Above all,

each other deeply,
because
love covers over
a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

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

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Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
June 29, 2014

WELCOME

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

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship
Special Music

Scripture Reading — I Thessalonians 4:9-12

Message — John Luginbuhl

"What's Your Testimony?"
(Part 9 of a Series, "Living in Light of Jesus' Return!")

Closing

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

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SERVING IN THE NURSERY <u>TODAY</u>:
Crawlers: Rachel Irving & Liz Helf
Walkers: Sefina & Star Garcia
SERVING IN THE NURSERY <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>:
Crawlers: Brenda Manning & Amber Beard
Walkers: Carrie Ruthven & Liz Helf

LATER TODAY...

WE SAY "GOOD-BYE" and "GOD BLESS YOU" to Nathan & Jamie Mason today, as they move to Denver soon. Please join us right after the morning service today in the gym for a cake reception in their honor. You two will be missed!

6:00 PM	Prayer Time
6:00 PM	Youth Group (grades 6-12)
6:00 PM	Edge Group (age 18-25)

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

HAVEN'T REGISTERED FOR CAMP YET? There are still five weeks to choose from at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch! "Junior Camp" (ages 8-12) weeks are this week, July 7, and 14. "Teen Camp" (ages 13-19) weeks are July 21 and 28. Bright orange brochures for camp registration are on the Welcome Desk. Why not go to camp this Summer? You'll be glad you did!

WE HAVE A GREAT MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY! If you have thought about working with kids, but cannot commit to something on a regular basis, here is your opportunity! We are in need of substitutes for our Children's Church Ministry. If you are able to fill in as a teacher when the need arises, please contact Linda Luginbuhl so she can put you on a list of substitutes. Also, we are in need of more nursery workers. If this is something that you would be able to do, please see Rachel Irving. Thank you!

WEDDING BELLS! We congratulate Kim Sowers and Melissa Martinez on their recent engagement! An August 9 wedding is being planned. Let's pray for Kim and Melissa as the Lord prepares them for their marriage!

IT'S COMING...
National Back to Church Sunday!
September 21, 2014
WATCH FOR DETAILS!

THE ELDERS are considering appointing Angela O'Bourke to the Deaconess Board. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Mike Nye or Pastor John.

PLEASE NOTE that the gym floor will be stripped, cleaned, and waxed from Monday, June 30, through Saturday, July 5. Please do not go into the gym during those days. Thank you!

This Week in Church History...

On July 4, 1831, the American patriotic hymn "America", written by Baptist clergyman, Samuel Francis Smith, was first sung at worship services at Park Street Church in Boston, Massachusetts. Smith had taken the tune from a German songbook and was unaware that it was also the tune of the British national anthem "God Save the King (Queen)."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"The destined end of man is not happiness, nor health, but holiness. God's one aim is the production of saints."

~ Oswald Chambers

PRAISE & PETITION

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord."
~ Psalm 33:12a

Praise the Lord for:

1. Our nation and all the freedoms we enjoy!
2. The wonderful gift of salvation that is ours as we put our faith in Jesus Christ, Who died in our place for our sin.
3. The summer season, with all of its opportunities for traveling and witnessing.
4. A great third week of camp at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch - 124 teen campers & many decisions for Jesus!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a heart for the lost! More desire to share the gospel!
2. All our moms, dads, families, as they strive to take a stand for Jesus Christ.
3. The staff at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch as they prepare to begin week #4 of the camping season tomorrow afternoon.
4. Kim Sowers and Melissa Martinez, as they prepare for their August 9 wedding!
5. Charles & Mildred Schoolcraft (struggling with health issues); Mark Yoder (knee surgery); Nellie Wero (kidney failure); Jim Jeffries (Charity Chavez's father; recuperating); Keira Kontz (recuperating); Kim Helfenbein's father (ICU, in Kansas); Carol Parpart (recovering from hip surgery)
6. Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son) and Sean Begaye, in Afghanistan; Adam Sowers (Ft. Hood); Kyle Prendergast (Ophelia Krupica's son), stationed (Air Force) in Ethiopia.
7. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

"What's Your Testimony?"
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I Thessalonians 4:9-12

As Jesus' return gets closer, we are not only to walk in holiness (I Thess. 4:1-8), but we are also to walk in love and integrity!

1. Love

2. Integrity

This Week at Grace Bible...
(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, June 30	
7:00 PM	Life Group at the Luginbuhls' Home (303 Cactus Rd.); study in Micah
Tuesday, July 1	
5:20 PM	Ladies' Aerobics
7:00 PM	Life Group at Silvas' home (621 VandenBosch Parkway, Gallup) Study in Jonah
Thursday, July 3	
5:20 PM	Ladies' Aerobics
6:30 PM	"Greater Health God's Way" Bible Study at Gills' home
7:00 PM	Men's Prayer Time
Friday, July 4	Independence Day! John 8:36
Saturday, July 5	
8 AM - 9 AM	Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant 801 W. Hwy. 66
Sunday, July 6	
During AM Service	The Lord's Table Observed

COMING SOON:

July 25 - 27	Promise Keepers Conference in Loveland, CO
July 31 - August 2	Elders/Deacons Leadership Conference (Scottsdale)
August 3	Quarterly Business Meeting
August 9	Kim Sowers/Melissa Martinez Wedding
August 15	Movie Night: "God is Not Dead"

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Happy Fourth of July!

The Push for Independence

BY JAN KERN

THE URGE TO PUSH PAST CHILDHOOD BOUNDARIES LEADS TEENS through a time of questioning their faith and values. They are seeking to discover who they are and what they think about all they've been taught. As parents, we too easily confuse this healthy exploration with the destructive choices of teen rebellion. We feel the tension in their pulling away from us—and it fills us with uncertainty.

