

How good it is to sing
praises to our God,
how pleasant
and fitting
to praise
him!

Psalm 147:1

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 ~
March 8, 2015

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Praise & Worship*

Scripture Reading

2 Cor. 4:1-6, 11:12-15; Eph. 6:10-13;
| Peter 5:6-11

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Satan: Enemy #1!”

(Part 13 of a Series, “Foundational Truths”)

Love Offering

Closing

*Offering will be received during the fourth song; children age 3 - grade 4 will be dismissed to Children's Church after Praise & Worship.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Angela O'Bourke & Liz Helf

Walkers: Lorelee Tibboel & Felicity Yazzie

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Rachel Irving & Moriah Yale

Walkers: Geri Hughbanks & Zach Yale

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!

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

WE ARE THRILLED to have Any Shreve, Gary Wixtrom, and their daughter Elise with us again! We look forward to worshipping the Lord together this morning.

ARE YOU INTERESTED in being baptized? A baptismal service is being planned for Sunday, March 22. A required 1 hour baptismal class will be held on March 15. If you are interested, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!



DID YOU START ATTENDING GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

AFTER MARCH 1, 2014?

You and your family are invited to "Pizza With the Pastors, Elders, and Their Wives" on March 29 right after the morning worship service! The purpose of this time of fellowship is for you to get to know the Pastors and Elders and their families and for them to get to know you! You do not have to bring anything except your appetite! After the meal, there will be a brief "Question and Answer" time concerning the church and its ministries.

PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE SHEET
ON THE TABLE IN THE FOYER.

THE ELDERS ARE CONSIDERING appointing Autumn Peralto to the Deaconess Board. Please contact Steve Knox or Pastor John if you have questions or concerns about this. Thank you!



A list of March 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!

THE ELDERS ARE CONSIDERING Lupe and Angela Silva for "official" church membership. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Steve Knox or Pastor John. Thank you!

COPIES of the 2014 Annual Report are available to you on the Literature Shelf in the foyer.

Photos of the February 14 Couples' Valentine Party are posted on the bulletin board outside of Pastor John's office. Take a look!

This Week in Church History...

On March 10, 1898, George F. Mueller (b. 1805), English philanthropist and evangelist, died. Himself a converted profligate (age 20), Mueller carried on mission work among the poor children of England. During his 93 years, he is said to have cared for more than 10,000 children as well as have handled over \$8,000,000 sent in for the work, all in answer to prayer.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Jesus did not die just to give us peace and a purpose in Life, He died to save us from the wrath of God."

~ Jerry Bridges



PRAISE & PETITION

“Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord,
the people whom He has chosen for His own
inheritance.”

~ Psalm 33:12

Praise the Lord for:

1. The freedom we have in our nation to worship the one, true living God! Pray for true revival in our nation!
2. The privilege of worshiping and serving the Lord!
3. Jesus' willingness to suffer in our place on Calvary's cross to pay for our sins. What love!
4. The free gift of salvation, available to all who put their faith and trust in Jesus! Heaven for those who put their faith in Christ! There is "heaven to be gained and a Hell to be shunned!"
5. Opportunities to share the Gospel!
6. Amy Shreve and Gary Wixtrom's ministry!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a desire to "make the most of our time" for the Lord Jesus.
2. Less and less personal satisfaction with comfortable, watered-down "easy-chair" Christianity.
3. The ministry of Randy & Marlene Green with Mission Mobilization (Colorado & South American countries).
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); EJ Charles (recuperating from surgery); Rick Hess (recuperating from 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.

“Satan: Enemy #1!”
(Part 13 of a Series, “Foundational Truths!”)
2 Cor. 4:1-6, 11:12-15; Eph. 6:10-13; I Peter 5:6-11

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, justification by faith alone in Christ alone, the resurrection and High Priestly work of Jesus, the rapture of the church, being born again, the gifts of the Spirit, the eternal security of the believer in Jesus, and the resurrection of the believer and the unbeliever.

STATEMENT #12: “We believe that Satan is a personal being and that he is man’s greatest enemy and tempter, the accuser of the saints, and the ‘god of this world’.”

In order to fight and *win* a war, we need to know who the enemy is! We need to know the enemy’s strategies, tactics, and how the enemy can be defeated!

1. Satan: Enemy #1

2. His Strategies / Tactics

3. His Defeat

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, March 9

7:00 PM

Life Group at Luginbuhls' (303 Cactus Rd);
Study in Habakkuk

Tuesday, March 10

9:30 AM

Ladies' Bible Study

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, March 11

6:00 PM

AWANA

Thursday, March 12

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Saturday, March 14

10:00 AM

Ladies' Pajama Brunch (see insert)

Sunday, March 15

4 PM - 5 PM

Baptismal Class (required for those desiring
to be baptized on March 22)

COMING SOON:

March 17

Deacons' Meeting; Elders' Meeting (6 PM)

March 19

Deaconess' Meeting (6:30 PM)

March 22

Baptismal Service (AM)

April 3

Good Friday Worship Service (7 PM)

April 5

Easter!

