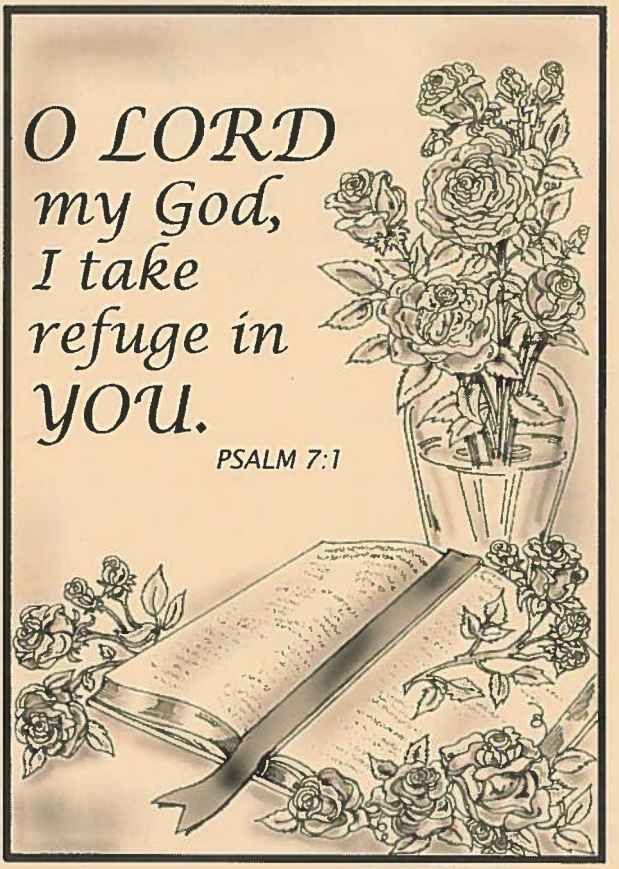

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Worship Service - 10:15 AM
Youth Group - 6:00 PM
Edge - 6:00 PM
Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

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Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
November 22, 2015

WELCOME

9:00 AM	**Sunday School for all ages**
10:15 AM	**Worship Service**

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship*
Special Music
Scripture Reading — Psalm 147:1-11

Message — John Luginbuhl

"Praise the Lord!"

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 Praise & Worship.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY <u>TODAY</u>:
Crawlers: Sefina & Star Garcia
Walkers: Betsy Branson & Zandra Neff
SERVING IN THE NURSERY <u>NEXT SUNDAY</u>:
Crawlers: Angela Silva & Shanna Tahy
Walkers: Andrea Butler & Zach Yale

LATER TODAY...

1:15 PM	Choir Rehearsal
6:00 PM	Shoebox Packing (into cartons)!
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

Thank you so much for all of your prayers, words of encouragement, gifts, cards, (etc!) during the Pastors Appreciation month of October! We thank you, too, for the very wonderful "special offering" love gift to us! We are awed at God's love for us, shown through you! We most definitely feel loved, appreciated and encouraged! We appreciate YOU and thank the Lord for you! It is a privilege and blessing to serve alongside of you in the cause of Jesus Christ here at Grace Bible! Thanks again for all you have done for us! We love you!
- Pastor John and Linda, and Pastor Steve

THANKSGIVING EVE WORSHIP SERVICE!
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 25, 7 PM - 8 PM

- Join us for a time of testimony, thanksgiving, and worship!
- Pie Social to follow service. Bring your favorite pie! We'll provide the whipped cream and drinks!

Thank you very much for the trip to Hawaii you gave us in recognition of 25 years of ministry here at Grace Bible! We are overwhelmed and blessed by your generosity! We are looking forward to the trip! The Lord certainly has been faithful to all of us these past 25 years! He is so good! Thanks again! We love you!
- Pastor John and Linda

This Week in Church History...

On November 28, 1863 Thanksgiving Day was first observed in the U.S. as an official holiday. President Lincoln had proclaimed a month earlier that a national holiday would be observed the last Thursday of November. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving back a week, to stimulate Christmas shopping but in 1941, Congress adopted a joint resolution declaring the fourth Thursday of November to be Thanksgiving Day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"As Christians, we should not be exitists, looking for our going, but Adventists, looking for His coming."

