



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 ~
May 1, 2016
"GRADUATION SUNDAY!"

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Recognition of Graduates
Praise & Worship
Special Music*
Scripture Reading

I John 2:1-6

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Jesus Christ, My Defender!"

(Part 3 of a Series in I John, "Genuine or Counterfeit?")

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: Alicia Yale & Madison Sutliff

Walkers: Delphina & Shanna Tahy

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Nate & Moriah Yale

Walkers: Dakota Ford & Sierra Tahy

LATER TODAY...

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 worshipping 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

ARE YOU INTERESTED in being baptized? A baptismal service is being planned for Sunday, May 22. A required (if you are planning to be baptized) class will be held on May 15, 4 PM - 5 PM, in the Sanctuary.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN 4% on your money? You CAN, by loaning money to the church via a "Promissory Note" to help us pay off our bank loan! A brief "Q & A" meeting about this will be held in the Café 10 minutes after the morning worship service.



A list of May 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!

OUR THANKS to all who came to yesterday's All-Church Work Day! LOTS of work was done, and the church and grounds look great!



LADIES' TEA!
MAY 7, 11 AM
SIGN UP TODAY!
- OPEN TO GIRLS OF ALL AGES! -
(See insert)



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

We are praying for you!

High School Graduates:

Marissa Baca (Miyamura High)

Hannah John (Miyamura High)

Josiah Cody (Rehoboth)

Michelle Rascon (Gallup High)

Monique Hammitt (Miyamura High)

Jose Silva (Rehoboth)

College / Grad School Graduates

Aaron Chavez (NMSU; May; Masters in Power Engineering)

Allison Johnson (UNM; Dec. '15; B.A. in English)

Holly Knox (UNM; May; Associates Degree)

Bethany Viekman (UNM; Dec. '15; Bachelor of Music Education)

This Week in Church History...

On May 3, 1850, sixteen-year-old Charles H. Spurgeon made his public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, in the Artillery Street Primitive Methodist Chapel, in Colchester, England. The following year, he began a preaching career that did not end until his death in 1892.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"God is too great to be knocked off course by the malpractice of wicked men.

~ J. A. Motyer



PRAISE & PETITION

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy name give glory because of Thy loving-kindness, because of Thy truth.”

~ Psalm 115:1

Praise the Lord for:

1. Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Lord, Rock, Fortress. We believers are complete in Him (Col. 2:10). Praise God for salvation in Christ!
2. All of our graduates, who have worked so hard to get to this point!
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 wonderful Church Work Day yesterday!
7. A Christ-honoring quarterly Business Meeting last Sunday afternoon!
8. Glen Shell home from the hospital!

Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus and the things that count for eternity; a deeper desire to share the Gospel, worship, pray, and read/study the Bible.
2. All our graduates: for God's leading and provision in their lives.
3. The staff at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch, as they prepare for Summer camp.
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.); Gordan Peywa (Val's husband; kidney difficulties); Glen Shell (recuperating)
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); Jared Payton (San Antonio, Texas)
6. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“Jesus Christ, My Defender!”

**(Part 3 of a Series in I John, “Genuine or Counterfeit?”)
I John 2:1-6**

If you have ever needed a lawyer, and you were able to afford one, you also know how wonderful it was to have one! It is even more wonderful to know that when we sin, we have a defender named, “Jesus”! Let’s see what the Apostle John has to say about all of this!

1. When We Sin

2. Genuine or Counterfeit

3. Walking the Talk

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, May 2

7:00 PM

Life Group at the Luginbuhls'; study in Hebrews

Tuesday, May 3

9:30 AM

Ladies' Bible Study (Nursery available for the young ones.)

5:00 PM

Handbell Choir Rehearsal

6:30 PM

Faith Bible Institute Class

Wednesday, May 4

6:30 PM

AWANA ("Grand Finale (Awards) Night!")

Thursday, May 5

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Saturday, May 7

8 AM - 9 AM

Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant (801 W. Hwy. 66)

11:00 AM

Ladies' Tea (see insert)

Sunday, May 8

MOTHER'S DAY

COMING SOON:

May 15

Baptismal Class (Sanctuary; 4 PM - 5 PM)

May 22

Baptism During AM Worship Service

May 29

Baby Shower for Sarabeth Hill (2 PM)

June 4

Bridal Shower for Bethany Glasco (Aaron Chavez's fiancée)



Come Join us for the Ladies Tea on Saturday, May 7th at 11 am. Women, youth and girls of all ages are welcome!

