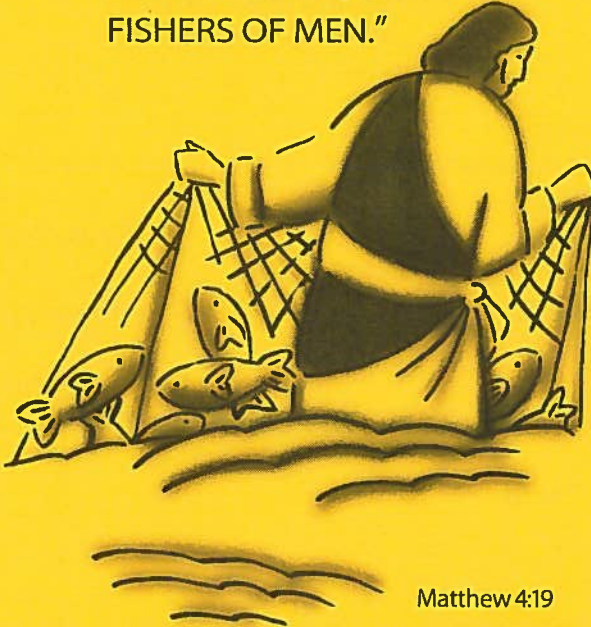


"Come, FOLLOW me," Jesus said,
"and I will make you
FISHERS OF MEN."



Matthew 4:19

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 ~
February 7, 2016

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Praise & Worship

Infant Dedication

Special Music*

Scripture Reading

Faith Winona Howe

Romans 4:13 - 5:5

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Sharing the Gospel: The Salvation Verses!” (Part 5)

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: Angela Silva & Moriah Yale

Walkers: Angela O'Bourke & Sharee Keedo

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Alicia Yale & Bethany Silva

Walkers: Lorelee Tibboel & Tristan Keller

LATER TODAY...

1:15 PM

Choir Rehearsal

4:00 PM

Edge Group (age18-25) meets

6:00 PM

Prayer Time (across from Pastor John's office)

6:00 PM

Youth Group (grades 6-12) 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!

2016 YEAR VERSE:

"Watch, stand fast in the faith, be brave, be strong."

- I Corinthians 16:13



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.

PASTOR STEVE is out of town and will return to Gallup today. Please keep him in prayer as he travels.

DO YOU WANT TO BE part of a handbell choir that will minister in church at the end of the school year? Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. Contact Dick Viekman for more info.



COUPLES' VALENTINE PARTY!
FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 6:30 PM
AT GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

Please read today's insert and sign up at the table in the foyer.

COPIES of the 2015 Annual Report are available for you on the Literature Shelf in the Foyer.



A list of February 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!

FROM THE LIBRARY STAFF: If you have any books, videos, or DVDs that you have had for more than 2 weeks, please return them to the Library as soon as possible. Thanks!

ARE YOU INTERESTED in being baptized? A baptismal service is being planned for a Sunday in April. If you are interested, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!

This Week in Church History...

On February 12, 1915, Fanny Crosby (b. 1820), the famed Gospel songwriter who lost her sight at the age of six weeks, died. In 1858, she married Alexander Van Alstyne, a blind musician and teacher at the New York Institution for the Blind where she both attended and taught. She began writing texts for Gospel songs during the 1860s. She died at age 95 after composing more than 8,000 texts. Some of her most enduring hymns include: "Blessed Assurance," "Rescue the Perishing," "He Hideth My Soul," "Close to Thee," and "Saved by Grace."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Surely the essence of wisdom is that before we begin to act at all or attempt to please God, we should discover what it is that God has to say about the matter."

~ D. Martyn Lloyd James



PRAISE & PETITION

“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I Have drawn you with loving
kindness.”

~ Jeremiah 31:3

Praise the Lord for:

1. Who He is: a great and mighty God! He is the one, true, living God! He is the One Who loves us!
2. The wonderful salvation that is ours as we put our faith in Jesus Christ!
3. The Holy Spirit, Who continues to mold us into the image of Christ as we yield to Him!
4. The “love that drew salvation’s plan”, the “grace that brought it down to man”, the “mighty gulf that God did span” at Calvary!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a desire to love and serve Jesus Christ, a deeper love for the lost and opportunities to share the Gospel!
2. Laura Hansen (with CrossWorld) as she ministers in Sibiu, Romania.
3. Ginny Wilson (Amber Chisamore’s mother) - cancer; Chris Piano (torn ligament in foot); Sarah Piano (jaw surgery recuperation); Barbara Irving (recuperating from knee surgery); Tom Bustamante (foot; general health); Lenore Chavez (disc problem); Robert Chavez (eye difficulties); Nancy Cadigan (recovering from foot surgery); Irijah Manning (recovering from collar bone surgery); Angel Santos (diverticulitis); Ruth Douglas (recovering from surgery); Phyllis Jeffries (recovering from surgery)
4. 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)
5. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
6. Ladies in our church who are “expecting.”

