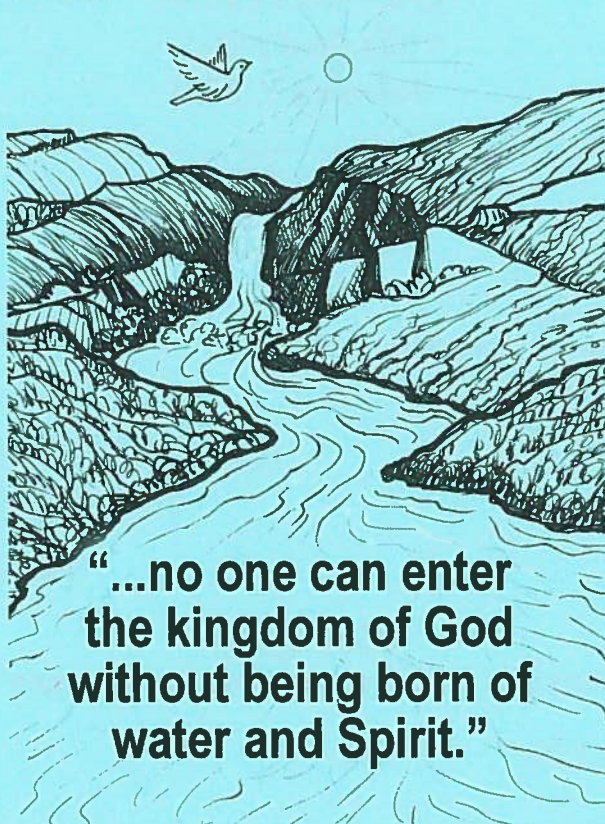


John 3:5



**“...no one can enter
the kingdom of God
without being born of
water and Spirit.”**

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 ~
February 1, 2015

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

John 1:9-13, 3:1-3, 14:16,17;
I Cor. 6:19, 12:12,13

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Born Again!”
(Part 8 of a Series, “Foundational Truths”)

The Lord's Table
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: Rachel Irving & Star Garcia

Walkers: Betsy Branson & Madison Sutliff

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Brenda Manning & Moriah Yale

Walkers: Carrie Ruthven & Bethany Silva

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 (age18-25) 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!



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.

The mission of our church is to prayerfully prepare believers for worshiping God, serving Christ, loving one another, and reaching out to others!

2015 YEAR VERSE:

"In God is my salvation and my glory. The rock of my strength, and my refuge, is in God."

- Psalm 62:7



COUPLES' VALENTINE PARTY!
SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 5 PM
BROKEN ARROW BIBLE RANCH

Please read today's insert and sign up at the table in the foyer.

THE ELDERS ARE CONSIDERING appointing Beth Hess and Sarah Piano to the Deaconess Board. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Chairman of the Board of Elders, Steve Knox or Pastor John. Thank you!

ARE YOU INTERESTED in being baptized? A baptismal service is being planned for a Sunday in March. If you are interested, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!



A list of February 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!

OUR THANKS to all who provided food for dinner and/or housing for the Ambassador Singers last weekend! Approximately 325 people came to last Sunday night's concert!

DON'T THROW AWAY YOUR USED INK CARTRIDGES!

We are collecting them for cash. If you can help, drop them off in a box by the church office.

This Week in Church History...

On February 5, 1837, Dwight L. Moody, American evangelist, was born at Northfield, Massachusetts. At age 18, he gave his life to Jesus Christ through the testimony of his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball. Five years later, he left his job in his uncle's shoe repair shop to devote his life to Christian evangelism and education. On February 5, 1887, he founded the Chicago Evangelization Society, along with English-born educator Emma Dryer. This educational organization eventually grew to become Moody Bible Institute.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Long ago I ceased to count heads. Truth is usually in the minority in this evil world."

~ C. H. Spurgeon



PRAISE & PETITION

“Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.”

~ Jesus, in John 5:13

Praise the Lord for:

1. His wonderful love for us demonstrated in so many ways!
2. His grace that is sufficient for us every day.
3. The great salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ as we put our faith in Him!
4. The love of Christ we share as brothers and sisters in Christ.
5. Our spouses, children, family, and friends!
6. A wonderful, Christ-honoring worship service last Sunday, led by our Youth group!
7. A Christ-honoring Business Meeting and concert last Sunday afternoon and evening.
8. Successful knee surgery for Jonathan Helf.

Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper desire to worship Him!
2. More love for Jesus and one another!
3. EJ Charles: surgery tomorrow
4. Charles & Mildred Schoolcraft (struggling with health issues); Nellie Wero; Mike Lengal (recuperating); Marji Campbell's granddaughter, Riley (recuperating from heart surgery); Ray Alonzo (recuperating from hip surgery); Kelly Stapp (recuperating from ankle surgery); Jonathan Helf (recuperating from knee surgery)
5. 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.
6. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“Born Again!”
(Part 8 of a Series, “Foundational Truths!”)
John 1:9-13, 3:1-3, 14:16, 17; I Cor. 6:19, 20; 12:12, 13

We continue in a series of sermons concerning the foundational truths upon which we live our lives and operate the church. We are working our way through our church’s “Statement of Faith”. Thus far we have looked at the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures, the Trinity, the Virgin birth of Jesus, the Image of God, and justification by faith alone in Christ alone, and the resurrection and High Priestly work of Jesus, and the rapture of the church.

STATEMENT #8: “We believe that all who receive the Lord Jesus Christ by faith are born again and thereby become children of God; that all such are baptized by the Holy Spirit into that spiritual body (the church) of which Christ is the head; and that all such are indwelt by the Holy Spirit.”

1. Born Again

2. Baptized

3. Indwelt

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, February 2

7:00 PM Life Group meets at Luginbhuls'
(303 Cactus Rd.); study in Habakkuk!

Tuesday, February 3

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

5:00 PM Handbell Rehearsal

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

6:30 PM FBI Class

7:00 PM Life Group meets at Silvas'
(621 VandenBosch Pkwy.); study in James

Wednesday, February 4

6:00 PM AWANA

Thursday, February 5

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

6:30 PM "Greater Health God's Way" Bible Study at
Gills' home

Saturday, February 7

8:00 AM - 9:00 AM Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant

9:00 AM - Noon AWANA Grand Prix Work Day

COMING SOON:

February 13-16

Youth Winter Retreat, Hesperus, CO

February 14

Couples' Valentine's Party @ BABR (5 PM)

February 21

AWANA Grand Prix (9 AM)

March 8

Amy Shreve & Gary Wixtrom will be with us



COME TO THE
COUPLES'
VALENTINE
PARTY

(You do not have to be a married couple to attend.
Single folks are welcome to bring a date.)

Saturday, February 14, 5:00 PM
At

Broken Arrow Bible Ranch
(This will be a great evening of
fun and fellowship!)

We will be having a **delicious** dinner
(grilled steaks or chicken) as usual.
(catered by Broken Arrow Bible Ranch)

The cost is \$20 per couple.

Sign up sheet will be at
a table in the Foyer.

Deadline to sign up and pay is
Sunday, February 8.

Optional babysitting at BABR
(\$5 per child and bring dinner
for each child)

Don't forget to bring your
wedding album or photo.



MEN, YOUNG MEN, & BOYS!!!

PUT IT ON YOUR CALENDARS NOW...

THE 2015 PROMISE KEEPERS CONFERENCE!!

APRIL 17 & 18

AT THE GRAND CANYON UNIVERSITY

ARENA IN PHOENIX, AZ!

THEME: "BATTLE LINES!"

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) \$79 if we get 10 or more guys to go

NOTE: Please do not 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 \$100 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 8 AM on Fri., April 17, & returning early evening on Sun., April 19. Will drive together, stay at same hotel (details coming).

DEADLINE IS FEBRUARY 15 to let Pastor John know you are definitely attending & give him the \$110 non-refundable deposit (per guy) for the conference/hotel fee. Hotel reservations will be made on February 16.

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

February 2015



Liberia



Iraq

Country in Focus: Liberia (1)



In 1847, Liberia became Black Africa's first independent state, created as a colony for freed American slaves. A coup in 1980 brought about an increasingly unstable military government. Another coup in 1989, led by Charles Taylor, resulted in intertribal killing and three armies vying for power. A time of relative peace and stability has followed Taylor's 2003 exile. An outbreak of Ebola has been ongoing in Liberia since March 2014. Outbreaks are also occurring in Guinea and Sierra Leone; these outbreaks of Ebola are the largest and most complex in history. Civil unrest and violence against aid workers have been reported in West Africa as a result, and the public health infrastructure of Liberia is severely strained.

