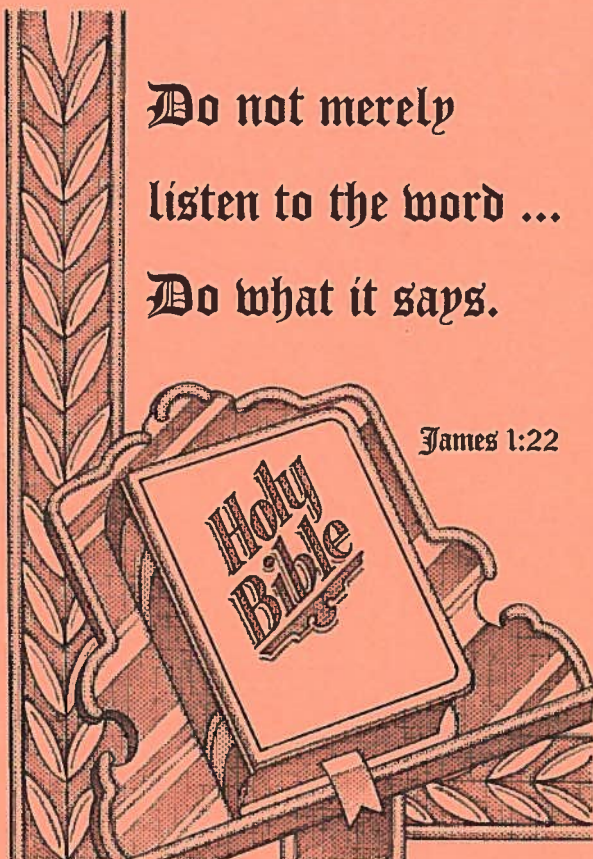


**Do not merely
listen to the word ...
Do what it says.**

James 1:22



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 ~
August 2, 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

James 1:19-27

Message

John Luginbuhl

"The Bible and the Believer!"
(Part 4 of a Series in the Book of James,
"Living Biblically in a Sin-Sick World!")

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 Special Music.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Carrie Ruthven & Savannah Payton
Walkers: Clarissa Johnson & Tristan Keller

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Delphina Tahy & Adrianna Pete
Walkers: Naomi Yazzie & 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 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.



IT'S A BOY! We congratulate and rejoice with Ryan and Erica Hamilton on the birth of their first child Russell William Hamilton born Thursday, July 23, 6:17 AM, at Rehoboth McKinley Christian Hospital! Russell weighed 7 lbs., 5 oz. at birth and was 19 1/2" long. Our congratulations to new grandparents Paul and Jody Sowers as well! Let's pray for Ryan and Erica as they have begun this wonderful new chapter in their lives!



A list of August 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!

GUYS: Please note that your August Men's Breakfast has been postponed to August 8.



AWANA resumes September 9! We need more leaders! Can you help? Please pray about this! If you can help, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!

This Week in Church History...

On August 6, 1774, religious leader Ann Lee and her small band of followers first arrived at New York City, from Liverpool, England. The sect called itself the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Coming, but its followers were more popularly known as the "Shaking Quakers" or "Shakers." They established their headquarters at New Lebanon, New York.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"There is such a danger of our being so occupied with the things that are to come more than with Who is to come."

~ Andrew Murray



PRAISE & PETITION

“He only is my rock and my salvation, my Stronghold, I shall not be greatly shaken!”

~ Psalm 62:6

Praise the Lord for:

1. His being our rock, salvation, stronghold!
2. The Word of God in our own language!
3. A wonderful summer at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch - with many decisions for Jesus made!
4. His faithfulness to us as individuals, as families, as a church family.
5. A great conference in Scottsdale for our Pastors, Elders, and Deacons and spouses!
6. The safe “arrival” of Russell William Hamilton!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More desire on our part to read God’s Word, pray, and witness.
2. More walking after the Spirit and less after the flesh. More discernment!
3. Jack & Jan Becker’s ministry in Greeley, CO!
4. Opportunities for all of us to share the Gospel this summer!
5. Ray Alonzo: Hip surgery August 7.
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.
8. Ladies in our church who are “expecting.”

“The Bible and the Believer!”
(Part 4 of a Series in the Book of James,
“Living Biblically in a Sin-Sick World!”)
James 1:19-27

The title of this series is, “Living Biblically in a Sin-Sick World!” In order to do this, we need to be men and women and young people who actually *read* the Word! We need to make a determined effort each day to spend a little time in the Bible. Easier said than done...but it *can* be done! Let's face it...we make time to do *many* things that we want to do. Why not make time for God's Word? James tells us, in our passage today, two very important things about the believer's relationship to the Word of God:

1. Receive It (vss. 19-21)

2. Practice It (vss. 22-27)

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, August 3

7:00 PM

Life Group at the Luginbuhls';
303 Cactus Road.
New study in the book of Hebrews

Tuesday, August 4

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Thursday, August 6

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Saturday, August 8

8 AM - 9 AM

Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restuaurant

7:00 PM

Ladies' Progressive Dinner (see insert)

COMING SOON:

August 14

Movie Night (7 PM) followed by refreshments
In the gym

August 26

AWANA Directors' Meeting (6:30 PM)

August 30

AWANA Staff Potluck / Mtg. (Noon)

September 5

Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant
(8 AM - 9 AM)

September 7

All-Church Labor Day Picnic at Broken Arrow
Bible Ranch (2 PM - ?)