“Sharing the Gospel: The Salvation Verses!” (Part 5) Romans 4:13-5:5

On December 27, we looked at spreading the Gospel - the good news! - concerning Jesus Christ. We are told by our Lord to do this, and our sharing the Gospel is the only way that people are going to trust in Jesus! There are people all around us who are on their way to Hell because they have not yet put their faith in Jesus Christ, Who died for them and rose from the dead. We need to ask God for “Divine appointments” to share the Gospel, and then share it! There is an inherent blessing in doing so! We are looking together at some of the verses we all can and should use when we share the Gospel. We have already looked at John 3:16, Ephesians 2:8&9, Romans 3:23, Romans 6:23 and Acts 4:12. Today: Romans 5:1: “Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.”

1. The Context

2. Justification

3. Peace With God

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, February 8

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

Tuesday, February 9

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study (Nursery available for the young ones.)

5:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

6:30 PM Faith Bible Institute Class

Wednesday, February 10

6:30 PM AWANA ("Silly Socks Shindig!")

Thursday, February 11

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Friday, February 12

6:30 PM Couples' Valentines Party (see insert)

COMING SOON:

February 15 Deaconess Mtg. @ Angela's Café

February 16 Deacons' Mtg.; Elders' Mtg.

February 20 AWANA Grand Prix

February 27 Ladies' Pajama Brunch



COME TO THE
COUPLES'
VALENTINE
PARTY

(You do not have to be a married couple to attend.
Single folks are welcome to bring a date.)

Friday, February 12, 6:30 PM

At

Grace Bible Church

*(This will be a great evening of
fun and fellowship!)*



We will be having a
delicious dinner as usual.
(catered by Fratelli's Bistro)
The cost is \$25 per couple.

Sign up sheet will be at a table in the Foyer.

Deadline to sign-up and pay is TODAY.

(Sorry...there is no babysitting at the church.)

Don't forget to bring your wedding album or photo.

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

February 2016



Country in Focus: Brazil ⁽¹⁾

Brazil accounts for half the land mass of South America and is the world's fifth-largest nation in terms of size and population. The country is a melting pot of nations; most Brazilians have at least some mixed ethnic heritage. The citizens enjoy religious freedom, and there is separation of church and state. The number of evangelicals has grown from 2 million in 1960 to more than 51 million in 2010, making Brazil one of the most populous nations in terms of evangelicals. The Catholic Church has more members in Brazil than in any other country, but the church itself remains in crisis—defections have slowed recently, but the Catholic faith continues to lose members to evangelical churches, to spiritist faiths, and to nonreligion. By 2025, Catholicism could be a minority religion. Pray for:

- The Brazilian government, which continues to be plagued by corruption and cronyism;
- The nearly 20 percent of the population that resides in slums, which are a breeding ground for crime—and a mission field as well;
- The effectiveness of Brazilian missionaries, more of whom are being trained and sent from Brazil than ever before.

Men in Germany Accused of Robbing Churches to Fund ISIS ⁽²⁾

Eight men are on trial in Germany for stealing from churches and schools in order to fund the Islamic State (ISIS). The men stole 19,000 euros worth of goods from churches and schools between 2011 and 2014. They allegedly sent the stolen items to Syria to fund ISIS fighters in their terror campaign, although the court was not able to determine how much money actually reached these fighters.

ISIS Could Eliminate Christianity in Iraq by 2020 ⁽³⁾

Christianity in Iraq is at risk of dying out in as little as four years, according to a report from UK charity Aid to the Church in Need. Christians had lived peacefully in Iraq since the inception of the religion, but when ISIS terrorists invaded the territory in 2014, tens of thousands of Christians were forced to flee. About 1.4 million Christians lived in Iraq during Saddam Hussein's reign; now 260,000 remain in the country.

British prime minister David Cameron said, "Every day in countries across the world, Christians are systematically discriminated against, exploited, and even driven from their homes because of their faith. Now is not the time for silence. We must stand together and fight for a world where no one is persecuted because of what they believe."

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Melkite Greek Catholic archbishop Jean-Clement Jeanbart of Aleppo called the persecution “one of the most important challenges of our 2,000 year history. Despite our problems here in the Middle East, we are doing everything we can to help those who lack food, clothes, or other essentials,” he said.

Presbyterian Chapel Hosts Same-Sex Wedding (4)

The wedding of Paul Kempf and Robb Gwaltney was officiated by a Presbyterian Church official in the national chapel in Louisville, Kentucky. “Kempf has been an employee of the Presbyterian Church (USA) since 2012 and Gwaltney is a former employee who helped plan and oversee the PC (USA) move to

Louisville in 1988,” said Gregg Brekke of the Presbyterian News Service.

Carmen Fowler LaBerge, president of the Presbyterian Lay Committee, said the wedding was an “in-your-face” action. “No one should be honestly shocked nor surprised by the news that the PC (USA) hosted a same-sex wedding at this national chapel. But yes, it will further fuel the conversation in churches currently discerning their denominational future.”

In 2010, the PC (USA)’s general assembly voted to allow regional bodies to ordain non-celibate homosexuals. Then earlier this year, a supermajority of presbyteries approved an amendment that changed the denomination’s definition of marriage to a union of “two people, traditionally a man and woman.”