~ William Freel

PRAISE & PETITION

"Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift!"
~ II Corinthians 9:15

Praise the Lord for:

1. The wonderful gift of Jesus Christ, the son of God!
2. Jesus' willingness to enter into this vile world, with the ultimate purpose of dying in the place ofsinn ers like all of us. BORn to die, that all of us might live as we trust in Him!
3. The wonderful Thanksgiving and Christmas seasons.
4. The privilege ofb eing entrusted with the Gospel.
5. Our young people, and all who minister to them at our church

Petition the Lord for:

1. A heart full of thanks and praise to our great God and a heart that fully understands the real meaning of Thanksgiving and Christmas!
2. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
3. Strength and encouragement for those who are lonely during these holiday seasons.
4. That many of the children around the world—and their families—will trust Christ as Savior because of the "Operation Christmas Child" Ministry!
5. Those in our church going through difficult times.
6. Lena Lengal (recuperating from surgery); Lucas Keller (broken foot); Ginny Wilson (Amber Chisamore's mother) - cancer; Irijah Manning (broken collar bone)
7. 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); Whitney Pratt (Air Force; Middle East); Jared Payton (San Antonio, Texas0
8. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
9. Ladies in our church who are "expecting."

"Praise the Lord!"
Psalm 147:1-11

Hard as it is to believe, Thanksgiving Day is just four days from now! All around our great nation, people will be "giving thanks" for blessings given to them by God. It is always appropriate—and important—to thank and praise our wonderful, faithful God! For the believer in Jesus, every day is to be a day of thanks and praise!

1. Why We Thank and Praise Our God (vs.1)

2. What We Thank and Praise Our God For (vss.2-9)

3. Our Response (vss.10-11)

This Week at Grace Bible...
(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, November 23

7:00 PM	Life Group at the Luginbuhls'; study in Hebrews

Tuesday, November 24

9:30 AM	[NO Ladies' Bible Study]
5:20 PM	Ladies' Aerobics
6:30 PM	Faith Bible Institute Class

Wednesday, November 25

7:00-8:00 PM	Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service, Followed by pie social

Thursday, November 26

HAVE A WONDERFUL THANKSGIVING!
"In everything give thanks!" I Thessalonians 5:18

COMING SOON:

December 5	Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Highway 66
December 12	Ladies' Christmas Banquet
December 21	All-Church Christmas Caroling
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Do I really have to eat my vegetables?

It's National Adoption Month!

Letting Go of Expectations

BY MICHAEL MONROE

BEFORE MY WIFE AND I ADOPTED OUR SON, I HAD AN UNREALISTIC picture about who he would be. I soon learned that these unfulfilled expectations can lead to disappointment and disconnection between parent and child. When a child's behaviors begin to collide with "the way we do things as a family," parents can find themselves in despair.

When faced with this reality, my instinct was to point an accusing finger at my son as if to ask, "What's wrong with you?" But as I began to lay down my assumptions, I discovered that my calling as an adoptive parent is to meet my child where he is.

The adoption journey invites parents to move beyond what we want in order to embrace what our children need. And as we let go of our expectations, we find that God's desires for our family are much greater than what we anticipated.

In both the good times and bad, in both the joy and the pain, God is writing a story of hope, redemption and love within our lives. I'm still learning who my son is. And I've come to see that he doesn't have to become who I thought he would be in order for our family to become the "we" that God intended.

Bread of Blessings

As a child, I always looked forward to Thanksgiving. Not because of the turkey . . . but because of the rolls. Thanksgiving morning, Mom made delicious Parker House rolls and placed a small slip of paper with a silly saying in the middle of each one.

Years later, I decided to continue the tradition—with a biblical twist. I typed Scriptures on small pieces of paper, tucking them in the rolls in the same way my mother had once done. Now our meals are filled with promises of God's goodness until the last roll disappears from the basket.
—Sally Jadlow

With the holidays just around the corner, Focus on the Family's Thriving Family *magazine is pleased to offer the 2015 Advent calendar "Tales of Christmas Past: 25 inspiring true stories of the season." Visit* **ThrivingFamily.com/advent** *for your complimentary download.*

Lessons Learned

Tony is an 11-year-old boy who was so excited about the release of a certain new video game that he would have been willing to trade a minor appendage for it. You can imagine Tony's disappointment when he learned that he would not be getting the game immediately upon its release.