September 9

AWANA begins, for the 2015 - 2016 school
Year! (6:30 PM)

September 12

AWANA Leadership Conference (Albq.)

Progressive Dinner

Saturday, August 8, 2015

5:30pm

(For all Ladies - College Age & Above)

This is a great opportunity to get to know ladies in the church in a casual homey atmosphere as well as a great time to see some different homes.

We meet at the church in the Gathering Room and then divide into groups to go to different houses for the different courses.

Sign up to be a hostess or bring food. This year's main dish is lasagna (meat & veggie). You can also sign up to bring an appetizer, salad & bread, or a dessert.

Contact a Deaconess (Alicia Yale, Angela O'Bourke, Beth Hess, Autumn Peralto, Sarah Piano, and Angela Silva) for more information.

Sign-up deadline is Sunday, August 2.

Fun
Food
Fellowship



significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

August 2015



Nepal



United States

Country in Focus: Nepal (1)

Nepal is one of the world's poorest countries, with more than a third of its people living below the poverty line, often earning less than \$1 US per day. Geographic isolation, difficult terrain, poor infrastructure, and deforestation all weigh against development, and recent devastating earthquakes have done terrible damage to all parts of the country. Nepal is the world's only Hindu kingdom and is now officially a secular democracy. Foreign nongovernmental organizations can operate freely as long as they do not proselytize. The first Christian church in Nepal was formed in 1952 with 29 believers. Today, there are as many as 850,000 Christ-followers in 10,000 ethnic and cultural groups. Only eight of Nepal's 80 languages currently have a complete Bible translation.

Pray for:

- Relief aid and workers to restore infrastructure after recent earthquakes;
- Christians in Nepal to stand firm in their faith during this trying time;
- The trafficking of Nepali girls to be stopped;
- Bible translation work to flourish.

Curry: "The Holy Spirit Is Moving through Our Locker Room" (2)

Stephen Curry, who plays basketball for the Golden State Warriors, says the Holy Spirit is moving through the locker room in a way he has never experienced before. He says, "It's allowing us to reach a lot of people, and personally I am just trying to use this stage to share how God has been a blessing to my life and how he can be the same in everyone else's."

Curry remembers the day he gave his life to Christ, when he was in fourth grade. "I recall hearing and understanding the gospel of Jesus Christ and walking down the aisle to give my life to him. My parents continued to pour into my faith from that point on, making sure I understood the commitment I'd just made."

Curry, who was selected as the league's MVP, continues, "God's given me talents to play basketball for a living, but I still have to work hard to improve every day. I know that in the grand scheme of things, this is just a game that can be taken from me at any moment. But I love that basketball gives me opportunities to do good things for people and to point them towards the Man who died for our sins on the cross. I know I have a place in heaven waiting for me because of him, and that's something no earthly prize or trophy could ever top. There's more to me than just this jersey I wear, and that's Christ living inside of me. Starting in middle school I attended Charlotte Christian School, which allowed me to hear the gospel on

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a daily basis. Looking back, my childhood was filled with the Lord's presence."

Human Traffickers Target Nepal Earthquake Survivors (1)

Young women in Nepal are facing an increased trafficking risk in the aftermath of the recent devastating earthquakes. Human traffickers are posing as relief workers and attempting to lure the women into "jobs" at brothels.

Sunita Danuwar, director of an NGO in Kathmandu, said, "This is the time when the brokers go in the name of relief to kidnap or lure women. We are distributing assistance to make people aware that someone might come to lure them."

According to the UN and local NGOs, between 12,000 and 15,000 girls are trafficked in Nepal each year.

Islamic State Threatens Christians (3)

In a video showing the execution of 28 Ethiopian Christians, the militant Sunni terrorist group Islamic State (IS) says persecution of Christians is fundamental to Islam. The video warns that if Christians in the Middle East and elsewhere refuse Islam, they also will be slain. An IS spokes-

man gives Christians three options—convert to Islam, submit to the rule of Islam and pay the *jizya* (tribute), or be killed.

"We say to Christians everywhere, the Islamic State will expand, with Allah's permission," the spokesman said. "And it will reach you even if you are in fortified strongholds. So whoever enters Islam will have security, and whoever accepts the Dhimmah contract will have security. But whoever refuses will see nothing from us but the edge of a spear. The men will be killed and the children will be enslaved, and their wealth will be taken as booty. This is the judgment of Allah and his messenger."

The statement comes after the execution of 28 men identified by IS as "the worshipers of the cross belonging to the hostile Ethiopian Church."

Two Billion Bibles Distributed by Gideons (2)

The Gideons International, an association that has distributed Bibles and New Testaments since 1908, has just surpassed the two billion mark. The distribution of the first one billion Bibles and New Testaments by Gideon members spanned 93 years (1908 to 2001). This second billion was attained in less than 14 years (2002 to 2015).

