeting

6:30 PM FBI Class

7:00 PM Life Group at Silvas' home

(621 VandenBosch Parkway, Gallup)

Thursday, May 22

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Friday, May 23

9:00 AM Movie Night! (see announcement)

#### **COMING SOON:**

June 7 (8 AM) Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant

July 12 Fry Bread Demonstration Day!
July 25 & 27 Promise Keepers Conference in

Promise Reepers Conference i

Loveland, CO

August 3 Quarterly Business Meeting

# MEN, YOUNG MEN, & BOYS!!!

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW...
THE 2014 PROMISE KEEPERS CONFERENCE!!

JULY 25 & 26

AT THE BUDWEISER EVENTS CENTER IN LOVELAND, CO!

THEME: "UNLEASHING THE WARRIOR!"

This will be a tremendous time of fellowship, fun, & learning! Bring your son(s) (recommended minimum age of 10-12) for a great father/son opportunity as well as having your boys see thousands of men worshipping & learning about the Lord while getting to know the other men & boys from our church.

**CONFERENCE COST:** (includes conference & Sat. afternoon meal) \$69 if we get 10 or more guys to go

**NOTE:** Please do <u>not</u> register for the conference "on your own". Once we get a final number of guys who want to go, we will register everyone at the reduced rate.

Estimated hotel cost (2 nights) for each guy (2 guys to a room) is \$85 total for the two nights. You will also need money for several meals and whatever else you want to purchase at the conference.

Leaving GBC at <u>5 AM</u> on Friday, July 25 & returning early evening on Sunday, July 27. Will drive together and stay at same hotel (details coming).

<u>DEADLINE IS SUNDAY, JUNE 8</u> to let Pastor John know you are definitely attending & give him an \$80 non-refundable deposit for the conference/hotel. Hotel reservations will be made on June 9.

Last year, 31 men, young men, and boys from our church went to the Promise Keepers Conference! Hope you can join us this year!

# Better

Enriching Personal and Family Relationships an edition of Better Families





Amerry-go-round as viewed from the wondering eyes of a child, is far different from the perspective of the operator who, daily bears the repetitive noise and unending spins that have no forward movement. Unfortunately, marriage for many couples is all too similar. Filled with the promise of adventure and companionship, they are swept in The Marriage-Go-Round only to find it settled into the mechanics and habits of living together.

Couples often find themselves in the "here-wego-again" syndrome-having the same old arguments, the same cold silences, playing the same old games.

Promises of intimacy fade into shadows of disappointment, details of life become major conflicts, and their relationship, in truth, begins to drift apart...unless you have a plan of action:

- Stop thinking of your spouse as the whole problem.
- Seize the opportunity for growth.
- Release control over changes you want in your marriage and place yourself and your partner in the Lord's hands. Focus on Christ who is perfect.
- Rededicate your energies to your marriage commitment. God wants your marriage to work.
- Forgive your partner.
- Regularly reassure your spouse of your love. This doesn't mean you have to condone negative behavior.
   It does mean you show appreciation for the grace of God that is evident in them.
- Don't demand change. Allow your spouse the respect of entering into the change process at his or her own speed.

Dennis & Tina Korte, THE MARRIAGE-GO-ROUND



### **Hang Tough**

To live by kingdom purposes, we have to stay tough. Jesus never made decisions the way we do: Take the job that pays more; do the ministry that's most convenient; eat lunch with the friend who is least taxing; seize the opportunity that's most comfortable. Instead Jesus keeps asking us, "What is the redemptive thing? What is the thing I've called you to do? What have we discussed in our ongoing conversations? How have I loved you, and how can you pass that on?" When we let His voice lead us instead of our own selfish desires, we stay focused on what really matters.

Jan Johnson, HEAVENLY PURPOSES

No man is poor who has a Godly mother Abraham Lincoln



#### Make The Change

If we tell ourselves we can't spell or we are dumb or we're incapable of learning how to use a computer, then we internalize those messages until those things actually become true. Our self-talk begins to give definition to our self-esteem. We begin to become who we tell ourselves we are.

Negative and critical self-talk feeds our stress level. The good news is that we do have the power to change negative self-talk into positive self-talk. We do this whenever we empower ourselves with beliefs and understanding that help us acknowledge our goodness and the positive strengths with which we have been blessed. Our stress level is decreased when our self-talk is positive.

We can change our self-talk from positive to negative by listening more carefully to what we are saying to ourselves about a situation or frustration. Just telling ourselves that we can change sets the process in motion.

Anne Bryan Smollin

GOD KNOWS YOU'RE STRESSED

Then Paul was depressed and discouraged, God



Comforted him by sending him a friend. "But God, who comforts the depressed, comforted us by the coming of Titus" (2 Cor. 7:6). Many times the Bible tells us to comfort others with our presence, help, and words. Romans 12:15 tells us to "mourn with those who mourn." People who are grieving will tell you that a combination of God's presence and the support of other people gave them the comfort they needed. We are not others and comfort is one of them.

self-sufficient. We need to give and get certain things from others, and comfort is one of them.

Henry Cloud, Ph.D; Dr. John Townsend, SAFE PEOPLE

No relationship can long endure, let alone thrive, if its members don't consciously and continually make room in their hearts for one another. Yes, we will be slighted. Yes, we will be disappointed. Yes, we will be misunderstood. But unless we develop the habit of making room in our hearts—especially for those from cultures and backgrounds different from our own—we have no chance of coming together as God wants us to.

Bill McCartney, BLIND SPOTS

Make The Effort

#### Life Lesson

Helen Keller, in her blindness, reminds us, "Keep your face to the sunshine and you cannot see the shadow." Love has a way of minimizing the shadows of negative feelings in our lives.

Myron & Esther Augsburger, How to be a Christ-Shaped Family

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