

For as often as  
you eat this bread  
and drink the cup,  
you proclaim  
the Lord's death  
until he comes.

1 Corinthians 11:26

### **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 ~  
August 3, 2014*

**WELCOME**

9:00 AM  
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service

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Call to Worship  
Welcome/Announcements  
Praise & Worship  
Special Music

Scripture Reading

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

Message

John Luginbuhl

**“Encouraging Each Other As the Day Draws Closer!”  
(Part 13 of a Series, “Living in Light of Jesus’ Return!”)**

The Lord's Table  
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 TODAY:**

*Crawlers: Angela O'Bourke & Madison Sutliff*

*Walkers: Rachel Irving & Amber Beard*

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Crawlers: Marji Campbell & Joel Hillis*

*Walkers: Naomi Yazzie & Liz Helf*

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**LATER TODAY...**

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

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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."

~ 1 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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KIM SOWERS AND MELISSA MARTINEZ invite you to their wedding (at Grace Bible) and reception (in the gym), Saturday, August 9, 3 PM! Hope you can attend!

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A list of August 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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AWANA resumes September 3! We need more leaders! Can you help? Please pray about this! If you can help, please contact Nate Yale. Thank you!

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IT'S COMING...

National Back to Church Sunday!

September 21, 2014

WHO WILL YOU INVITE?

WATCH FOR DETAILS!

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JOIN OUR Faith Bible Institute Class! Begins August 19. This semester: The Kingdoms of Judah and Israel, the New Testament Epistles, and the Doctrine of Salvation. Please see Bernie or Connie Comer for details.

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GUYS: Please note that your August Men's Breakfast has been postponed to August 9.

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Quarterly Business Meeting  
TODAY AT NOON!

~ We will be voting on proposed changes/additions to our church's Constitution. Copies of the proposed changes/additions are on the Literature Shelf in the Foyer.

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

On August 6, 1774, religious leader Ann Lee and her small band of followers first arrived at New York City, from Liverpool, England. The sect called itself the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Coming, but its followers were more popularly known as the "Shaking Quakers" or "Shakers." They established their headquarters at New Lebanon, New York.

*THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...*

*"There is such a danger of our being so occupied with the things that are to come more than with Who is to come."*

*~ Andrew Murray*



## PRAISE & PETITION

“He only is my rock and my salvation, my  
Stronghold, I shall not be greatly shaken!”

~ Psalm 62:6

### Praise the Lord for:

1. His being our rock, salvation, stronghold!
2. The Word of God in our own language!
3. His faithfulness to us as individuals, as families, as a church family.
4. A wonderful summer at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch, with many decisions for Jesus made!
5. A great Promise Keepers Conference for our men and young men; and a great conference in Scottsdale for our pastors, Elders, and Deacons and spouses!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. More desire on our part to read God's Word, pray, and witness.
2. More walking after the Spirit and less after the flesh. More discernment!
3. Jack & Jan Becker's ministry in Greeley, CO!
4. Opportunities for all of us to share the Gospel this summer!
5. Kim Sowers and Melissa Martinez, as they prepare for their August 9 wedding!
6. 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); Carol Parpart (recovering from hip surgery); Elijah Peralto (broken elbow); Kim Helfenbein's father.
7. 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.
8. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

**“Encouraging Each Other As the Day Draws Closer!”  
(Part 13 of a Series, “Living in Light of Jesus’ Return”)  
2 Thessalonians 1:1-12**

We move today into 2 Thessalonians. We will find that the book, probably written soon after the writing of 1 Thessalonians (between 49 and 54 AD), deals with the Second Coming of Christ. Because of confusion in the church about the return of the Lord (2 Thess. 2:1-4), and fear because of that confusion, the Apostle Paul strikes the note of encouragement in chapter 1. We *all* need this from time to time! 1 Thess. 5:11; Heb. 3:13  
Who have you encouraged lately?

**1. The Rapture and the Second Coming ... The Same Thing?**

**2. Paul’s Encouragement (and Ours!) to Others**

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

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, August 4**

**7:00 PM**

Life Group at the Luginbuhls' home;  
(303 Cactus Road) New study in  
Ephesians!