Pray:

- That the Ebola outbreak will be brought under control and mission agencies and aid organizations will be able to restart their work in Liberia;
- For Bible teachers and church leaders to help lead the Christian church;
- That the major problems of the country—poverty, illiteracy, HIV/AIDS, and corruption—will be addressed in a productive way.

Ancient Christian Manuscripts Saved from ISIS (2)

More than 1,000 ancient Christian documents have been saved by a Dominican priest who managed to escape ISIS militants in Iraq. In August, Father Nageeb Michael, previously director of the Digital Centre for Eastern Manuscripts at the Mar Behnam Syriac Catholic Monastery, fled Qaraqosh in the middle of the night with thousands of other Christians and religious minorities. He packed up a collection of 1,300 ancient documents when the first bomb fell on his city. Sending the fragile documents ahead in a vehicle, the priest then walked 40 kilometers on foot to Erbil with around 30,000 others.

"It was terrible. There were women and children with no food and water," he said of the ordeal. "If I hadn't transported and kept the manuscripts, they would have been destroyed like so many churches and monasteries in Mosul and the Nineveh plain," Father Nageeb said. He did not disclose where the documents are now being held but confirmed that they represent "a sizeable part of Iraq's cultural heritage."

Chicago Church Gives All Members \$500 to Do Good (3)

LaSalle Street Church of Chicago has given each of its 320 members a check for \$500, telling the members to use the money however they feel led. The church is calling the money "Loaves and Fishes checks" and has told members to use the money in

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a way that glorifies God's kingdom. Members were instructed to pray and then spend the money when they felt the call to do so.

Senior Pastor Laura Truaz of LaSalle Street Church said she was nervous when she informed the congregation what was happening. "Some people started to cry and I started to sweat because it sounded so crazy. In that moment, I was worried that people were going to think, 'This is stupid and silly. You're squandering away \$160,000.' I was nervous about that but I felt this was a place of faith," she said.

Truaz said that she would not be disappointed if some members used the money for rent; the economic status of LaSalle's membership ranges from wealthy to homeless.



The church, which gave away \$160,000 total, came into the money from a real estate deal. LaSalle Street Church, along with two other Chicago-area churches, had

supported a housing development in the 1970s that was sold in June. LaSalle received \$1.6 million from the property and designated 10 percent for the Loaves and Fishes checks. The church will decide how to use the remaining money in the future.

Pro-Life French Doctor Fined for Urging Woman Not to Abort (4)

Xavier Dor, an 85-year-old French doctor, was fined 5,000 euros (\$6,350) by the Appeals Court of Paris for having exerted "moral and psychological pressure" to dissuade a woman from having an abortion. In 2012, the frail, almost blind medical doctor, pediatrician, and researcher gave knit baby shoes to a woman who was approaching a Planned Parenthood center in central Paris.

The court also imposed a suspended fine of 5,000 euros, payable in case of a repeated offense, and awarded 750-euro damages to each of the three pro-abortion associations that introduced the judiciary proceedings against Dor. In addition, the criminal chamber of the Paris tribunal ordered a 10,000-euro fine as well as 2,000-euro damages for the young woman Dor met on the stairs leading to the Planned Parenthood center.

This month you can...Pray for a Language Group without the Bible

Celebrating the 19 languages that have recently received God's Word through Bible translation, Bob Creson, president and CEO of Wycliffe Bible Translators USA, said, "It's just a great time for us to stop and recognize that God is doing something very special in the world by creating this opportunity, not only for access but

also to engagement with the Scriptures in all these minority languages communities around the world."

According to Creson, more than 1,800 unreached people groups do not have one word of Scripture in their language. Wycliffe is working to cut down that number and invites Christians to help, even if they don't speak an-

other language.

"One of the primary ways I encourage people to get involved is through prayer," says Creson, describing Wycliffe's "Bibleless Peoples Prayer Project" in which people pray for a group that doesn't have access to Scripture. For more information, visit wycliffe.org/prayer.



universal, they proclaimed that God can help all believers resist sexual activity outside of marriage.

Turkish Schools to Offer Class in Christianity (5)

The Turkish education system's mandatory religion classes are not fair to students who do not follow the country's majority Sunni Islam and it must amend its policies, according to a recent verdict of the European Court of Human Rights (ECHR). As Turkey is a signatory of the European Convention on Human Rights, the ECHR decision is binding.

