

**BE STRONG,
DO NOT FEAR;
YOUR GOD WILL COME...**

- ISAIAH 35:4



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 ~
April 10, 2016

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Praise & Worship

Special Music*

Scripture Reading John 14:1-6; I Thess. 4:13-18; Titus 2:11-14

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Coming for Me!"

(Part 6 of a Series, "He Did This for Me!")

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: Pam Keller & Sierra Tahy

Walkers: Autumn Peralto & Joel Hillis

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Andrea Butler & Shanna Tahy

Walkers: Angela O'Bourke & Tiffany Plummer

LATER TODAY...

Noon Pizza with the Pastors... (see announcement)
6:00 PM Prayer Time (room across from Pastor John's office)
6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets
6:00 PM Edge Group (age 18-25) 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!

2016 YEAR VERSE:

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

- I Corinthians 16:13

DID YOU START ATTENDING GRACE BIBLE CHURCH AFTER MARCH 1, 2015? If so...you and your family are invited to "Pizza with the Pastors, Elders, and Their Wives" TODAY right after the morning worship service! The purpose of this time of fellowship is for you to get to know the Pastors and Elders and their families and for them to get to know you! You do not have to bring anything except your appetite! After the meal, there will be a brief "Question and Answer" time concerning the church and its ministries.



CALLING ALL GRADUATES: Are you graduating soon from high school, college, grad school, nursing school (etc.)?

Please contact Pastor John or Pastor Steve as soon as possible so that we can recognize you on "Graduation Sunday". (May 1)!

**CHILD EVANGELISM FELLOWSHIP TRAINING
HERE AT GBC!**

This Saturday, April 16, 9 AM -3 PM

Please read today's insert.



A list of April 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!

DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR COPY of the new (April) issue of our "in-house" newsletter, "Grace Notes"? Copies are available at the Welcome Desk and on the Literature Shelf.



IF YOU WOULD LIKE to be added (or removed) from the church's e-mail list (Prayer requests, missionary letters, reminders of upcoming events, etc.), please send a brief note to Pastor John at john@gracebiblegallup.org. Thank you!

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING
Sunday, April 24, Noon
Please come!

This Week in Church History...

On April 15, 1983, Corrie ten Boom (b. 1892), Dutch devotional writer and Christian survivor of the Nazi persecutions in her native country, died. Corrie died on her 91st birthday.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Death stung himself to death when he stung Christ."

~ William Romaine



PRAISE & PETITION

“O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things; His right hand and His holy arm gained the victory for Him.”

~ Psalm 98:1

Praise the Lord for:

1. The fact that our God is a wonderful God!
2. The suffering Jesus did in our place, to pay for our sins; eternal life and forgiveness of sins through Jesus, as we put our personal faith in Him!
3. The privilege of worshipping Him!
4. The wonderful work of the Holy Spirit of God - for giving us the ministry of reconciliation and restoration!
5. Entrusting us with the Gospel, opportunities to share it!
6. A Christ honoring Memorial Service yesterday for Tom Bustamante.

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a desire to “make the most of our time” for the Lord Jesus.
2. Continued growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:18)
3. Jim & Barb Choury as they continue to minister in Colorado!
4. Ginny Wilson (Amber Chisamore’s mother) - cancer; Lenore Chavez (disc problem); Robert Chavez (eye difficulties); Irijah Manning (recovering from collar bone surgery); Ruth Douglas (recovering from surgery); Eliza Jonkman (Schells’ baby granddaughter); Jim Jefferies (rehab; Albq.); Glen Schell (hospital, Albq.)
5. 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)
6. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
7. Ladies in our church who are “expecting.”

“Coming for Me!”
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What Jesus Christ did for you and me is very personal! Over the weeks, we have seen that He was pierced for me, wept for me, died for me, rose for me, and ascended for me! There are many things we all look forward to in life. But for the believer in Jesus, looking forward to the return of Jesus is right at the top of the list!

1. Preparing a Place

2. Coming - For Me! - in the Clouds

3. Until That Day

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, April 11

7:00 PM

Life Group at the Luginbuhls'; study in Hebrews

Tuesday, April 12

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, April 13

6:30 PM

AWANA

Thursday, April 14

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Saturday, April 16

9 AM - 3 PM

Child Evangelism Fellowship Training
(see insert)

COMING SOON:

April 24

Quarterly Business Meeting

April 26

Elders' Meeting (6:00 PM)

April 27

Last "Regular Night" of AWANA for '15 - '16 school year

April 30

All-Church Work Day

May 1

"Graduation Sunday"

May 4

AWANA "Grand Finale" (Awards) Night

May 10

Ladies' Tea

Do you have children living at home?
Are you a grandparent?
Do you work in AWANA?
Are you a Sunday School Teacher, Nursery worker,
or Children's Church worker?
Do you have *any* contact with children?

