



*... she gave birth
to her firstborn,
a son.*

Luke 2:7

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 ~
December 14, 2014

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship
Handbell Choir
Praise & Worship
Special Music
Scripture Reading Luke 1:46-55

Message John Luginbuhl

“Magnificat!”
(Part 2 of a Series, “The Songs of Christmas!”)

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: Brenda Manning & Adrianna Pete

Walkers: Geri Hughbanks & Tristan Keller

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Sefina & Star Garcia

Walkers: Carrie Ruthven & Amber Beard

LATER TODAY...

4:00 PM Christmas Concert, presented by Rehoboth
Christian High School Choir at Sacred Heart
Cathedral (415 E. Green, Gallup)

6:00 PM [No Prayer Time tonight]

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

6:00 PM Edge Group (age 18-25) 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

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES are extended to Sid & Daisy Brown and family on the December 6 passing of Sid's step-father. Please pray for the Browns during these days.



OUR THANKS to Broken Arrow Bible Ranch - as well as all the other ladies and men who helped in any way - for making last night's Ladies' Christmas Banquet a wonderful success! Approximately 50 women attended the event!



A list of December 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!



ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING!

Dec. 22, 7:00 PM

- Meet at church and dress warmly!
 - Bring the whole family!
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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Wednesday, December 24, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
For the whole family! Invite your friends!

YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME to suggest a "Year Verse" for our church for 2015! Suggestions can be written out (please include which version of the Bible) and given to Pastor John or placed in the offering plate.

FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

"Notice to donors: Donors are advised not to file their federal income tax return before they receive their contributions receipt from the church. Also, donors wishing to 'catch up' on their financial commitments to the church must deliver such contributions before Jan. 1, 2015, to be credited to 2014, (mailed-in contributions must be post-marked by Dec. 31). Backdating is not allowed by the IRS. See Paul Schell for advice."

This Week in Church History...

On December 16, 1714, George Whitefield, English revivalist, was born in Gloucester, England. He met the Wesley brothers at Oxford in 1732, experienced the new birth in 1735 and embarked on his lifelong calling as an evangelist. He usually preached outdoors, to crowds as large as 20,000. He first sailed to America in 1738, where he founded an orphanage near Savannah, Georgia. During the years 1741-43, he broke with the Wesleys over the doctrines of free grace and predestination. Whitefield visited America seven times and died at Newburyport, Massachusetts, on September 30, 1770.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"God became man to turn creatures into sons, not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man."

~ C. S. Lewis



PRAISE & PETITION

“And you shall call His Name Jesus, for it is
He Who will save His people from their sins.”

~ Matthew 1:21

Praise the Lord for:

1. Jesus' mission: to save people from their sins! Praise the Lord for salvation through Jesus, as we trust in Him!
2. Forgiveness of sins, a place in heaven reserved for us, deliverance from Hell - all through faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work for us at Calvary.
3. Opportunities for ministry during this Christmas season.
4. The privilege of worship and prayer!
5. His sovereignty!
6. Family and friends, both “near and far”.
7. A wonderful Ladies' Christmas Banquet last night!

Petition the Lord for:

1. Those who are lonely and/or depressed this holiday season.
2. Those who will be traveling to see family and friends.
3. Families in our church going through the rough waters of life at this time. (Isa. 43:1,2)
4. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
5. Charles & Mildred Schoolcraft (struggling with health issues); Nellie Wero (kidney failure); Jim Jeffries (Charity Chavez's father; recuperating); Mike Lengal (recuperating); Marji Campbell's granddaughter, Riley (recuperating from heart surgery); Ray Alonzo (recuperating from hip surgery); Kelly Stapp (recuperating from ankle surgery); Doris Snallcanyon (recuperating from 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 Germany.
7. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“Magnificat!”
(Part 2 of a Series, “The Songs of Christmas!”)
Luke 1:46-55

Last Lord’s Day morning, we looked at the “Song of Zacharias” (“Benedictus” [Latin for “Blessed Be” the first two words of Luke 1:68]). This morning, we’ll look at another “Song of Christmas”, “Mary’s Song” (“Magnificat” [Latin for “(My soul) Magnifies”]). Mary’s song occurs shortly after she learned that she was going to, via being overshadowed by the Holy Spirit, give birth to the Messiah and shortly after she arrived at her relative Elizabeth’s (mother of John the Baptist) home.