8:30 - 9:30 AM

Free All-Church Breakfast [No Sunday School]
[You must sign up on the sheet on the table in
The foyer]

10:15 AM

Easter Worship Service [No evening activities]



**LADIES and
HIGH SCHOOL AGE GIRLS!**

Wanting to get to know
each other better?
Here is your opportunity!

COME TO A PAJAMA BRUNCH!
(Pajamas optional, or just wear lazy Saturday clothes!)
Saturday, March 14, 10 AM
At Sarah Piano's home
506 Zecca Drive

Bring a brunch type dish to share
and be ready to just
sit, relax, and enjoy
getting to know each other.



significant news for christians

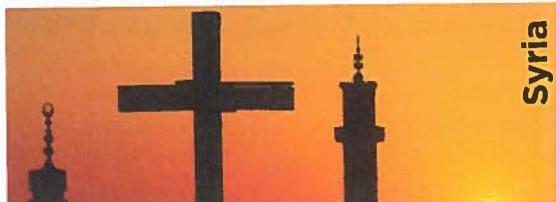
Some news that's encouraging—some disturbing. Read with discernment. Watch and pray.

THE Church Around the WORLD

March 2015



Vanuatu



Syria

Country in Focus:

Vanuatu (1)

Vanuatu, with some 250,000 citizens, consists of 12 large islands and 70 smaller islands southeast of the Solomon Islands in the southwest Pacific

Ocean. The nation is highly dependent on agriculture and tourism. Thousands of people have turned to Christ following the *JESUS* film, and thousands more participated in a time of repentance and prayer to mark the 400th anniversary of naming the island group the "Great Southlands of the Holy Spirit." Vanuatu's motto is "In God We Stand," and there are many committed believers in government. The Protestant church is numerically strong, and revival has been seen on several of the islands, though some remain spiritually stagnant.

Pray for:

- A Christian witness to the small remaining pockets of traditional ethnic religions;
- Wisdom for church leaders deciding how much traditional culture is appropriate to retain;
- Bible translation work to continue and produce readable translations for the islands' smaller language groups.

Muslims Converting to Christ in Face of ISIS Atrocities (2)

Atrocities by the terrorist organization Islamic State (ISIS) are softening the hearts of Muslims in the Middle East to Christianity in what one ministry director calls "the greatest awakening happening since the beginning of Islam." While evangelistic techniques and technologies are proving effective, locally based missionaries say the main reason for the spike in conversions is simply that former Muslims are finding God is real. In war-torn areas of Syria and Iraq where ISIS is fighting to establish a caliphate, Muslim refugees to neighboring countries, internally displaced people, and people remaining at home are learning about Christ from native aid workers, podcasts, and broadcasts. Tent churches are also blossoming among refugees.

For people who have suffered such deep loss, seeing that they can pray to a personal God whom they can call Father has been the critical factor. "You can see the tears in their eyes when we pray—that God would care," said the director of one ministry working in the region. It's the connection that makes a huge difference." Muslims who were previously taught to pray by rote to Allah, who by Koranic definition was unknowable, can feel the difference of having a relationship with God through Christ.

Ministries also distribute food, medicine, and clothing, among other items—tangible evidence

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bound up in our business.”

The officer, who has worked at Camp Bastion in Afghanistan, said he came to appreciate chaplains but thinks “we would be better served by them being secular.”

Thousands Flee Finland's Lutheran Church (6)

The archbishop of Finland's Evangelical Lutheran Church publicly declared his unwavering support for same-sex marriage following the parliament's vote to allow the controversial unions across the nation. Shortly after the archbishop made his stand known, thousands of Lutherans resigned their membership from the country's largest denomination.

Archbishop Kari Mäkinen's decision to back same-sex marriage reportedly launched a mass exodus of nearly 11,000 members from Finland's Evangelical Lutheran Church, which represents three-quarters of the Scandinavian country's population, with more than 4 million of its 5.4 million inhabitants being members of the denomination.

On the weekend following Mäkinen's proclamation of personal support for Finland's decision to legalize same-sex marriage, the spike of defections was registered on the “Leave the Church” website. However, because the Internet process is not the official procedure for renouncing membership, it is believed that the true number of members parting ways will be significantly lower. To truly leave the Lutheran Church, a member must submit a letter to the local register office.

Blasphemy Violence Adds to Pakistan's Tension (7)

Increased vigilante violence against Christians in Pakistan has caused a Muslim lawmaker to advocate anew for interfaith committees to investigate blasphemy allegations.

Senator Raja Zafarul Haq called for the committees following the murder of Shama and Shahzad Masih, expectant parents falsely accused of desecrating the Koran. Among other widely reported blasphemy cases in Pakistan are the continuing imprisonment of Asia Bibi, a Christian mother convicted of insulting the prophet Muhammad and placed on death row, and the arrest of a Christian blogger.

Violence against Christians in the southwest Asian country has prompted religious freedom experts to warn that Pakistan is becoming increasingly extremist in its religious intolerance. Pakistan has never executed anyone for blasphemy, but 17 people, including five Christians, are currently on death row. Accusations of blasphemy spur mob violence, and anyone suspected of helping or defending those accused also is subject to death. In the past 25 years, 60 people have been killed in connection with blasphemy allegations.

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You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior.

PSALM 65:5

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