

## **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 ~*  
*December 6, 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

Luke 1:57-80

Message

John Luginbuhl

**"Jesus: Fulfillment of the Covenants!"**

The Lord's Table  
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 & Graciella Silva*

*Walkers: Autumn Peralta & Bethany Silva*

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Crawlers: Angela Silva & Liz Helf*

*Walkers: Lorelee Tibboel & Joel Hillis*

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**LATER TODAY...**

1:15 PM      Choir Rehearsal  
2:30 PM      Decorating Church for Christmas!  
6:00 PM      Prayer Time (3rd/4th grade classroom)  
6:00 PM      Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets  
6:00 PM      Edge Group (age 18-25) 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 worshiping 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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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.

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WE SAY "GOODBYE AND GOD BLESS YOU" to David & Carole Bertinetti (members of our church for over 40 years!) as they move to Albuquerque this Friday (help is needed at 10 AM to load the truck). A cake reception will be held in their honor after service this morning. Please pray for the Bertinettis as they begin a new chapter in their lives!

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YOU ARE ENCOURAGED to begin thinking about and praying about a "Year Verse" for our church for 2016! Suggestions can be written out (please include which version of the Bible) and given to Pastor John, placed in the offering plate, or e-mailed to Pastor John at [john@gracebiblegallup.org](mailto:john@gracebiblegallup.org). Thank you!

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LADIES' CHRISTMAS BANQUET  
December 12, 5:30 PM  
(see insert)

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ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Dec. 21, 7:00 PM



- Meet at church and dress warmly!
- Bring the whole family!
- Refreshments after caroling.



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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE

Thursday, December 24, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM

For the whole family! Invite your friends!

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**This Week in Church History...**

On December 8, 1981, the U.S. Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of student organizations holding religious services at public colleges and universities. This was one of the most significant rulings by the high court on the issue of separation of church and state in several years.

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

*"God became man to turn creatures into sons, not simply to produce better men of the old kind but to produce a new kind of man."*

*~ C. S. Lewis*

## PRAISE & PETITION



“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people and has raised up a horn of salvation or us in the house of David His servant.”

~ Zacharias, in Luke 1:68,69

### Praise the Lord for:

1. The One Who is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ Our Savior!
2. His sovereignty over all people and events of history.
3. The wonderful Christmas season and the opportunities to tell others the real meaning of Christmas!
4. The so-great salvation that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord for His redemption of sinners like us who trust Him as Savior!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. A “wake-up call” for our church in the area of evangelism; opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
2. Strength and encouragement for those who are lonely during these holiday seasons.
3. David & Carole Bertinetti as they move to Albuquerque.
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); Sarah Piano (jaw surgery Dec. 9)
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, Texas)
8. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

# **“Jesus: Fulfillment of the Covenants!”**

## **Luke 1:57-80**

Christmas is about Jesus! It's about the Incarnation - God becoming man in order to die on the Cross to pay for the sins of sinners like us so that we could have eternal life as we trust in Him! Jesus is not only the God-man (fully God and fully man) and Savior, but He is also the fulfillment of covenants made by God long ago.

### **1. The Context**

### **2. The Covenants**

### **3. The Fulfillment**

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

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, December 7**

**7:00 PM** Life Group at the Luginbuhls'; study in Hebrews [No Life Group on 12/14, 12/21, and 12/28]

### **Tuesday, December 8**

**9:30 AM** Ladies' Bible Study; study in Proverbs, nursery available (last LBS until 1/12/16)  
**5:20 PM** Ladies' Aerobics  
**6:30 PM** Faith Bible Institute Class

### **Wednesday, December 9**

**6:30 PM** AWANA  
(Don't forget your "Toys For Tots" toy!)

### **Thursday, December 10**

**5:20 PM** Ladies' Aerobics

### **Saturday, December 12**

**5:30 PM** Ladies' Christmas Banquet (see insert)

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## **COMING SOON:**

**December 21** All-Church Christmas Caroling  
**December 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service  
**December 27-30** Winter Youth Retreat (teens 13 & up) at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch  
**January 22** The Ambassador Singers (from S. Korea)



**It is time for the  
Ladies'  
Christmas Banquet!**

For all ladies, (High School age and above), a great time of fun and an opportunity to bring a friend! Sign up at the table in the foyer. Cost is \$8.00 (please pay when you sign up).

Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, December 6

**Join us at  
Broken Arrow Bible Ranch on  
(Vanderwagen, NM)  
Saturday, December 12, 2015  
at 5:30 pm**

Bring a wrapped coffee mug or tea cup for the gift exchange.

If you want to carpool (as a driver or rider), meet at the church at 4:45 pm.

We will be doing the big reveal of your Secret Sister!



# Better LIFE!

Enriching Personal and Family Relationships  
*an edition of Better Families*



## The Good Neighbor

**M**ake a point to initiate relationships with the new neighbors. Most people don't buy homes to move away quickly, so you are likely to have your neighbors for years to come. Be friendly and reach out to your neighbors. They may be your assigned mission field.

Build solid relationships that open doors for you to engage them in meaningful conversations about their lives, purpose and faith; invite them to come with you to church and never miss an opportunity to offer prayer on their behalf. Stay away from gossip and use your words to encourage and build up, not to tear down and destroy.

Remember that neighbors are people who like all of us respond to kindness. Help them where you can. And, in the ethnic mixing pot in which we live, strive to build bridges by educating yourself and your family about other cultures. In doing so, you will gain an appreciation for people from different backgrounds.

*Jorrie L. Muniz, THE RRG INC.*

## Where You Dwell

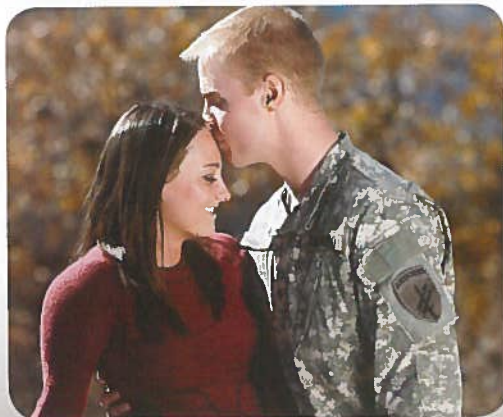
**T**he difference between a terrible, horrible, rotten day and a peaceful, happy one does not depend nearly so much on what happens as on your attitude and response. If you dwell on your feelings rather than on the faithfulness, love and mercy of God, then you're likely to have a terrible, horrible, rotten day—because feelings fluctuate. You can't depend on them for even five minutes. But dwelling on the faithfulness, love and mercy of God is always safe because He is the same yesterday, today, and forever.

*Elisabeth Elliot, ATTITUDE*

## No Comparison!

**C**omparison is an anathema! Early in our marriage, I began to compare my husband in certain areas to my dad. But one day, God brought me up short on the matter of comparison. God said to my heart, "Carole, you're comparing Jack's weaknesses with your father's strengths. If you must compare, compare the whole person." I thought long and hard about that. Jack was gifted at a host of things that my father wasn't. Suddenly, I realized what I'd been doing was unwise and wrong. I promised God and myself I'd try not to compare Jack with anyone again.

If you want your marriage to thrive, stop comparing your husband to an unrealistic standard and start recognizing his own strengths and gifts.



*Carole Mayhall, TODAY'S CHRISTIAN WOMAN*



## Oh Brother!

According to research, sibling relationships can have the longest duration of any kin relationship and may be the most egalitarian. Because siblings share a common past, the sibling tie is a unique family relationship which may contribute to the ability of siblings to provide a special kind of kin support for each other in later life as parents and friends die.

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## Let Go!

Why is it so easy to accumulate and so hard to let go? Could it be that letting go, like compassion, forgiveness, and nonviolence is also an inside job? We believe that our outward attachments are simply a reflection of our inward attachments. We have discovered that until we are willing to let go of the stuff on the inside (i.e. our sense of privilege, our secrets, our right to have everything we want, the need to keep everything the way it has always been, our need for approval and control, our hold on people, our need to be significant, and our addictions, etc.), we are not ready to let go of our outward attachments to things, people, career, status, and stuff.

Letting go means: Being willing to be in the world without trying to own or hold onto the world; Having a non-possessive attitude toward everything and everyone in our world; Having as our only goal to find out what God wants of us in this present moment; Embracing change,

staying alert, standing with open hands and open heart to receive all gifts as blessings and grace, and knowing that all accomplishments and work are products of the Spirit flowing through us; Having a clear focus on the one thing necessary, an undivided heart.



Art Bridge, LETTING GO

## Life Lesson

*"There is no challenge in being nice to nice people. The challenge comes in loving the unlovable." J.L. Muniz*

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