1. Knowing the Scriptures

2. Knowing Jesus

3. Knowing What God Can Do

Youth Group Activities

Grades 6-12

Weekly events:

Sunday school at 9:00 with Pastor Steve and Jeff Irving in the
High school room upstairs

Youth group Sunday nights at 6:00 –8:00

UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS

We have postponed the annual hayride/ progressive dinner till Saturday
Dec. 27 from 5:00—9:00 P.M.

We are still looking for families to host our youth for this event.

Any youth are welcome to join but please reserve a seat by signing up with
Pastor Steve.

We will be making a
second round of pies Dec.
30. This time we will offering
Apple, blue berry and APPLE
GREEN CHILI!!



The youth will be joining the Church Dec. 22 7:00 P.M. for Christmas
Caroling.

Don't forget to sign up for the Broken arrow bible Ranch's winter retreat
that starts on Dec 29

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, December 15

7:00 PM Life Group meets at Luginbuhls'
(303 Cactus Rd.);study in Ephesians

Tuesday, December 16

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study
(nursery available for the young ones)

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Wednesday, December 17

6:30 PM AWANA ("Red & Green Night"!)

Thursday, December 18

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

6:30 PM Deaconess Meeting



COMING SOON:

December 22

All-Church Christmas Caroling (7 PM)

December 24

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7 PM)

Let's Keep In Touch!

We are delighted that you are a part of our church family! We are trying to update our office records. So, whether you have been part of our family for 40 years, 40 weeks,

or 40 days please fill out this card and leave it in the offering plate or the basket in the foyer.

Name (s) _____

 Birthday (s) _____

Single Married Anniversary: _____

Address _____ Apt. _____

City, State, ZIP _____

Phone (s) _____

Email _____

Children:

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

Name _____ Birthday _____

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

December 2014



Focus on: Bangladesh (1)



Bangladesh is one of the world's poorest countries, suffering from gross overpopulation and periodic natural disasters, such as devastating floods and cyclones, often accompanied by enormous loss of life and property. Poverty is endemic and seemingly impossible to overcome, although some progress is being made. Major income comes from agriculture, textiles, clothing, and funds sent home by emigrants. Nearly half the population of 165 million lives on less than one dollar a day. Thousands of nongovernmental agencies and relief organizations are helping in this economic struggle, with micro-credit operations leading the way.

Pray for:

- Education and renewed economic investment and development to help break the cycle of poverty;
- The huge people group of Bengalis, numbering 240 million worldwide and representing one of the largest unreached groups in the world.
- A path to religious tolerance between Muslims, Christians, and people of other faiths.

Philippines' Catholic Bishops Vow to Counter Islamic State (2)

Leaders of the Philippine Roman Catholic Church have vowed to counter extremist religions such as that espoused by Islamic State militants in Syria and Iraq.

Archbishop Socrates Villegas, who heads the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines, also asked the country's bishops to collect donations for Christians who have been displaced by the militants and whose places of worship have been razed "by a godless rage with which no genuine religion can ever identify."

Citing brutal actions by the Islamic State group, including the beheading of American journalist James Foley, Villegas said the Philippine Catholic church will "do our part . . . to counter the defacement of religion."

Villegas went on to say that "those who kill and slaughter, wound and maim, destroy and burn in the name of God send the world the awful message that religion divides, that faith is oppressive, that belief can engender so much unkindness."

Australia: Government Will Fund School Chaplains (3)

Chaplains in Australian schools are to continue receiving money from the federal government, despite a High Court

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decision that put their funding under threat.

The court ruled that it was against the constitution for national funding to go directly to chaplaincy organizations. But the federal government is now providing individual states and territories with money in order for them to administer the National School Chaplaincy Program.

Scott Ryan, parliamentary secretary to the minister for education, said, "The Government believes that school chaplains make a valuable contribution to the wellbeing of students and school communities."

Nuns Attacked in Bangladesh ⁽¹⁾

Dozens of armed men broke into a convent in northern Bangladesh, beating a group of nuns at a small mission. "The attack was massive and lasted about an hour and a half. The attackers brutally beat the nuns. The convent was seriously devastated," Bishop Sebastian Tudu of Dinajpur said. "Only when the police arrived did the attackers

leave the mission." The rectory, convent, and hospital were all objects of the attack carried out by between 50 and 60 men.

While Christians have been attacked before in the Muslim-majority nation, this is the first time that nuns have been targeted. "It's unprecedented because nuns are highly respected in Bangladesh," Bishop Tudu said. "The attack is obviously a targeted and planned attempt at intimidation. Nuns and priests are being attacked because they stand up for the disadvantaged and minorities."