This month you can...Help Ukrainian Churches

Pastor Leonid is one of the many faithful missionary pastors the Slavic Gospel Association (SGA) sponsors across Ukraine. Leonid's region of ministry is in the embattled east. He recently sent this report to the SGA:

"We are very much grateful to the Lord for our friends who support us in our ministry. Our church—like many other churches in eastern Ukraine—is going through difficult times. We need your ongoing prayers! Last month, our

House of Prayer was taken over by armed groups for the second time. They falsely accuse us of espionage, cooperation with Western secret services, and demanded from us our House of Prayer.

"By the mercy of the Lord, after two weeks passed, the armed men returned our building to us. But the church is not a building! It is the people of God. We praise the Lord that in our church, we have 70 adults, 12 children, and 6 new believers who are getting ready to be

baptized. Our task is to preach the Gospel.

"With your help, we are also preparing lunches for the hungry people who come to our church for help. There are many such people here. Every week, we feed around 200 people. Please continue to intercede in prayer for our ministry, and pray for peace!"

If you would like to help through SGA's Crisis Evangelism Fund, please visit their website at www.sga.org.





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"It is more than just a number," said Gideons president Dr. William E. G. Thomas. "We are placing Bibles because they save souls. Behind every number is a face, behind every face a story, behind every story a priceless soul that could live throughout eternity."

To celebrate what God has accomplished through this ministry, the Gideons plan to have representatives of their membership present a Two Billionth Commemorative Bible to as many of the leaders as possible in the countries in which they are organized.

The Gideons currently distribute over 80 million Scripture portions annually, and the numbers are growing, especially in places like Brazil, India, and Asia. Through the efforts of over 300,000 members in 200 countries, territories, and possessions, the Gideons share more than two Scriptures every second of every day, in over 90 languages.

Young Sudanese Refugee Cast Out for Leaving Islam ⁽⁴⁾

After becoming a refugee from Sudan's war-torn South Kordofan state, Kuku, an 18-year-old Sudanese Muslim, received Christ and became a refugee from his family.

Kuku and his family arrived at a refugee camp in South Sudan in 2011. An evangelist managed to gain an audience with Kuku's family and spoke to them about Jesus. "What I heard was all new to me—I could feel the

power of the words of the gospel I was hearing," Kuku said. "It was as if a new thing had come into my life."

Soon after, at the evangelist's church, Kuku put his trust in Christ. After a time, he revealed his faith to his family. His father told



him he would never forgive him for leaving Islam. Warning Kuku that he should leave before they did "something bad" to him, his father said, "You cannot stay with us anymore, because you have become an infidel." Kuku told his angry family that he was truly convinced he had found "the true way and true life."

The evangelist who proclaimed Christ to Kuku and his family encouraged him in his new faith and helped arrange for him to go into hiding after he was expelled from his family's home.

400 Million Babies Aborted in China Due to One-Child Policy ⁽⁵⁾

In a recent congressional hearing, Chinese activist and attorney Chen Guangcheng said that

in the 35 years since China's one-child policy was enacted, hundreds of millions of babies have been killed.

In 2005, Chen came to prominence after he began to investigate reports of forced abortions and sterilizations in villages in eastern China. Now Chen is a senior fellow at Catholic University of America and said the following at a hearing of the Congressional Executive Commission on China:

"Over the past 35 years, China has killed a total of 360 to 400 million young lives as a result of its inhumane and violent birth control policies. During a six-month period of 2005, more than 130,000 forced abortions and/or sterilizations took place in Linyi city alone. More than 600,000 family members suffered during this period. This brutality and these crimes against women and their families have wrought irrevocable physical, spiritual, and psychological harm."

Religious Persecution on the Rise in China (5)

The United States Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) released its 2015 Annual Report, recommending that the Secretary of State redesignate China, along with eight other countries, as a country of particular concern. The report stated that "unprecedented violations" against religious groups were a result of the Chinese government's strategy to further its control.

The report said, "People of faith continue to face arrests, fines, denials of justice, lengthy prison sentences, and in some cases, the closing or bulldozing of places of worship. Based

on the alarming increase in systematic, egregious, and ongoing abuses, USCIRF again recommends China be designated a 'country of particular concern,' or CPC, under the International Religious Freedom Act (IRFA). The State Department has designated China as a CPC since 1999, most recently in July 2014."

The report covered examples of persecution against several major religions. As part of a campaign against terrorism, hundreds or thousands of Uighur Muslims have been detained in security sweeps, and many have been prosecuted on charges of "endangering state security," which potentially carry the death penalty. Since 2008, the Chinese government has imposed harsh policies of repression on Buddhists across the Tibetan plateau, including harassment, imprisonment, and torture. The government's campaign of repression also has involved the destruction of religious structures and restrictions that have forced younger monks out of monasteries. And at least 400 Christian churches were torn down or had crosses forcibly removed and/or demolished in 2014, a notable increase over previous years. Most of these incidents occurred in Zhejiang Province and included both underground and state-sanctioned churches.

USCIRF's full annual report can be viewed at www.uscirf.gov.

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

**Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.
1 Chronicles 16:8**