

## **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 ~*  
*December 13, 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

John 1:1-18

Message

John Luginbuhl

**"Jesus: The Word Became Flesh!"**

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: Angela Silva & Liz Helf*

*Walkers: Lorelee Tibboel & Joel Hillis*

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Crawlers: Alicia Yale & Star Garcia*

*Walkers: Moriah Yale*

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**LATER TODAY...**

1:15 PM      Choir Rehearsal

4:00 PM      Christmas Concert, presented by Rehoboth  
Christian High School Choir at Sacred Heart  
Cathedral (415 E. Green, Gallup)

6:00 PM      [No Prayer Time tonight]

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 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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OUR THANKS to Broken Arrow Bible Ranch - as well as all the other ladies and men who helped in any way - for making last night's Ladies' Christmas Banquet a wonderful success! Approximately 55 women attended the event!

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### NEW ADDRESS:

David & Carole Bertinetti  
6519 Basket Weaver Ave., NW  
Albuquerque, NM 87114

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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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Ministry opportunity: 2 van drivers are needed, starting January 6, for our AWANA ministry to pick up and drop off children! Please see Pastor John if you can help. Thank you!

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NEED ANY BOXES? Cardboard boxes of all sizes are "yours for the taking" in the gymnasium. Please help yourself!

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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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FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

"Notice to donors: Donors are advised not to file their federal income tax return before they receive their contributions receipt from the church. Also, donors wishing to 'catch up' on their financial commitments to the church must deliver such contributions before Jan. 1, 2016, to be credited to 2015, (mailed-in contributions must be postmarked by Dec. 31). Backdating is not allowed by the IRS. See Paul Schell for advice."

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**Today in Church History...**

On December 13, 1835, Phillips Brooks, American Episcopal clergyman, was born in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1859, he was ordained and began his first pastorate in Philadelphia. He transferred to Trinity Episcopal church in Boston in 1869 and remained there until 1891. Brooks became famous as a preacher of exceptional personality, charm, and spiritual force. He produced five volumes of sermons, and five more were published after his death in 1893. He also wrote the Christmas Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" for the children of his Sunday School, after a visit to the Holy Land in 1868.

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**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

*"He took the form of a servant while He retained the form of God! It is exactly that which makes our salvation possible and achieves it."*

*~ William Hendricksen*

## PRAISE & PETITION



“And you shall call His Name Jesus, for it is  
He Who will save His people from their sins.”

~ Matthew 1:21

### Praise the Lord for:

1. Jesus' mission: to save people from their sins! Praise the Lord for salvation through Jesus, as we trust in Him!
2. Forgiveness of sins, a place in heaven reserved for us, deliverance from Hell - all through faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work for us at Calvary.
3. Opportunities for ministry during this Christmas season.
4. The privilege of worship and prayer!
5. His sovereignty!
6. Family and friends, both “near and far”.
7. A wonderful Ladies' Christmas Banquet last night!
8. Successful jaw surgery for Sarah Piano!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. Those who are lonely and/or depressed this holiday season.
2. Those who will be traveling to see family and friends.
3. Families in our church going through the rough waters of life at this time. (Isa. 43:1,2)
4. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
5. Lena Lengal (recovering from surgery); Lucas Keller (broken foot); Ginny Wilson (Amber Chisamore's mother) - cancer; Irijah Manning (broken collar bone); Sarah Piano (jaw surgery recuperation)
6. 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)
7. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
8. Ladies in our church who are “expecting.”

# “Jesus: The Word Became Flesh!” John 1:1-18

During the Christmas season, we hear words and phrases like, “The Incarnation” and “God became a man” and God took on flesh” (etc.). But what does it all mean? And what does it have to do with all of us during this Christmas season of 2015?

## 1. The Word (vs. 1)

## 2. The Word Became Flesh... (vs. 14)

## 3. The Ramifications

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

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, December 14**

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

### **Tuesday, December 15**

**9:30 AM** [No Ladies' Bible Study until 1/12/16]  
**5:15 PM** Deacons' Meeting  
**5:20 PM** Ladies' Aerobics

### **Wednesday, December 16**

**6:30 PM** AWANA  
("Red and Green Christmas Celebration!")

### **Thursday, December 17**

**5:20 PM** Ladies' Aerobics

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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 10** AWANA Leaders' Recharge Meeting  
**January 22** The Ambassador Singers (from S. Korea)

1. The first part of the paper is devoted to a general discussion of the problem of the existence of a solution of the system of equations (1) for arbitrary values of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ .

2. In the second part, the existence of a solution of the system of equations (1) is proved for arbitrary values of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  under the condition that the function  $f(x)$  is continuous and bounded on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

3. In the third part, the existence of a solution of the system of equations (1) is proved for arbitrary values of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  under the condition that the function  $f(x)$  is continuous and bounded on the interval  $[0, 1]$  and that the function  $g(x)$  is continuous and bounded on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

4. In the fourth part, the existence of a solution of the system of equations (1) is proved for arbitrary values of the parameters  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  under the condition that the function  $f(x)$  is continuous and bounded on the interval  $[0, 1]$  and that the function  $g(x)$  is continuous and bounded on the interval  $[0, 1]$  and that the function  $h(x)$  is continuous and bounded on the interval  $[0, 1]$ .

