




"Though your sins
are like scarlet,
they shall be as
white as snow..."



GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

Worship Service - 10:15 AM

Edge - 6:00 PM

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Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
December 28, 2014

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship
Special Music
Scripture Reading

2 Cor. 8:7-9

Message

John Luginbuhl

“From Riches to Rags and Rags to Riches!”

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: Pam Keller & Moriah Yale

Walkers: Sarabeth Hill & Liz Helf

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time (across from Pastor John's office)
6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets
6:00 PM Edge Group (age 18-25) meets



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. The privilege of worship and prayer!
4. His sovereignty!
5. Family and friends, both “near and far”.

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. College students “home for the holidays”. Pray for a refreshing time with family and friends.
5. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
6. 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)
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 Germany.
8. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“From Riches to Rags and Rags to Riches!” 2 Corinthians 8:7-9

We have all heard “rags to riches” stories - and on occasion, “riches to rags” stories! Christmas is both! Riches to rags and rags to riches!

1. Jesus: Riches to Rags!

2. It's All About Grace!

3. Us: Rags to Riches!



This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, December 29

[No Life Group tonight; resumes 1/5]

Tuesday, December 30

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Thursday, January 1

HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2 Cor. 5:17!

Saturday, January 3

8 AM - 9 AM

Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant,
801 W. Hwy. 66

Saturday, January 4

(During AM Worship) The Lord's Table Observed

COMING SOON:

January 23

All-Church Game Night (7 PM)

January 25

Annual Business Meeting (Noon)

January 25

Ambassador Singers (from S. Korea) (6 PM)



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Merry Christmas!

Giving in Secret

BY ANITA AGERS-BROOKS

WE TIPTOED UP THE STEPS, ONTO THE PORCH, AND GENTLY LAID DOWN the goodies: canned vegetables, a frozen turkey and various foods all packaged in a laundry basket. Another “secret basket” contained presents.

My 6-year-old son, Ryan, whispered, “Mommy, do you think they’ll like the presents?”

“Of course they will,” I whispered back.

The wooden steps creaked when we descended and ran back to the car.

Breathless and giddy, my son asked, “Do you think they’ll know we did it?”

“I hope not, because Matthew 6 says, ‘When you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right is doing, so that your giving may be in secret.’”

Never underestimate the value of modeling selfless giving. Providing opportunities for your children to see you give to others will get them excited about generosity. Kids of all ages can learn to give anonymously, but don’t expect them to be involved beyond what they’re capable of developmentally. Secret baskets are a great place to start. Set your sights on someone with a financial, physical, emotional or spiritual need, and anonymously gift them useful items with a note of encouragement attached.

Secret gifts teach children to help those in need. Together, enjoy surprising someone with the love of Jesus.



TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Why do angels
light up and
get bright?



Family Matters

Answers to your questions . . .

Whenever my spouse and I talk about money, we get into an argument. Do you have any advice for us to avoid that sort of conflict?

Answer: Call them debates, conflicts, arguments, or vehement fiscal discussions—every couple will have disagreements.

First, let's reflect on biblical principles. When husbands and wives commit to one another, we see the outworkings of Christ's relationship with the church, as described in Ephesians 5:28-29. "He who loves his wife loves himself. For no one ever hated his own flesh, but nourishes and cherishes it, just as Christ does the church."

In order to maintain our commitment to love, cherish and honor our spouses, we need to yield ourselves and our rights, first to God, and then one another. If you and your spouse have a difference of opinion, try approaching conflict with one or more of these guidelines in mind:

Stick to the problem at hand. Focus on the current conflict, and don't accuse your spouse of "always" or "never" behaving a certain way. Putting your spouse on the defensive is never wise.

Get on the same side of the fence. Rather than attempting to resolve an issue "my way" or

"your way," work towards a solution that represents "our way."

Try to identify the core issue. Arguments often arise because of events or issues that disguise the real problem. Consider what attitudes or beliefs are motivating your behavior for clues as to what the core issue in any conflict is.

Don't be a mind reader. Discuss your beliefs and expectations openly. Don't try to interpret your spouse's thoughts or motives from his or her behavior; instead, ask direct questions. Likewise, don't expect your spouse to know what you are thinking.

Avoid character assassinations. As you work to resolve conflict, it's okay to talk about circumstances and behavior. However, attacking your spouse's personality or character is never acceptable.

Never forget that your relationship with your spouse is far more important than "winning" an argument or "being right."

Remember that love keeps no record of wrongs. Be quick to forgive, quick to admit your own mistakes, and quick to move on from the conflict.

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TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Answer:

When the angels came to tell about Jesus' birth, they glowed brightly. They don't always appear that way, but that night they may have become bright to reflect God and His glory. As God's messengers, it's only fitting that they would get bright because that's how it is in heaven.

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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!

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

TODAY (7 PM) is the deadline 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.

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING...

1. There were approximately 50 folks who came out for Christmas Caroling last Monday night!
 2. There were approximately 250 people who attended our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service!
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DON'T FORGET to check out the Christmas greetings to all of us at Grace Bible! Posted on the door on the south side of the gymnasium!

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 31, 1384, John Wycliffe (b. 1328), English reformer and theologian, died. Though raised in the Catholic church, Wycliffe was repulsed by the "Babylonian Captivity" (1305-77) of the papacy in Avignon, France, and embarrassed at having two popes during the Great Schism (1378-1417). In his disdain, Wycliffe turned to the Scriptures and early church fathers for guidance. He eventually developed his own view of the true church. Wycliffe maintained that every person is a servant of God, and that the church does not provide the only access to grace nor possess the right to unquestioned secular sovereignty. Known as "the Morning Star of the Reformation," Wycliffe received support for his ideas among the aristocracy in England, especially after 1380. His writings also had a major influence on England's poorer clergy, such as the Lollards, and on others, such as Czech scholar John Huss. Wycliffe spent his last four years in the first translation of the Scriptures into English.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"We are to evangelize not because it is pleasant, not because it is easy, not because we may be successful, but because Christ has called us. He is our Lord. We have no other choice but to obey Him."

~ Leighton Ford