Pastor Arrested in Chinese Crackdown on Christian Community ⁽⁴⁾

A Christian pastor in eastern China who has been openly critical of a church demolition campaign is facing a sentence of 10 years in prison. Pastor Huang Yizi was taken from his home by plainclothes police officers and faces what his supporters call a "trumped-up charge." His lawyers say the allegation of "gathering to assault a state

This month you can... Pick Up the Trash



The following is another success story, submitted by a church in Maryland.

"I'm Jonathan Batchelder, senior pastor of the Fawn Grove Church of the Nazarene in Pylesville, MD. We heard that this activity had been done by another church, so we decided to do the same thing and serve our local community. It's simple: we pick up trash at the local fair that benefits our volunteer fire department. It started out

as simply picking up trash off the ground and placing it into the barrels around the fairgrounds, but the past two years it has grown a bit so that we now drive around the fairgrounds several times each day collecting the trash barrels, taking them to the Dumpster to empty them, and then returning them to their locations. This is something we do to serve both Christ and our community."

And it is a great way to

show that the local church is more than just a Sunday-morning gathering. Well done, Fawn Grove Church of the Nazarene!

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organ” is often used by Chinese authorities to silence critics of the government.

Huang’s detention follows bloody clashes between security agents using cattle prods against Christians who were resisting the removal of a cross from their church. The Chinese authorities have been targeting the country’s Christian community, which is growing rapidly, and their crackdown has seen the demolition of some 200 churches.

School District Replaces Chaplains with “Life Coaches” (5)

A Florida school district has decided to replace its use of local pastors as high school football chaplains with the position of “life coaches” following a complaint from a prominent atheist organization.

The Madison, Wisconsin–based Freedom from Religion Foundation (FFRF) sent a letter to the Orange County Public School District’s attorney this past March, stating that its use of pastors as chaplains amounts to “illegal religious activity.”

“It is inappropriate and unconstitutional for the district to offer a Christian minister unique access to befriend and proselytize student athletes,” the letter states, referring to reports that Todd Lamphere, pastor of The Venue Church in Apopka, Florida, has

been serving as chaplain of the Apopka High School football team. “Accordingly, public high school football teams cannot appoint or employ a chaplain, seek out a spiritual leader for the team, or agree to have a volunteer chaplain, because public schools may not advance or promote religion.”

In response, the school district’s attorney sent a memo to the superintendent and others, advising that it is unlawful for Lamphere or others to serve as chaplains. While FFRF considers the memo a victory, pastors in the



area are appalled by what they view as a form of eradication of Christianity from public life.

“They said I could still come and speak, but I wasn’t going to be called a chaplain; they wanted to call me a ‘life coach,’” Troy Schmidt, pastor of First Baptist Church of Windermere and chaplain at Olympia High School, said. “I could no longer open the Bible, talk about the Bible, talk about God, or pray with the team in any capacity. It was heartbreaking.”

Schmidt said that he rejects the new title and will continue to take a stand in whatever way he can. In the meantime, he said that his church will continue serving free meals to the Olympia High School football team.

Report: Almost Half of Syrian Population Now Displaced ⁽⁶⁾

According to a devastating new UN report, nearly half of all Syrians have been displaced by the violence of the country's ongoing civil war. As many as 6.5 million who have fled their homes are displaced within the country, and at least 3 million Syrians have left the country altogether. The UN High Commissioner for Refugees said in a statement, "The Syrian crisis has become the biggest humanitarian emergency of our era, yet the world is failing to meet the needs of refugees and the countries hosting them."



The report, which is attempting to bring greater international awareness and intervention to the crisis, also outlined the dangers facing even those who are fleeing the war. "There are worrying signs too that the journey out of Syria is becoming tougher, with many people forced to pay bribes at armed

checkpoints proliferating along the borders. Refugees crossing the desert into eastern Jordan are being forced to pay smugglers hefty sums (ranging from \$100 per person or more) to take them to safety."

Judge Finds Polygamy Law Unconstitutional ⁽⁵⁾

A federal judge finalized the order striking part of Utah's bigamy law, and the long legal battle over polygamy in Utah now appears headed to the appeals courts. Utah Attorney General Sean Reyes has said he would appeal a federal court ruling that found the law against polygamy unconstitutional.

Last December, federal judge Clark Waddoups struck the section of Utah's bigamy statute that can be applied when someone "cohabits with another person" to whom they are not legally married. Utah law made such a union a felony punishable by up to five years in prison. Waddoups said the ban violated the 1st and 14th amendments to the Constitution.

Waddoups let stand the portion of the statute that prevents someone from having more than one active marriage license.

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God works in different ways, but it is the same God who does the work in all of us.

1 CORINTHIANS 12:6