If you answered, "Yes" to any of those questions, the Child Evangelism Fellowship Training is for you!

Saturday, April 16, 2016
9 AM – 3 PM at Grace Bible

The training is FREE (including lunch!!), but you must sign up on the sheet that will be available at AWANA as well as on Sunday morning (on the table in the Foyer). If you *sign* up, we expect you to *show* up!

The sessions offered are:

1. Bible Lesson Preparation and Presentation
2. Counseling the Unsaved Child for Salvation
3. Memory Verse Presentation
4. Helping Children Understand the Message of Salvation

There will be plenty of time for demonstrations and questions and answers!

Remember Jesus' words in Luke 18:16: "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the Kingdom of God belongs to such as these."

Really ... what could be more important on one Saturday out of the whole year than learning to teach children and reach them for Christ (or to do this better)?

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

April 2016



St. Lucia



North Korea

Country in Focus: St. Lucia (1)

At just over 600 square kilometers, the island state of St. Lucia is located between Martinique and St. Vincent in the Windward Island group. St. Lucia has often been described as one of the most beautiful Caribbean islands, with one of the most diverse and stable economies. Tourism is an important part of the economy as well as agriculture, offshore finance, and manufacturing. The majority of St. Lucia's 163,000 citizens would claim to be Christian; however, the veneer of religion without true faith is a widespread problem. Historic churches are suffering from severe decline. Christianity is a decreasing influence on society, and increasing materialism undermines spiritual life. A staggering 86 percent of all children are born out of wedlock, and 45 percent of all households are led by single mothers.

Pray for:

- The spiritual and moral transformation of St. Lucian society;
- Unity in all churches on the island;
- The effective use of a new Creole version of the New Testament;
- The witness of Christian ministries that work with schools of St. Lucia.

Canadian Pastor Sentenced in North Korea (2)

North Korea's highest court has sentenced a Canadian pastor to a lifetime of hard labor after convicting him of crimes against the state. Hyeon Soo Lim, pastor of the Light Korean Presbyterian Church in Toronto, was accused of harming the dignity of the supreme leadership, trying to use religion to destroy the North Korean system, disseminating negative propaganda to Koreans overseas, and helping US and South Korean authorities lure and abduct North Korean citizens, along with aiding their programs to assist defectors. Lim, 60, has been in detention since February 2015, when he was arrested during a trip to visit some of the humanitarian projects he supports, including a nursing home, a nursery, and an orphanage. Lim is the latest in a long line of foreign nationals arrested and in some cases given harsh prison sentences in North Korea.

ACLU Sues Christian Hospitals over Abortions (3)

The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF) has volunteered to defend Trinity Health after the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) sued the Catholic hospital system in October for their refusal to perform abortions. ADF attorneys representing several pro-life, pro-women organizations asked a federal court to allow the

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groups to intervene in Trinity Health's defense. The ACLU lawsuit asks the court to force the hospital system and its staff to perform abortions regardless of their religious beliefs. "Patients should always have the freedom to choose a health care facility that respects life and to choose doctors who do not commit abortions," stated ADF senior legal counsel Matt Bowman.

Chinese Students Face Punishment for Prayer Group ⁽⁴⁾

Five college students in China's eastern Shandong province face expulsion after holding a private prayer meeting. Someone used a cell phone to photograph the five students while they prayed and turned the photos over to the police. The Shandong Provincial Department of Education issued a document claiming that the school must expel any students gathering for religious activities in groups of three or more. The education system in China is often a source of pressure for both students and teachers,

who are frequently punished for any public form of religious expression.

High School Football Coach Stands Up for Faith ⁽³⁾

A Washington high school football coach, who was suspended last fall for refusing to stop praying on the 50-yard line after football games, is fighting for his religious freedom rights. Joe Kennedy, an assistant football coach at a high school in Bremerton, Washington, filed a discrimination complaint against the school district, pointing out that he was punished for praying on the field while a Buddhist coach was not punished for chanting to Buddha. "[Bremerton School District] violated my rights to free exercise of religion and free speech by prohibiting my private religious expression and taking adverse employment action against me on the basis of my religion," Kennedy wrote in his complaint.

When asked why he chose to stand up for his faith, Coach Kennedy replied, "It largely



This month you can... Reflect on Whitefield's Wisdom

In an age when whatever is at the top our news feeds takes precedence, it can be easy to forget and discount the foundations upon which our current practices were built, even within the church. There have been many great leaders throughout church history, but few preachers were as influential to the Western church as George Whitefield. One of the founders of Methodism, Whitefield helped spread the Great Awakening in Britain and across America

in the mid-1700s. Here are some Whitefield quotes we can live by:

On causing offense: "It is a poor sermon that gives no offense; that neither makes the hearer displeased with himself nor with the preacher."

