



**Never tire  
of doing what  
is right.**

**2 Thessalonians 3:13**

**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 30, 2015*

**WELCOME**

9:00 AM  
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service

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Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Praise & Worship

Special Music\*

Scripture Reading

James 2:14-26

Message

John Luginbuhl

**"A Living Faith!"**

**(Part 7 of a Series in the Book of James,  
"Living Biblically in a Sin-Sick World!")**

Closing

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

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**SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:**

*Crawlers: Barb Pratt & Shanna Tahy*

*Walkers: Sefina & Star Garcia*

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Crawlers: Brenda Manning & Bethany Silva*

*Walkers: Rachel Irving & Tristan Keller*

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**LATER TODAY...**

Noon                      AWANA Staff Potluck & Meeting  
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

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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!

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

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### 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

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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!

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PRE-REGISTER your child/children for  
AWANA at the table in the foyer!

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ALL AWANA STAFF (Leaders & Student Leaders): If you would like to attend the September 12 AWANA Leadership Conference (Sandia Baptist, Albq.; we leave GBC at 5:45 am, return early evening; free to you), please let Pastor John know as soon as possible. Thanks!

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ALL-CHURCH LABOR DAY PICNIC  
At Broken Arrow Bible Ranch  
September 7, 2:00 PM - ? (see insert)  
JOIN US!

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A list of September 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!

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PRAISE & CELEBRATION SUNDAY!  
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

- \* Special worship service (10:15 AM) of praise & celebration of our Great God!
  - \* Special music, testimonies, devotional thoughts
  - \* Special "Praise & Celebration Love Offering" to be received
  - \* All-Church Potluck after Worship Service!
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**This Week in Church History...**

On September 1, 1803, in Boston, the Massachusetts Society for Promoting Christian Knowledge was instituted. It was the first tract society to be formed in North America.

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*THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...*

*"If we would live aright, it must be by the contemplation of Christ's death."*

*~ C. H. Spurgeon*



## PRAISE & PETITION

“To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, blessing and honor and glory and Dominion forever and ever.”

~ Revelation 5:13b

### Praise the Lord for:

1. Who He is - the One, True, Living God, Who alone deserves the honor and glory!
2. The salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ, by faith! What a blessing to KNOW that you're on your way to Heaven because of a personal faith in Jesus' finished work on Calvary!
3. Our young people and children and all who minister to them!
4. The wonderful AWANA ministry!
5. His faithfulness!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus Christ and for the things and people He loves.
2. A commitment to read God's Word daily! A commitment to apply it to our lives!
3. Enough laborers and a good “start-up” to our AWANA ministry (begins September 9); a Christ-honoring start-up for all our fall ministries.
4. Randy & Marlene Green and their ministry with Police Officers (Operation Mobilization).
5. Ray Alonzo, recovering from hip surgery.
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; Jesus, Jessalyn, and Nora Ubanda (Okinawa, Japan)
7. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
8. Ladies in our church who are “expecting.”

**“A Living Faith!”**  
**(Part 6 of a Series in the Book of James,**  
**“Living Biblically in a Sin-Sick World!”)**  
**James 2:14-26**

There are many people today who claim to be a Christian, but really are not. Saying that you are a believer in Jesus Christ, a Christian, is one thing. Actually being one is quite another thing! How can we be sure (1 John 5:13)? Our passage today gives us the answer!

**1. A Dead (Non-existent) Faith (vss. 14-17)**

**2. Easy to Talk (vss. 18, 19)**

**3. A Living (Genuine) Faith (vss. 20-26)**

## **This Week at Grace Bible...**

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, August 31**

**7:00 PM**

Life Group at the Luginbuhls';  
Study in Hebrews

### **Tuesday, September 1**

**5:20 PM**

Ladies' Aerobics

**6:30 PM**

Faith Bible Institute Class #3

### **Thursday, September 3**

**5:20 PM**

Ladies' Aerobics

### **Saturday, September 5**

**8 AM - 9 AM**

Men's Breakfast @ Don Diego's Restaurant

### **Sunday, September 6**

**(During AM Service)** The Lord's Table Observed

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## **COMING SOON:**

**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.)

**September 13**

"Praise & Celebration" Service



# ANNUAL LABOR DAY ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

**BROKEN ARROW BIBLE RANCH  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

2:00 - 4:30 PM      Fun, Games, Dunk Tank  
4:30 PM              Dinner  
Games after dinner

Your family will need to bring:

- \* Table settings - plates, cups, tablecloth, napkins, cooking and eating utensils
- \* Your own meat (grills provided)
- \* A salad/vegetable and dessert to share with all
- \* Sports equipment/board games/lawn chairs
- \* Change of clothes and towel if you wish to participate in dunk tank
- \* Drinks will be provided by the church for dinner

For more information, please contact the  
Church Office (722-5114)

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND PUT IN OFFERING PLATE

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

# in Family \_\_\_\_\_

Yes, I'm / We're coming!





# Bulletin

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Marriage Takes More than Feelings

## Love as a Way of Life

BY GARY CHAPMAN

SOME SAY LOVE IS AN ACT OF BENEVOLENCE. THAT IS NOT totally true. People can do a beneficial action with an unloving attitude.

The wife who says with a harsh voice, “OK, I’ll clean up the kitchen if you will get off my back” has not performed an act of love.

The husband who mows the grass simply because his wife has been nagging him for weeks is doing a kind act, but it may be done to silence her critical words.

Love is the choice to cooperate with God in serving your spouse. The individuals who truly love see themselves as God’s agents for enriching the life of their marriage partner. For them, love is a way of life. They are constantly looking for ways to help, encourage and support their partner.