Turkey is a secular Muslim state, with almost 97 percent of the population nominally Muslim. By conservative estimates there are under 100,000 Christians in Turkey. Religion classes, starting in elementary schools, are required by the Turkish Constitution to be neutral lessons on religion, but critics say they impose Sunni Muslim rituals that many Turks—including non-Sunni Muslims, Christians, Jews, and atheists—don't espouse.

The education minister announced that Turkish schools will soon offer an elective course in Christianity. However, currently Christians and Jews are in fact exempt from the compulsory courses offered from fourth grade and throughout high school. Religious freedoms expert Mine Yildirim of the Norwegian Helsinki Committee for Human Rights says that this announcement, though a welcome move, seems to miss the point of the ECHR's verdict. "Adding Christianity as an optional course does not address any of the out-

standing and important freedom of religion or belief problems in the education system," Yildirim said.

Ban on Christian Activity Leads to Violence in India (6)

Attacks on Christians in India's Chhattisgarh state have raised suspicion that local officials are collaborating with Hindu extremists, church leaders said.

Local officials summoned area Christians to a meeting in the Bastar District, on the pretext of resolving conflict over bans in the district on missionaries and non-Hindu religious activity. Christians gathered at the designated spot, but nobody turned up, church leaders said. Instead, armed Hindu extremists wearing saffron bands arrived, accused the Christians of converting Hindus, and beat more than 15 of them; 12 were taken to hospitals for treatment, including seven who were seriously injured.

The previous Sunday, Hindu extremists had attacked worship services in two villages of Bastar District, and the next day, a Christian was beaten unconscious for following Christ.

Assailants also placed a picture of the Hindu god Hanuman at the water pump of one of the attacked churches and forbade Christians from drawing water. Chhattisgarh state is 94.7 percent Hindu and 1.9 percent Christian.

To check out books and other church resources, please visit www.TyndaleDirect.com.

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous.

PROVERBS 15:29



Church Around the WORLD

Dor is a veteran pro-lifer who, as the head of the association SOS Tout-petits (Emergency Signal to All Children), has led many protests and has spent several months in prison for praying near abortion centers.

After 1,500 Years, Orthodox Churches Move toward Reconciliation

Anglican and Oriental Orthodox Churches have taken a major step toward reconciliation with a joint statement on the incarnation of Christ.

The Oriental Churches include the Coptic Orthodox Church of Alexandria, the Armenian Apostolic Orthodox Church, and the Malankara Orthodox Syrian Church. They have been divided from the Eastern Orthodox and Roman Catholic Churches, and hence from the Protestant tradition, since the Council of Chalcedon in 451 AD. At issue was how to express the belief that Christ was both human and divine in a theologically accurate way.

Now, however, the Anglican-Oriental Orthodox International Commission has produced an "Agreed Statement on Christology" that brings the two sides together and means that each recognizes the other as doctrinally orthodox. The statement stresses that in Christ, two natures, "distinguished in thought alone," "continue to exist without separation, without division, without change, and without confusion." However, it says, "Those among us who speak of two natures in Christ are jus-

tified in doing so since they do not thereby deny their inseparable indivisible union."

Southern Baptists Change Tone on Homosexuality (3)

During a recent meeting, the Southern Baptist Convention's Ethics & Religious Liberty Commission (ERLC) outlined the denomination's posture toward cultural changes and challenges on issues of marriage and sexuality. While Southern Baptists seem to be moving past same-sex marriage as a culture war issue, they're not moving past their opposition to homosexuality. Two notable shifts have been noted: a change in tone and a pragmatic concession that the fight over gay marriage is largely lost.

Though they do not believe civil law should recognize gay or lesbian unions as marriage, the ERLC acknowledged that there are graver threats to marriage and family life in America than same-sex marriage. The conference also featured teaching against cohabitation and divorce, as well as exhortations for Christians to model forbearance and permanence in marriage. Speakers explicitly appealed for churches to combat the pernicious effects of pornography and the culture's sexualization of youth.

While the tone of the conference was more gracious than seen in previous generations, the commission clearly reiterated their belief that gays and lesbians must abstain from engaging in sexual expression if they seek to live as faithful Christians. Though sin is