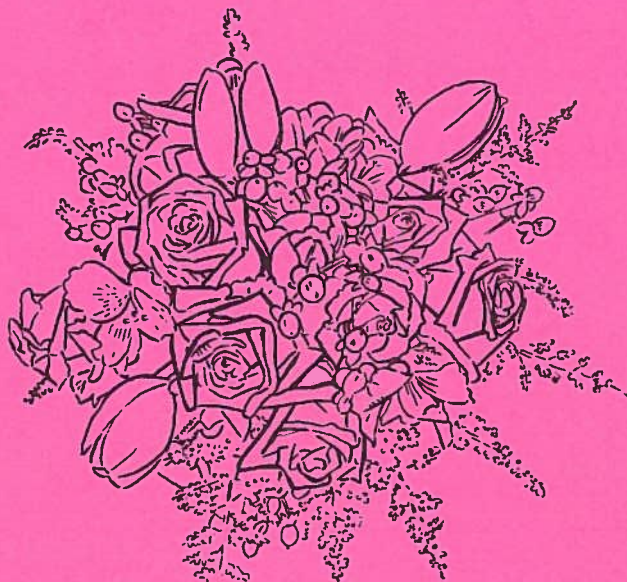


*For this reason a man will
leave his father and mother*



*and be united to his wife,
and they will become one flesh.*

Genesis 2:24

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 ~
May 3, 2015
"Graduation Sunday!"

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Recognition of Graduates

Praise & Worship*

Special Music

Scripture Reading

Romans 1:16-32

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Marriage: One Man, One Woman, For a Lifetime!"
(Part 17 of a Series, "Foundational Truths!")

Closing

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

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Marji Campbell & Madison Sutliff

Walkers: Lorelee Tibboel & Liz Helf

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Barb Pratt & Bethany Silva

Walkers: Felicity Yazzie & Zandra Neff

LATER TODAY...

Noon

Cake Reception in honor of the Lewis family!

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 worshipping 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 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.

WE SAY "GOOD-BYE AND GOD BLESS YOU!" today to Greg, Shari, and Aaron Lewis, as they move to Chino Valley, AZ. We will miss you! A cake reception will be held in their honor right after this morning's worship service, in the gym. Please join us!

THE ELDERS are happy to announce the appointment of Angela Silva to the Deaconess Board! Please pray for Angela as she serves the Lord in this ministry.



OUR THANKS to all who worked so hard in making yesterday morning's Ladies'/Girls' Tea a huge success! Approximately 60 ladies and girls attended! A wonderful time was had by all!

- May 7 National Day of Prayer -
1-Hour Prayer Time at GBC Noon - 1 PM
- Open to the Community -



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

We are praying for you!

High School Graduates:

Bethany Cody (Rehoboth)

Will Helf (Homeschool)

Kyrene Josafat (Rehoboth)

Sara Scott (Gallup Christian)

Kieler Tsosie (Rehoboth)

College Graduates

Aaron Chavez (NMSU; May 9; B.S. in Electrical Engineering)

Matthew Knox (Calvary School of Worship, CA; May 16)



A list of May 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!

IN LOVING MEMORY

- NELLIE WERO -

JUNE 16, 1936 - APRIL 24, 2015

This Week in Church History...

On May 9, 1828, Andrew Murray, South African Dutch Reformed clergyman, was born at Graaff-Reinet, South Africa. Murray was a conservative theologian with mystical inclinations and profound devotional life. Although a great traveling spokesman for the church in his own day, Murray is better remembered for his more than 250 devotional works. His most famous book is *Abide in Christ* (1860-64).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

*"God is too great to be knocked off course
by the malpractice of wicked men.*

~ J. A. Motyer



PRAISE & PETITION

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy name
give glory because of Thy lovingkindness,
because of Thy truth.”