Such love often stimulates warm, romantic feelings in the heart of the spouse. Emotions are the icing on the cake. But without a loving attitude and appropriate behavior, the icing will melt. True love, the kind of love that keeps a couple together for a lifetime, is not a feeling but an attitude. It says, *With the help of God, I’m going to do everything I can to enhance the life of my spouse.*



### TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

How does  
God feel  
about our  
prayers?



# Weaning Kids from the ‘E-pacifier’

“Mom, I’m bored!” My daughter tugs at my arm. Without giving it much thought, I silently pass her my smartphone.

Whenever an errand or a social situation turns even slightly boring, my kids look for my phone. Compared to the finger-swiping thrills of *Fruit Ninja* and *Angry Birds*, the real world just isn’t all that interesting.

So I’m trying to wean my kids off of their “e-pacifier.” Lately that means investing in the fine art of interaction. I tell them interesting little stories about people we visit. I give my children something to talk about. I find ways they can help when I need to run an errand or buy groceries. I also show them my less busy, people-focused side by not being tethered to my phone as often. That way, I can help my kids face boring or awkward situations head on.

Yes, it still can be very tempting to use the phone as a distraction. But minimizing its use can help my children develop a healthier relationship with technology—and with other people.

—*Esther Feng*

## Encouraging Acceptance

My preschool son and I took swim lessons together at the YMCA this year. There was a little boy with Down syndrome in the class who was apprehensive to jump off the side of the pool with the other kids. His mom took him to the opposite side of the pool as she tried to work with him.



“Let’s go swim by our friend and show him how you jump off,” I told my son one day. So we swam over. The little boy watched my son jump off the side of the pool a few times, and then they jumped together.

My son never said anything about the other boy looking different, so I assumed he hadn’t noticed. Then one day at the park, my son ran up to a boy with Down syndrome and asked him to play. I was touched that we never even needed to talk about kids being “special.” They were just friends.

—*Emily Downs*

# Teen Dating in a Digital World

Technology has dramatically changed the dating landscape. So how can we guide our teens toward healthy, God-honoring relationships? By combining the best of modern and traditional approaches.

**Monitor texts:** Texting, though not the ideal form of social communication, has a positive side: It allows teens to get to know each other apart from the dating side of a relationship. As long as parents are willing to set boundaries, they shouldn't fear this form of communication.

Some parents have the rule that if they ask for a teen's phone, the teen must hand it over for texts to be read. If the phone isn't easily handed over, texting privileges are lost for a time. Other parents allow only a certain number of texts, thus requiring teens to be more careful with their words.

**Don't forget the past:** As strict and "old fashioned" as previous generations may seem, their culture upheld clear moral standards. For instance, a girl could never be alone with a boy in her bedroom, and teens had curfews. They needed to let their parents know what they were doing—and with whom. The same boundaries can help keep modern teens' actions in check and safeguard their hearts, minds and bodies from regret and hurt.



**Put it all together:** Parents can harness the best of today's and yesteryear's customs. As we establish reasonable curfews, we can help them set personal boundaries. We also need to extend those boundaries into any social media and texting privileges we allow them to have.

Setting boundaries, though, isn't a one-time deal. It's important that we keep the dialogue open so we can help our teens understand the *why* behind every rule and patiently work through their concerns with them.

Our teens aren't really much different from teens of past generations. Just like we once were, they're apt to be confused about how to deal with the opposite sex. Teens need someone to listen to them and walk with them through the process of establishing healthy relationships. What a wonderful lifelong gift we give our teens when we become that someone for them.

—Ginger Kolbaba

# Family Matters

Answers to your questions . . .

I've heard that the two vital questions every newly single adult must ask are: (1) What do I need to do and when? and (2) Will I be able to meet my needs and my children's needs? Are there any other questions that both widowed and divorced individuals must face?

**Answer:** Certainly. In terms of financial issues, I think another critical question is this: Whom can I trust as an advisor? Whether a person loses a spouse through divorce or death, the feelings of grief can be overwhelming. Unfortunately, insecurity over their financial situation often leads newly single adults to make major financial changes much too quickly—often at the urging of someone who doesn't have their best interests at heart.

First, if you are widowed

or divorced, I recommend you choose a personal advisor, not necessarily a financial advisor. What you need at this point is not technical advice, but wisdom and judgment. You can find an advisor to help with money management later. Just because someone is a CPA, attorney, banker, broker, life insurance agent or financial planner, doesn't make them knowledgeable in all the emotional and spiritual areas where you may need advice.

Second, don't choose advisors just because they're Christian or family members or friends. Those may be important factors to consider, but again, what you need are wisdom, judgment, training and experience. If you're taking an airplane trip, you want a pilot who has the skills, training, experience and wisdom to make the right decisions. You wouldn't

choose a pilot merely because the person is a Christian or a family member or friend. In the same way, it may be that another widowed or divorced individual would be your best personal advisor or could direct you to other helpers. You might want to ask your pastor for recommendations.

Third, you may want more than one personal advisor. It's biblical to seek the advice of more than one counselor.

Fourth, always remember that you're still the decision-maker. You can't abdicate that responsibility, even if you receive bad advice. Seek the best counsel you can find; then rely on the wisdom, comfort and encouragement of the Holy Spirit to guide you during this difficult time.

(Adapted from *Faith-Based Family Finances*, by Ron Blue with Jeremy White, C.P.A.)

## TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

### Answer:

The Bible makes it clear that God is glad to hear from us. He loves us and wants us to love Him, so He is delighted when we pray. Our Father welcomes His children with open arms and listens carefully to everything we say because He loves us so much.

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