If we respond with overcontrol, we risk sparking embers of defensiveness that can flame into defiance. Instead, when we seek to nurture an atmosphere of compassion, support and availability, we forge a stronger path toward maturity and wisdom.

Our influence isn't slipping away; our role is shifting. We now have an opportunity to engage our teens in conversations during which they process ideas for themselves. We still offer guidance and wisdom, but we also listen more attentively and ask questions without ready-made answers.

We can foster respect in our relationship by engaging our teens on increasingly adult levels, giving them opportunities to develop responsibility and trustworthiness. We also can encourage them as they choose solid friends, mentors and godly influences, and nurture their interests and talents through activities they choose. The challenge is to step back while remaining available to them, offering guidance only when they need it.

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Why do some movie stars act so weird?

Answer on back

Summer-Camp Worries

"Did you ever go away to camp when you were a little girl?"

Two sets of eyes stared at me inquisitively; my young daughters anxiously awaited words of reassurance as they decided whether to go on the church camp trip.

I wasn't sure how I should answer. I wasn't going to lie to my daughters, but I also wanted to choose words that spoke courage. The truth is that while I did go away to camp once, it was a terrifying experience, and I'd decided that I would never again be separated from the safety of my home for more than seven hours.

I finally told them that I was the only kid who holed herself up in the cabin with a book while all the other campers made crafts and canoed. I told them I wished I had done it differently because everyone else went home with stories of living out adventure instead of just *reading* about adventure.

Honestly, I didn't want my girls to go. But that's the voice I've had to learn to stifle. It's the voice that whispers all the "what-ifs." Sometimes my concerns are reasonable, but other times they are simply the echo of my own fears. Left unchecked, they can hinder my children from experiencing the life God has for them.

I have to ask myself regularly: *Am I speaking from my own fears and regrets, or am I wisely shepherding the young lives entrusted to me?* If we are wise, it leads us to our knees in adoration of the Father who never abandons or forsakes us, who honors those who trust Him and who overwhelms our frightened flesh with His loving-kindness.

My girls were nervous about going to camp, and I told them I understood. But I also told them to remember that God was with them.

Then I packed their bags, including a note to each girl saying how proud I was of her courage. It's good for parents to remember that while we can pass along our own stories, we can never be the authors of our children's.

—*Angie Smith*

Deciding to Enjoy Life Together

I love those commercials for dating services with the happy couples twirling around the screen. Their relationships look fresh and exciting. But have you ever thought about the disillusioned husband or wife watching that commercial and thinking, *Why isn't my marriage like that? I'll never have that kind of fun or passion in this relationship.*

When you feel as though your marriage is in a rut, you might blame your spouse for being the source of the problem, close your heart, and ultimately doubt your future as a couple. The grind of life can create a vacuum of intimacy, laughter and fun in marriage. But you don't have to allow duty and responsibility to trump passion and creativity. Break routine by establishing a fresh date night. Avoid the standard dinner and movie—try roller-skating, kayaking, hiking or renting a bicycle built for two. Plan a "staycation" (a stay-at-home vacation) without the kids. Shop for and prepare a multicourse, fine-dining meal at home.

Whatever you choose, make it a new experience that gives you time to dream, play and laugh together.

—*Ted Cunningham*

The Helpful Jar

The Helpful Jar arrived soon after baby sister. Our oldest daughter, Beth, was overjoyed at the new addition to the family, but changes in our family's routines took its toll. Her words became edgy and her temper short. We wanted to gently teach her that she could still choose to be kind no matter how she felt.

Beth had always loved looking at the seashells I had collected over the years. So we began putting a seashell in a jar whenever she does something helpful or polite, such as saying "thank you" or sharing with her sister. A full jar means a special trip with Mom or Dad to the place of her choice, such as the local park where she loves to feed the ducks.

The Helpful Jar has been a big hit. Our daughter loves counting the pretty shells she earns. We love praising her for great behavior, and we all enjoy quality time together. —*Rachel Dodd*

Family Matters

Answers to your questions . . .

What advice can you give to a divorced mom with children?

Answer: From the moment I first held each of my five children, I looked forward to walking through life together. But I never imagined I would walk with my young kids through the tragedy of divorce. While nothing prepared me for this sorrowful journey, God has lovingly guided us toward healing and hope.

Here are some of the trail markers that have helped.

Be available. I felt overwhelmed, and I often found myself on the phone for counsel and comfort from friends. Meanwhile, my hurting children needed me. I made calls only while my children were occupied or asleep.

Be honest. Difficult questions began early in our journey. I prayed to answer my kids honestly. I assured my children that I understood why they wanted to know details, then shared what was fitting—with as much hope as I could offer.

Be self-controlled. My ex-husband often said or did things that hurt or angered me, and I struggled to respond graciously. In hopes of encouraging my children in their relationship with their father, I worked to keep from revealing my inner conflict.

Be grace-filled. Not surprisingly, my children's struggle with the divorce reflected in their behavior. My dwindling emotional reserve sometimes made it difficult to respond well, but I learned to extend grace, allowing them to feel sorrow, anger and confusion.

Be hopeful. The path of divorce was difficult. But God gave me hope. Scripture blessed me with a perspective of God's good plan for my family and His great love for each one of us. From that place of hope I encouraged my children to trust that God still had a wonderful purpose for our lives.

(*Sue Birdseye writes about her divorce and single-parenting journey in* When Happily Ever After Shatters.)

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Answer:

Some stars act weird on purpose in order to get attention. In other words, they put on an act so stories will be written about them. Others have an exaggerated idea of their own importance and think they can do anything they want. The sin of pride can make people do strange things.

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