The Ladies Tea is a wonderful time of fellowship for women of all ages. This Royal-tea will be held the day before mother's day so bring your mom, your daughter, your sister and take part in this fun afternoon tea party.

There is no cost for this tea but we do need your help:
FOOD

We need ladies to sign up to bring finger foods, fruits and veggies or sweets to share. (please bring 2 small trays as there will be 2 separate food lines)

TABLES

We also need ladies to sign up to decorate a table. This includes plates, glasses, tea cups, silverware etc. If you decorate a table, you do not need to bring food.

Daughters
of the KING

If you have an extra tea pot you are willing to let us borrow for the event or if you are interested in helping decorate for the event, please see one of the deaconesses.

A table will be set up in the lobby with additional information and sign up sheets.

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

May 2016



Country in Focus: Burkina Faso (1)

Burkina Faso is a landlocked country of the Sahel—the area of Africa between the Sahara Desert and the Sudanian Savanna.

Prone to droughts and famines, it is one of the world's poorest countries, and 90 percent of the population relies on subsistence agriculture. An estimated 3 million citizens have left the country to find work in neighboring lands. The country gained independence from France in 1960 and has since suffered through numerous coups. There are at least 27 unreached people groups in Burkina Faso—more than half are identified as Muslim. It is said that the country is “50 percent Muslim, 20 percent Christian, and 100 percent animist.” However, there is a strong Christian element in society—more than 1.5 million believers in a population of 20 million.

Pray for:

- Unity among the various denominations of Christian churches;
- New leaders to be trained and to return to areas that have no Christian witness;
- The growing AIDS crisis to be addressed by political and spiritual leaders;
- Missionaries who serve in Burkina Faso.

Burkina Faso Dead Include Seven Mission Workers (1)

Six of 29 people who were killed by Islamist militants in Burkina Faso in January were on a humanitarian trip prompted by their Christian faith. A seventh was a US missionary who, with his wife, had been running an orphanage and women's refuge in the West African country since 2011. The dead also included four Canadians from the same family who were visiting over their Christmas break to do aid work in schools and orphanages.

Al Qaeda in the Islamic Maghreb (AQIM) said the jihadist group al Mourabitoun was behind the attacks on two hotels and a café, which were frequented by UN staff and aid workers. AQIM is based in the Sahara Desert between Mali, Niger, and Algeria and has attacked West African countries, but this was the first time the group targeted Burkina Faso.

Atheist Group Demands Removal of Hotel Room Bibles (2)

The Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF) has launched a new campaign to remove Bibles from hotel rooms. The atheist organization says the Bibles should be replaced with Charles Darwin's *On the Origin of Species*.

The FFRF sent letters to Wyndham Worldwide,

Intercontinental Hotel Groups (Holiday Inn), Choice Hotels International (Quality Inn), Hilton Worldwide, G6 Hospitality (Motel 6), Marriott International, Best Western, Carlson Rezidor Hotel Group (Radisson, Carlson, Country Inn), and Starwood Hotels and Resorts (Sheraton) to make the demands. In the letters, the group claimed that Bible provider Gideons International was “exploiting hotels and motels to proselytize a captive audience.”

Travelodge changed its policy in 2007 to keep copies of the Bible at the reception desk instead of in individual rooms. Guests can request to borrow a copy if they wish. The policy change was made to avoid discrimination against other religions.

Iran to Turn Tehran Church into Mosque ⁽³⁾

Authorities in Tehran are planning to transform illegally seized church grounds into an Islamic prayer center. The land belonging to the Iranian Assyrian community's Chaldean Catholic Church in Tehran was illegally confiscated two years ago for the purpose of constructing an Islamic prayer hall, and the authorities have refused to hand it back.

Complaints about the confiscation of the church grounds have fallen on deaf ears

despite repeated pleas by representatives of the Christian minority. Under the banner of Shiite Islam, the ruling clerics have systematically suppressed people of different faiths and even denied the minority Sunni Muslim population their basic rights.

Study Predicts Islam Will Surpass Christianity

A recent study from the Pew Research Center predicts that Islam will eclipse Christianity as the world's most dominant religion. Christianity currently ranks as the world's largest religion, making up one-third of the population. New research suggests that Christianity's dominance may come to an end before the century is over.

Islam's high growth rate is directly correlated with the Muslim population's high reproduction rate. The study reveals that between 2010 and 2050, the world's total population is expected to rise to 9.3 billion, which is a 35 percent increase. Over that same period, Muslims, a comparatively youthful population with high fertility rates, are projected to increase by 73 percent. That means by 2050 the number of Muslims in the world will almost equal the number of Christians, and by 2070 Muslims will outnumber Christians.