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# Better LIFE!

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## Commitment or Covenant

**M**arriage is a huge commitment. Think about it. What could we give anyone that is more significant than giving ourselves? Frankly, I believe it is commitment—even more than love—that is the real “glue” of marriage. Whatever comes, good or bad, we can ride it out if we are forever and unconditionally committed.

The word commitment makes many people shiver, but it’s actually a softer word than covenant. Commitment, in the modern sense, still leaves you in control. You can choose to commit to something and then control the length and depth of that commitment. But covenant...calls for complete surrender. In covenant you give up control; you surrender your personal rights in order to become one with the other person.

*Dr. Fred Lowery, COVENANT MARRIAGE*

## Beyond Understanding

**W**hile temptation thrives on our failure, God is not surprised or overwhelmed by it. He understands that a good man will struggle and fall. He knows the way we take, even when we feel as Paul felt, “I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do” (Romans 7:15). We may have the best of intentions, but still we do wrong.” God knows and stands by us, willing to be our help. “The steps of a good man are ordered by the Lord: and He delights in his way. Though he falls, he shall not be cast down: for the Lord upholds him with His hand” (Psalm 37:23-24).

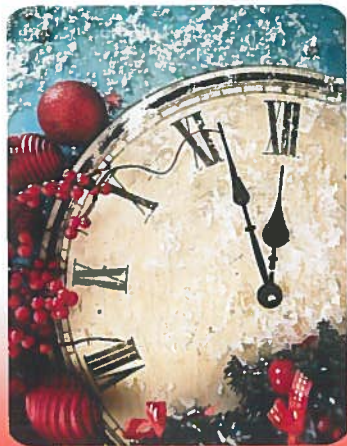
It’s difficult to grasp that compassionate hand because of our own shame and disappointment at our failings. Making it difficult to forgive ourselves... It’s hard to believe that His compassion could be that complete. But it is.

*Michelle McKinney Hammond, WHY DO I SAY “YES” WHEN I NEED TO SAY “NO”?*

## It’s Time

**I**t is time to liberate those held captive in the dungeon of sibling unforgiveness. It is time to unconditionally release old wounds with a renewed heart that knows the joy of forgiveness and look at our sibling relationships with fresh eyes that see through the deception of unforgiveness. Deception breeds lies, untruth and resentment. Forgiveness restores and transforms. Time is precious and so are the bonds of family relationships. Don’t risk missing out on the laughter, the memories or the opportunity to love someone so deeply that shares your life so intimately. Build new bridges and let old injuries heal and rest.

*Jorrie L. Muniz, SIBLING UNFORGIVENESS*



## The “W” in Christmas

One December, I vowed to make Christmas a calm and peaceful experience. I cut back on nonessential obligations—extensive card writing, endless baking, decorating, and even overspending. Yet I still found myself exhausted, unable to appreciate the precious family moments, and of course, the true meaning of Christmas.

My son, Nicholas, was in kindergarten that year. It was an exciting season for a six-year-old. For weeks he'd been memorizing songs for his school's "Winter Pageant." I didn't have the heart to tell him I'd be working the night of the production. Unwilling to miss his shining moment, I spoke with his teacher. She assured me there'd be a dress rehearsal the morning of the presentation. All parents unable to attend that evening were welcome to come then. Fortunately, Nicholas seemed happy with the compromise.

The morning of the dress rehearsal, I filed in ten minutes early, found a spot on the cafeteria floor and sat down. Around the room, I saw several other parents quietly scampering to their seats. As I waited, students were led into the room. Each class, accompanied by their teacher, sat cross-legged on the floor. Then, each group, one by one, rose to perform their song. Because the public school system had long stopped referring to the holiday as "Christmas," I didn't expect anything other than fun, commercial entertainment—songs of Santa Claus, reindeer, snowflakes and good cheer.

So, when my son's class rose to sing, "Christmas Love," I was slightly taken aback by its bold title. Nicholas was aglow, as were all of his classmates, adorned in fuzzy mittens, red sweaters, and bright snowcaps upon their heads. Those in the front row—center stage—held up large letters, one by one to spell out the title of the song. As the class would sing "C is for Christmas," a child would hold up the letter C. Then, "H is for Happy," and on and on, until each child holding up his portion had presented the complete message, "Christmas Love."

The performance was going smoothly, until suddenly, we noticed the girl in the front row holding the letter "M" upside down—totally unaware her letter "M" appeared as a "W". The audience of 1s through 6th graders snickered at the little girl's mistake.



But she had no idea they were laughing at her, so she stood proudly holding her "W". Although many teachers tried to shush the children, the laughter continued until the last letter was raised, and we all saw it at the same time. Silence fell over the audience and eyes began to widen. In that instant, we understood the reason we were there, why we celebrated the holiday in the first place. Why even in the chaos, there was a great purpose for our festivities. As the last letter was held high, the message read loud and clear: "CHRIST-WAS-LOVE" And I believe, He still is.

Author Unknown

### Life Lesson

*"For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."*

*-Isaiah 9:6*

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