On facing opposition: "If you are going to walk with Jesus Christ, you are going to be opposed. . . . In our days, to be a true Christian is really to become a scandal."

On reliance on God: "What! Get to heaven on your own

strength? Why, you might as well try to climb to the moon on a rope of sand!"

On care for others: "For, if we have not charity, we are not Christians: charity is the great duty of Christians."

On endurance: "Press forward. Do not stop, do not linger in your journey, but strive for the mark set before you. Fight the good fight of faith, and God will give you spiritual mercies."



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has to do with me being a Marine and a veteran—fighting for the constitutional rights of all Americans. I still believe in America being home of the free and the brave. I haven't seen that lately. We constantly back down because someone could be offended. But that's not the American way. We talk about practicing tolerance and acceptance and diversity yet we are not living up to that. As an American, I can't sit by and let that happen."



Christian-Populated Slums in Pakistan Targeted (5)

The Pakistani government is cracking down on slums in Islamabad over concerns that the Christian population could overtake the Muslim majority. Bruce Allen of Forgotten Missionaries International said, "In Islamabad, there are about 80,000 Christians in these different settlements. There have been groups calling for the eviction of these Christians. Most people living in these areas are Christians and Afghan refugees." Allen went on to explain that "81 percent of Christians across Pakistan do not own their own homes, forcing them to rent and [be] relegated to Christian slums or ghettos."

Pakistan's Central Development Authority made its decision regarding the slums around the capital in 2014. Allen confirmed, "As per military action plan, all illegal unauthorized colonies will be demolished with 30-days notification." He specifically pointed to

one Christian colony that is considered illegal despite being on land allotted to local Christian people years ago.

The US Commission for International Religious Freedom noted in this year's report that Pakistan represented "one of the worst situations in the world for religious freedom" and again recommended that it be designated a "country of particular concern."

Two Sudanese Pastors Arrested (6)

Authorities from Sudan's National Intelligence and Security Services (NISS) arrested two leaders of the Sudan Church of Christ (SCOC). Family members and church officials were given no reason for the arrest of the pastors, who have objected to government demolition of SCOC worship buildings. Their whereabouts were also unknown.

Both church leaders are from the Nuba Mountain region of South Kordofan state. Ethnic Nuba, along with Christians, face discrimination in Sudan, where President Omar al-Bashir has vowed to adopt a stricter version of *sharia* (Islamic law) and recognize only Islamic culture and the Arabic

language. Christians in Sudan are asking the international community and churches around the world to urge the Sudanese government to release the church leaders.

Pastors in Nigeria Kidnapped (7)

Two Nigerian pastors have been abducted recently in Kogi state, as kidnapping cartels that have plagued the central state the past three years directed their aim at Christian leaders.

In a departure from numerous kidnappings of high-profile business and government leaders, gunmen abducted David Onubedo, pastor of Deeper Life Bible Church, after a Bible study. In the same state, US missionary Phyllis Sortor was kidnapped and eventually released.

Onubedo's captors are reported to have contacted the leadership of the church to demand 50 million naira (US \$249,000) for his release.

In the capital of Kogi state, gunmen kidnapped pastor Ayo Raphael during a worship service of the Redeemed Christian Church of God. Masked gunmen disrupted the service and took the pastor away at gunpoint. "The gunmen attacked the church while Pastor Ayo was preaching," a member said. "They ordered us to lie down and close our eyes as they shot into the air and dragged our pastor away." The kidnapers of the Pentecostal pastor are also demanding 50 million naira for his release.

In the Niger Delta region of southern Nigeria, gunmen shot and wounded a pastor during an Anglican church service in the course of kidnapping a member of the congregation.

Organized crime syndicates carried out numerous kidnappings in oil-rich Bayelsa state

in 2015, where widespread poverty is a stark backdrop to well-off people involved in drilling and other oil-production activities. Many kidnappings are aimed at those in the industry.

Texas Minister Opens Food Truck for Homeless (3)

Allen Lutes, an associate minister at Arlington Heights United Methodist Church in Fort Worth, Texas, helped start a new ministry called the "Five and Two Food Truck." It was named after the Bible story of the five loaves and two fish feeding 5,000.

Twice a month, Lutes, a former restaurant owner and personal chef, takes the converted Chevy plumbing truck to a homeless shelter in Fort Worth. "My mind-set is to prepare something healthy and different," said Lutes. "And to make it taste good so that people will remember the meal and hopefully the conversation."

In its first four months of operation, the food truck served about 2,500 people. All the food is free to families living in the shelter. The ministry is funded through the church and a few small grants. "Breaking bread is one of the most intimate things you can do with somebody," said Lutes. "Why wait for people to come to us when we can go to them?"

Churches in St. Paul, San Antonio, and other cities have begun their own food-truck ministries as well.

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

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

COLOSSIANS 4:2