~ Psalm 115:1

Praise the Lord for:

1. Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Lord, Rock, Fortress. We believers are complete in Him (Col. 2:10). Praise God for salvation in Christ!
2. All of our graduates, who hve worked so hard to get to this point!
3. The privilege of worshipping Him!
4. The wonderful work of the Holy Spirit of God - for giving us the ministry of reconciliation and restoration!
5. Entrusting us with the Gospel, opportunities to share it!
6. A wonderful Ladies'/Girls' Tea yesterday!
7. A Christ-honoring Memorial Service for Nellie Lee this past Thursday.

Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus and the things that count for eternity; a deeper desire to share the Gospel, worship, pray, read/study the Bible.
2. All our graduates: for God's leading and provision in their lives.
3. The staff at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch, as they prepare for Summer camp.
4. Charles & Mildred Schoolcraft (struggling with health issues); Mike Lengal (recuperating); Ray Alonzo (hip surgery June 16); EJ Charles (undergoing continued medical treatments)
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.

**“Marriage: One Man, One Woman
For a Lifetime!”**
(Part 17 of a Series, “Foundational Truths!”)
Romans 1:16-32

We bring to a conclusion this morning a series of sermons concerning the foundational truths upon which we live our lives and operate the church. We have been 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, the resurrection of the believer and the unbeliever, the reality of Satan, the local body of believers in Jesus, baptism, and the Lord’s Supper (Communion).

STATEMENT #15: In your bulletin this morning!

On August 3 of last year, we added, by congregational approval, Statement #15 to our church’s Doctrinal Statement.

1. Why the Statement Was Added

2. One Man, One Woman, For a Lifetime

3. The Practical Application

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, May 4

7:00 PM

Life Group at the Luginbuhls'
(303 Cactus Rd)
Study on the Names of God!

Tuesday, May 5

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, May 6

6:00 PM

AWANA "Grand Finale" (Awards) Night!

Thursday, May 7

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Sunday, May 10

Mother's Day!

COMING SOON:

May 12

Elders' Meeting (6 PM)

May 16

All-Church Work Day

May 19

Deacons' Meeting (6 PM)

**MEMBERS
AT WORK**

Work Day at Church

SATURDAY, May 16

9:00 AM - ?

For all ages!

(Children under 13 must be accompanied by a parent.)



Come and help beautify our
church building!

We need your help!

(Lunch will be provided)

We will be working on several
projects (inside & outside).

**YOUR HELP IS SO
IMPORTANT!**

PLEASE COME!



significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

May 2015



Senegal



United Kingdom

Country in Focus: Senegal (1)



Senegal, situated on the west coast of Africa, has a population of more than 12 million, made up of over 56 ethnic groups and three main linguistic families. More

than 55 percent of the population is under age 20. Most Senegalese exist on subsistence agriculture, and poverty and high unemployment prompt many to attempt to illegally immigrate to Europe.

Spiritually, Senegal is both open and closed. The nation enjoys religious freedom and is remarkably tolerant. Despite a longstanding Christian presence, Islam dominates religious life, representing more than 90 percent of the population. The Muslim Sufi Brotherhoods are well organized, wealthy, and politically powerful. There is scant evangelical presence, but workers and evangelists from South America and Africa are joining the work of older, more established mission groups in Senegal.

Pray for:

- Effective ministry to the youth of the country;
- Effective outreach to the many unreached people groups in Senegal;
- Continued work on Bible translation into the many languages of Senegal.

UK Parliament Okays Three-Person Babies (2)

The UK Parliament has voted in favor of permitting a form of in vitro fertilization (IVF) in which babies receive DNA from two women and one man. According to the BBC, the technique will allow parents to stop genetic diseases from being passed to the child. Proponents of the method have called it “progressive medicine,” but critics say there are too many safety risks to the procedure, as well as ethical concerns.

The BBC reports that the procedure would be used by women such as Sharon Bernardi, who lost seven babies to mitochondrial disease. Through the controversial IVF method, the healthy mitochondria of a donor woman would be added to the DNA of the mother and father. The result would mean that the baby shares 0.1 percent of his or her DNA with the donor.