### **Tuesday, August 5**

**5:20 PM**

Ladies' Aerobics

**6:00 PM**

Deacons' Meeting

**7:00 PM**

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

### **Thursday, August 7**

**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

### **Saturday, August 9**

**8 AM - 9 AM**

Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant

**3:00 PM**

Kim Sowers/Melissa Martinez Wedding

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## **COMING SOON:**

**August 15**

Movie Night: "God is Not Dead"

**August 17**

Randy Green with us

**September 1**

All-Church Labor Day Picnic

**September 3**

AWANA begins for 2014-2015 school year

**September 14**

Praise & Celebration Sunday

**September 21**

National Back to Church Sunday

**September 27**

Ladies' Progressive Dinner





# **In Memory of Andrew Marlowe Kontz**

**December 14, 1995 to August 3, 2013**



**It has been one year since you passed from this earthly existence into Heaven Andrew. Not a day goes by that we don't think of you. We miss you so much. Life is very different without you and we long for the day when we will all be reunited in Heaven. With all our love – Mom, Dad and Justin.**

# KING OF GLORY

## By Third Day

Who is the King of Glory that pursues me with His love  
And haunts me with each hearing of His softly spoken words  
My conscience, a reminder of forgiveness that I need  
Who is this King of glory who offers it to me

Who is this King of angels, O blessed Prince of Peace  
Revealing things of Heaven and all its mysteries  
My spirit's ever longing for His grace in which to stand  
Who is this King of glory, Son of God and Son of man

His name is Jesus, precious Jesus  
The Lord Almighty, the King of my heart  
He is the King of Glory, He's everything to me

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Andrew now resides in Heaven with the King of Glory

## significant news for christians

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

# THE Church Around the WORLD

August 2014




Ukraine



Somalia

## Country in Focus: Ukraine (1)



Ukraine is a country with rich natural resources, including coal and iron ore, and vast amounts of prime farmland. The former pro-Soviet government was marked with corruption, cronyism, and uneven progress—cities are growing rapidly while many small towns are withering and mired in poverty. Ukraine is often called the “Bible Belt” of the former Soviet-controlled countries and has a rich Christian heritage. The growth of Ukrainian mission agencies has been strong, and many Ukrainians are serving in other former Soviet Union countries. Slavic Christianity was born in Kiev 1,000 years ago. However, leadership training of pastors and theological teachers remains one of the primary needs of the Ukrainian church.

Pray for:

- existing seminaries and Bible colleges to continue to grow and meet the needs of an expanding Christian church.

## Christian Convert Publicly Executed in Somalia (2)

Suspected al Shabaab militants murdered a woman professing the Christian faith after breaking into her home in Mogadishu.

The woman, Sufia, was at home with her parents when a group of armed men burst into her home. Leaving her parents untouched, the men grabbed Sufia, dragged her from the home at gunpoint, and then publicly shot her, firing into the crowd as friends and neighbors attempted to save her.

Immediately following the execution, Sufia's killers fled the scene. Despite ongoing efforts by police to locate them, Sufia's murderers remain at large. The suspected work of al Shabaab, an al Qaeda-linked terrorist network in Somalia, Sufia's death could be the third al Shabaab murder in one month.

“Al Shabaab is an Islamic extremist group that has vowed to make Somalia ‘purely Islamic,’” said International Christian Concern Regional Manager for Africa William Stark. “The group adheres to a fundamentalist interpretation of Islam that includes the beheading of converts from Islam, or, as we’ve witnessed in Sufia’s case, execution by firing squad.”

## Church Standoff a Study in China's Complexity (3)

The recent standoff over the demolition of the Sanjiang Church in Wenzhou illustrates how difficult it can be to determine what is happening to the

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*Church Standoff, continued from page 1*

Christian church of China. What initially appeared to be a brutal government crackdown, with hundreds of church members forming a protective ring around their house of worship, may in reality have been less black-and-white.

"Nothing is this straightforward in China," said Brent Fulton, president of China Source, a Hong Kong-based nonprofit that collaborates with hundreds of China-oriented churches.

Fulton explains that government authorities were unhappy with the size of the church but that it's also plain that the congregation erected a building far larger than they had permission to build. Wenzhou authorities served notice that the church would be demolished in 15 days. Some news accounts said the building had been deemed unsafe; others said it violated unspecified building codes. Christian sources were quoted as

## This month you can... Help Bible Translators in Remote Areas



Wycliffe Associates, a global organization that involves people in the acceleration of Bible translation around the world, is working proactively to help national Bible translators in remote and dangerous locations by providing them with state-of-the-art equipment that allows real-time collaboration with translation consultants. Translators who live and work in areas without reliable electricity or even Internet access are able to communicate via satellite connection with translation consultants hundreds or even thousands of miles away.

The combination of equipment, called a Bible Translation Acceleration Kit, or BTAK, includes a portable netbook computer, satellite communication terminal, solar panel, battery, and power supply. So far, teams from Wycliffe Associates have distributed nearly 200 BTAKs and provided training for their use in countries such as Brazil, Cameroon, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, and Tanzania. The organization hopes to distribute at least 250 more kits in the near future.