This month you can... Bless Your Church Leaders



Thank you

- H**ebrews 13:17 instructs, “Obey your spiritual leaders, and do what they say. Their work is to watch over your souls, and they are accountable to God. Give them reason to do this with joy and not with sorrow.” In other words, don’t take your church leaders for granted. Instead, bring joy to their lives by the way you treat them.
- In light of this, here are five ideas offered by the website www.charismamag.org for how you can bless your pastor(s) and church leaders this week:
- 1. Send a handwritten note of appreciation.** Be sure to mention specific ways they have influenced your life for Christ.
 - 2. Gather a small group of people to pray over your pastor(s) before a Sunday service.** There is nothing more reassuring prior to preaching than to know a congregation is praying. It reminds pastors that they are not preaching to adversaries, but rather to fellow believers.
 - 3. Talk positively behind their backs.** The temptation to gossip about church leadership is strong. One way to defeat it is to be proactive in speaking positively. This can preclude gossip and encourage others to appreciate the leadership God has provided.
 - 4. Ask questions about the sermon.** Most pastors spend hours preparing their messages and afterward wonder whether people understood, learned, and responded. When people ask questions about the sermon (in love, of course) it lets the pastor know that a connection was made.
 - 5. Be active in your role.** Church leaders often feel alone and overworked. However, when members use their gifts and skills to participate in the ministry of the church, its leaders receive needed help and an emotional boost.



Church Around the **WORLD**

Hungary Closes Border to Preserve “Christian Values” ⁽⁵⁾

A month after closing its border with Serbia, Hungary also shut its southwestern border with Croatia, forcing migrants fleeing Syria’s violence to be diverted to a Slovenian border crossing. More than 40 buses filled with migrants were in line to enter from Croatia when a steel fence was erected along the border. Hungarian officials say the move was necessary to stem the tide of refugees, many of them Muslims, who they claim threaten the prosperity, security, and “Christian values” of Europe. Officials have also said they want more protection along the border of Greece, where most refugees arrive from Turkey before making their way north.

Budapest opposes a European Union plan that would house 120,000 refugees among European Union nations. About 700,000 migrants were expected to reach Europe by boats by the end of 2015.

Church Attack Routs Thousands of Indonesian Christians ⁽⁶⁾

Authorities in Indonesia’s Aceh region have started to tear down churches following recent religious violence that left at least one person dead and forced thousands of Christians to flee into the bordering province. Muslim

residents had demanded that unlicensed churches in the area be pulled down, citing a lack of building permits, but religious and political figures—including Christians—agreed at a meeting last fall to close the houses of worship. Police started tearing down the churches with axes and sledgehammers. Indonesia has the world’s largest Muslim population, although Aceh is its only province to implement Islamic *sharia* law.



Last summer, clashes between Christians and Muslims took place in Indonesia’s eastern province of Papua, where a 15-year-old boy was killed when police opened fire on protesting Christians. News of the incident spread quickly across Indonesia, leading to a string of attacks on Christians and churches in recent months.

Indonesia ranked number 47 on the 2015 World Watch List of 50 countries where persecution of Christians is most severe. Though a secular nation, Indonesia has seen a rapid increase in Islamic fundamentalism and

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violent attacks against not only churches but also Islamic sects deemed deviant.

Global Religious Liberty Fails to Improve

Religious liberty conditions around the world failed to improve in a year marked by barbarous campaigns of extremist groups in some regions, according to a United States watchdog panel. The US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) urged the State Department to add eight more countries to its list of the world's worst violators of religious liberty. That list, flagging what are known as "countries of particular concern" (CPCs), already has nine members. "Across the world, we see little evidence that religious freedom conditions have improved in any serious or tangible way," USCIRF chair Katrina Lantos Swett said.

While there were exceptions globally, she said, "When we look at the 16 countries we recommended last year for CPC status, not one of them has significantly improved its record. And in a number of them, from China to Syria, we see signs of further deterioration."

Non-states—extremist religious groups such as the self-proclaimed Islamic State in Iraq and Syria and Boko Haram in Nigeria—"played a huge role in fueling some of the worst humanitarian crises of our time," Swett said.

In its report, the USCIRF recommended the addition of the Central African Republic to the State Department's CPC list for the first time. The other seven countries the advisory panel urged the State Department to add were Egypt, Iraq, Nigeria, Pakistan, Syria, Tajikistan, and Vietnam. All seven were also CPC recommendations the previous year.

The USCIRF called on the State Department to keep the following nine countries on the CPC list: Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, Turkmenistan, and Uzbekistan.

Ethiopian Church Attacked (7)

A church west of the Ethiopian capital, Addis Ababa, has been attacked three times recently by suspected animists angered over the church's evangelism efforts. Last fall, a mob killed one Christian and injured around 30 others during the Sunday service. Two days later, a day after the murdered Christian's funeral, a group of men strangled a female member of the congregation and left her for dead. Other church members were attacked as they returned home after church.

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



Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1

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