The three-person IVF method still must be voted upon by the House of Lords. If it passes, the first three-person baby could be born next year. After that, doctors believe about 150 three-person babies could be born each year.

Nashville Evangelical Church Supports Same-Sex Marriage (3)

GracePoint Church in Nashville has become one of the first evangelical megachurches to take a stand in support of same-sex marriage. The church has been engaged in a conversation about the issue since 2012, when attendee Carrie Underwood announced her support for same-sex marriage.

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Pastor Stan Mitchell has now announced that homosexual individuals will be permitted to marry, dedicate their children, and serve in the church.

Mitchell said, “Full privileges [of membership] are extended now to you with the same expectations of faithfulness, sobriety, holiness, wholeness, fidelity, godliness, skill, and willingness. That is expected of all. Full membership means being able to serve in leadership and give all of your gifts and to receive all the sacraments; not only communion and baptism, but child dedication and marriage.”

Mitchell reported that the decision to welcome the LGBT community was not unanimous but that the conversation had been sufficient. Addressing the congregation, he added, “If this stretches you to the point of having to compromise your soul, and you do need to separate [from the church], I would be a hypocrite to say I do not understand that, because conversely, my soul has been stretched to the point that if I do not say what I say today, I cannot be here any longer.”

Persecution of Christians Hits Record Levels

Open Doors International has released its

World Watch List for 2014, ranking the 50 most dangerous and difficult countries for Christians to live in. The list reveals that last year was one of the most violent on record for believers worldwide.

For the 13th year in a row, North Korea ranked as the worst persecutor of Christians. Open Doors estimates that 70,000 believers are currently imprisoned for their faith, and executions for crimes of owning Bibles or evangelizing are commonplace. News agencies reported last year that North Korean leader Kim Jong-un personally sentenced 33 church planters to death.

From Iraq and Syria to Afghanistan and Pakistan—numbers three, four, five, and eight on the list—Christians suffered for their faith on a scale not seen in living memory. Some of the world’s most ancient church communities have been wiped out or displaced by the rise of the Islamic State, and tens of thousands of Christians have fled.

In west-central Africa, the Islamist group Boko Haram leveled several towns, with Christians as their target. Militants have ambushed worshipers in at least a half dozen churches on Sunday mornings, and human rights groups report a Christian body count of over 3,000 in Nigeria—number 10 on the World Watch List—alone.

This month you can... Help African Christians Fleeing Violence



You can help people impacted by violence in Africa—by praying or offering support.

In one example of recent violence, dozens of churches were burned in Niger following a depiction of Muhammad in the French satirical publication *Charlie Hebdo*. Pastors have also lost their homes, and Christians have been injured or killed.

Cameron Thomas with In-

ternational Christian Concern (ICC) calls the violence in Africa “deplorable,” saying, “We have Christians who literally, all they have to their name at this point, are the clothes on their back.” Very basic needs will be distributed by ICC, he says, including blankets, clothing, and water. Thomas recommends people stay in touch with organizations that serve the persecuted church worldwide. “A coalition is being

built to be able to serve these people in their time of need,” he says. “Making a small donation, even just to provide for food, water, or clothing, in this horrific time, that’s going to be what’s critical.”

Thomas says we can also pray—ICC is signing up prayer warriors for 2015. Visit www.persecution.org for more information.



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The list also includes Somalia, Sudan, Iran, and Eritrea in its top ten nations.

Churches Hit by Fighting in Ukraine ⁽⁴⁾

Patriarch Kirill of the Russian Orthodox Church revealed that over 60 churches were recently damaged by heavy fighting in the Donetsk and Horlivkadioceses in Ukraine. The patriarch called for an end to the bloodshed between Ukraine and pro-Russian rebels, which he said has led to suffering and persecution of Christians.

“The whole civilian population of Donbas is suffering from the humanitarian disaster and armed conflict there together with the devout members of our church, whose parishes and cloisters make up a majority of religious communities in the region,” Kirill told senior clergy. He also accused schismatic organizations of taking away churches and making life more difficult for believers.