"Not only does this high-tech tool make it safer for translators to carry on God's work," said Wycliffe Associates president and CEO Bruce Smith, "but it speeds up translation efforts by years." Wycliffe Associates estimates that the use of a BTAK for a Bible translation project can reduce a project's completion date by as much as three years.

In Africa, there are currently 87 Bible translation teams using the kits. Kenyan-born Terri Collins, who helped install some of the kits, says that Bible translation is the only hope to spread the love and compassion of Christ for the men, women, and children in Kenya who have been driven from their homes during violent clashes and raids in recent years.

"When we took Bible Translation Acceleration Kits to Kenya, [the translators] were so excited to continue the work of Bible translation," Collins said. "When God's Word is in their own language, the light comes on."

A complete kit costs \$3,967. Generous friends of Wycliffe Associates have put together a matching challenge fund that will double every dollar donated, up to \$50,000. Visit [www.wycliffeassociates.org](http://www.wycliffeassociates.org) for more information.





## Church Around the WORLD

saying Sanjiang was caught up in a wider government campaign to scale back churches in the region that had grown larger than their permits allowed.

Most news accounts reported the church is part of China's officially sanctioned Protestant umbrella. At least two accounts, however, reported the church does not belong to the movement. The distinction is important because Three-Self churches enjoy standing to seek building permits and other government services. However, many non-official "underground" or "house" churches prefer independence, even at the risk of prosecution.

Fulton went on to say, "This incident illustrates the ongoing tension between church leaders and local officials, particularly when it comes to land use—a hot topic in cities across China, where local officials' ability to control the distribution of land is a key factor in providing revenue for the city, not to mention for themselves. Thus it is usually difficult for churches to get permission to build new buildings or to expand existing facilities."

When they do get permission, he said, churches can feel compelled to build as assertively as possible while the construction window is open. "What is very positive is that we can see how Chinese believers have advocated for themselves and negotiated successfully with the government."

The two sides eventually reached a deal, agreeing that the church would remove two levels of a newly built, seven-story annex. The main church building and its prominent cross will remain.

## US College Student Denied Admission for Putting God First <sup>(4)</sup>

The American Center for Law and Justice is suing a Maryland community college after a student was denied admittance into a program because he said God is the most important thing in his life.

Brandon Jenkins, a prospective student in the radiation therapy program at the Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC),



exceeded the minimum requirements for entry into the program, but after completing his exam and interview process, he received a notice informing him that he was not selected for the fall 2013 term.

During his interview with a five-person

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panel, Jenkins was asked, "What is the most important thing to you?" to which he replied, "My God."

When Jenkins followed up with members of the CCBC staff, he was told that among other reasons why he was not selected, his chosen field is "not the place for religion."

## Church Leaders in Nigeria: "We will stand first for Christ"<sup>(5)</sup>

A group of church leaders in Nigeria has begun fasting as Islamist extremists continue to attack communities across the northeastern region of the country.

President Goodluck Jonathan declared a state of emergency in three Muslim-majority states and authorized increased military powers to tackle the violence last May, but attacks have nonetheless escalated. Most are attributed to Boko Haram, a militant group with ties to al Qaeda.

Recently, 135 people were killed in three separate attacks in Borno state, while an explosion at a bus station in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, resulted in at least 75 fatalities. Around

200 young women were also abducted from a secondary school in Borno state by armed militia. Members of Boko Haram are known to abduct women and force them into sex slavery and domestic servitude.

The relentless violence is having a devastating effect on communities across the northern states. Open Doors reports that over 200 pastors in Maiduguri, Borno state, have fled, been forced to close their churches, or been murdered as a result of Boko Haram's activity in the region.

In response to this violence, however, church leaders who remain have committed to fasting and praying for one week each month.

"We have to stay and uphold the name of Christ in this state," one pastor named only as James told Open Doors. "We are willing to pay the price for our calling. We don't only share the gospel when things are rosy. It is to be done in every situation. Hunger and want will never discourage us. Swords and guns, even the roar of the devil, will only encourage us to stand first for Christ. If we die, our blood will speak about Christ to our killers."

Another pastor, Reverend Pona said, "We are seeking the face of God in this situation. Brethren are being killed all over the state. Thousands of homes have been destroyed. Our churches have not been spared. We are being struck from every direction. Only Christ can deliver us from this trial."

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**And the Holy Spirit helps us in our weakness. For example, we don't know what God wants us to pray for. But the Holy Spirit prays for us with groanings that cannot be expressed in words. ROMANS 8:26**