So Tony launched into full "pester mode," confident that his persistence would eventually wear his parents down and earn him his coveted game. Tony was making a mistake that many kids make. Pestering was not going to bring him any closer to getting that game.

Tony never did get the new video game, but he learned some important lessons in its place. He discovered that he was actually able to survive the post-apocalyptic horror of not being able to have every new game that came out. Tony also chose to start saving his money so that he could buy new games (that his parents approved of) if he didn't want to wait for Christmas or his birthday.

Refusing to give in to pestering may not ultimately give your kids the patience of Job, but it will help them become adults who know the value of working hard, respecting others and looking to the bigger picture.
—Dr. Todd Cartmell

Key Marriage Moments

Spouses need time together to keep their marriage relationship strong and vibrant. We all "get" that marriage doesn't have cruise control or an autopilot setting. The real problem with most marriages isn't that we don't *know* we should spend time together; the problem is that we think we're too *busy*.

Fortunately, the solution is simple. Instead of waiting for long, uninterrupted blocks of time to strengthen your marriage, take advantage of key moments that happen every day. I call this "maximizing everyday relationship moments." Let me describe a couple of these potential moments:

Saying goodbye and hello. On a typical day, one or both of you will leave the house in the morning. How you say goodbye to your spouse can strengthen your marriage. The key is to kiss your spouse before he or she leaves the house. I'm not talking about a pathetic little kiss where you lean forward and barely graze your spouse's lips. I'm talking about a real, five-second kiss! You're not adding anything new to your busy plate; you are just taking advantage of a moment that will happen anyway.

How do you greet your spouse when he or she arrives home at the end of the day? The key to maximizing this moment is to use attention, excitement and affection. Walk over, give your spouse a kiss and say, "Welcome home. I'm so glad you're back." This sets a positive tone for the rest of your evening together.

Saying good night. There are at least two unique opportunities to strengthen your marriage when you say good night. The first is to express gratitude. Think of something specific you can thank your spouse for: "Thanks for being a great provider" or "Thanks for washing the dishes after dinner." The other opportunity is to pray together. Imagine how strong your marriage could be if the last thing your spouse heard before falling asleep was you praying for him or her.

—Dr. Greg Smalley

Visit **FocusonMarriage.com** *for more tips from Dr. Smalley to help strengthen your marriage.*

Family Matters

Answers to your questions . . .

With the holidays fast approaching, can you give me some tips on how to make this season memorable for my kids?

Answer: You can do several things to turn holidays into meaningful opportunities to share your faith with your children.

- **Get involved.** Make time to get involved in your church's Christmas program. Don't leave the programs to the Sunday school and youth group to perform. Set a positive example by taking an active role in these important church celebrations. Find a role that suits you and get plugged in.
- **Don't be heavy-handed.** Santa and his reindeer get too much credit when it comes to holiday fun. Do your best to make the Christian symbols of Christmas as enjoyable as the secular symbols. An excellent way to do this is to focus your celebrations around historic Christian traditions, such as Advent, the twelve days of Christmas, or setting up the nativity scene.
- **Do unto others.** Christmas and Thanksgiving are excellent times to teach your children about helping people who are less fortunate. When you're doing this, keep in mind while it is good to teach your children to share with others, this should add to their joy and experience, not be at the expense of it. The time or money you donate to charity should be above and beyond what you do for your children.
- **Start new traditions.** Make a family tradition of reading Christmas stories together. This tradition can be combined with games and food to make it a fun time for everyone. Find a time that works for your family and adds to your children's celebration instead of colliding with other parts of it.
- **Watch it on video.** As the holiday season approaches, make a tradition of watching your family's favorite film about the holiday. You can make this a fun event by including food, friends and discussions afterward.

(Adapted from *Parents' Guide to the Spiritual Growth of Children*, general editors John Trent, Rick Osborne and Kurt Bruner.)

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Answer:

Parents tell their kids to eat vegetables to be sure they're building strong bodies. The Bible says that we should take care of our bodies because God wants to use us. That means we should do what we can to stay healthy by eating good food, including vegetables.

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