Western leaders have blamed Russia for directly supporting the rebels who have taken over a number of cities in eastern Ukraine, which has led to the deaths of over 5,000 people. Russian president Vladimir Putin, however, has denied all accusations of involvement in the conflict.

Radio Ministry in Native Language Brings Many to Christ ⁽⁵⁾

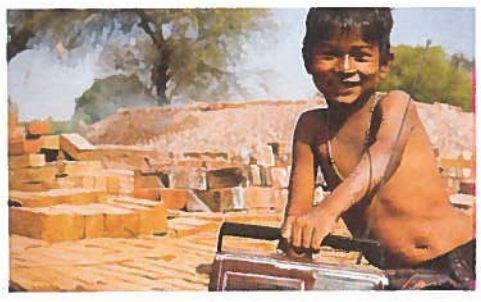
The Tide, a global radio ministry, has been sharing the gospel in India since 1978. But in

the span of just three months, thousands of villagers received Bibles and other resources as many were introduced to Jesus for the very first time.

Tide director Don Shenk said this is happening “in the eastern portion of India in the states of Odisha and Chhattisgarh and some of those surrounding areas. A lot of those responses have also come out of West Bengal. In some of those areas that I mentioned it’s illegal for people to change their religion without getting permission from the magistrate. And it’s technically illegal to do any type of proselytizing.”

Shenk says the Tide is unique in that it broadcasts “heart language” radio programs to remote villages. “They are hearing the gospel proclaimed in their language by somebody who is one of their own,” he said. “That’s what makes an impact. And they are finding that it’s not just another god to put on the shelf, but this is a God who makes a difference in their lives.”

The Tide currently broadcasts seven languages in India, with an eighth soon to be launched.



Wycliffe Translates Half of New Testament in Two Weeks

Wycliffe Associates, a global organization that empowers national Bible translators around the world, has successfully completed a pilot program with mother-tongue translators in Asia who were able to draft 48 percent of the New Testament in their language in two weeks.

A group of Christians, who are in the minority in their nation and suffer ongoing persecution by members of the majority religion, came together for the first time in late 2014 as part of a new translation and training program from Wycliffe Associates called MAST (Mobilized Assistance Supporting Translation).

"The whole translation strategy is based on learning principles that have been tested and proven over a long period of time in a wide range of educational settings," says Bruce Smith, president and CEO of Wycliffe Associates. "Rather than a single team translating their way through the Scriptures sequentially, multiple teams of national translators, church checkers, and certified translation consultants translate Scripture portions simultaneously, working in parallel."

By the end of two weeks, the group had completed the drafting and checking process for Matthew, Mark, Luke, John, and 1 and 2 Timothy, representing approximately 48 percent of the New Testament. There was no decrease in the quality of the translation compared to traditional translation methods, which can take 25 to 30 years for a complete New Testament.

The group hopes to print their first New Testament and also record it in audio by summer 2015. In the Asian nation where these translators live, there are an estimated 30 to 40 more languages without any portion of the Bible. Twenty-five other groups have asked Wycliffe Associates to facilitate the MAST strategy for their languages, and the organization has made plans to begin additional translations in 2015 using the MAST program.

Hindu Mob Attacks Church Leader in India (5)

A Christian welder who oversees a home fellowship near Mumbai was attacked by a mob of Hindu extremists who beat him with iron bars and clubs. Threatening to kill him if he continued preaching and practicing his faith, members of the Hindu extremist group Bajrang Dal attacked 38-year-old Pramod Sahu at his workshop garage. They struck him further when he refused their demand to worship a Hindu god.

Sahu said that the assailants followed him to the hospital on the day of the attack and have continued monitoring him at his home. Sahu and his wife converted to Christianity six years ago, and they maintain that they have never pressured anyone to convert to the Christian faith.

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

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

James 5:16

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