This month you can...
Use couponing to help those in need

Hannah Steinberg never lets a good deal go to waste. The 20-year-old Tufts University student became obsessed with the reality show *Extreme Couponing* in high school, and ever since she has used her couponing skills to help those in need. Steinberg's organization, Our

Coupons Care, turns every dollar it receives into five dollars' worth of food and so far has donated more than \$100,000 in canned goods, toys, school supplies, electronics, and household items to homeless shelters and hospitals. "This has become something so much bigger than I would've

imagined," she said. "What I'm doing is very simple." The organization's website includes the tag line "Making the world better, one coupon at a time." For more on Hannah's story or to find out how you can help, visit www.ourcouponscare.com.



Church Around the **WORLD**

Americans Conflicted on Sports Gambling ⁽²⁾

While most Americans say wagering on sports isn't morally wrong, nearly half think it should be illegal anyway, a newly released study shows. LifeWay Research found widespread belief that sports gambling is morally acceptable. Opposition runs highest among religious Americans. Nearly 6 in 10 with evangelical beliefs (58 percent) say sports betting should not be legalized throughout the country, and 57 percent believe daily fantasy sports should be illegal.

On the question of morality, however, even religious Americans take a softer stance. Only 36 percent of Christians believe betting on sports is morally wrong, the survey shows. Those with evangelical beliefs and those who frequently attend religious services are the most likely to have qualms, but fewer than half (47 percent) of those groups say sports wagers are morally wrong.

Guizhou Officials Arrest House Church Pastor ⁽⁴⁾

After serving one criminal-detention and two administrative-detention sentences, the pastor of a house church in China's southern Guizhou province was formally arrested on suspicion of "divulging state secrets." Li Guozhi, pastor of Huoshi Church, which the government has been targeting, was detained twice consecutively for a total of 10 days.

Following another accusation that Huoshi Church had been using its venue to hold religious activities while it was not authorized to do so, officials imposed fines. A pastor at the church reported that he had applied for an administrative reconsideration, saying, "Otherwise, we don't have the money to pay the fine."

2015 "Worst Year" for Christian Persecution

With North Korea leading the way and Islamic extremism rapidly expanding, 2015 was the "worst year in modern history for Christian persecution," according to a group tracking this issue. For the 14th consecutive year, North Korea topped Open Doors' World Watch List, a ranking of the top 50 most dangerous



places in the world to be a Christian, with Iraq taking second place. Iraq is the first of 35 countries on the list where Islamic extremism "has risen to a level akin to ethnic cleansing," said the report. Eritrea, Afghanistan, Syria, Pakistan, Somalia, Sudan, Iran, and Libya

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made up the rest of the top ten. Saudi Arabia, where a Shiite cleric was recently executed and bloggers have been sentenced to lashings for suggesting changes to the practice of Islam, came in at number 14.

More than 7,100 Christians were killed for faith-related reasons last year, and 2,400 churches were destroyed or damaged, said Open Doors president David Curry. According to Curry, it's vital to track such persecution not only on behalf of its victims but also in order to recognize growing threats to global peace and security. "The persecution of Christians is a lead indicator of when countries are beginning to tip into chaos," he said.

The nonprofit organization Open Doors has focused on concern for persecuted Christians since 1955.

London Bishop Urges Vicars to Grow Beards (5)

A senior bishop in the Church of England has blessed the idea that vicars, or parish priests, should grow beards as a way of reaching out to the country's fast-growing Muslim community. The bishop of London, Richard Chartres, said that two Anglican vicars, Adam Atkinson and Chris Rogers, should be commended for growing full beards—the types often seen on the faces of Orthodox rabbis and devout Muslim men.

There are more than 607,000 Muslims in the London area and an estimated 2.8 million in the UK. Tower Hamlets, a London neighborhood where the two vicars live and work, has the highest proportion of Muslims in England and Wales, many of them immigrants from Bangladesh, Pakistan, Afghanistan, and India.

Kenyans Protest New Rules (6)

A government plan to regulate religious groups is shaping into a bitter fight, with Christian and Muslim leaders protesting that the plan tramples religious freedom. The government published a set of rules that requires religious leaders to have theological degrees and religious groups to submit a statement of faith. The rules came amid concerns that some pastors were fleeing followers and some mosques were becoming centers of radicalization. Roman Catholic bishops expressed shock at the rules, saying that if implemented, they would impede the work of evangelization.

At a meeting in Nairobi attended by at least 1,000 pastors, Bishop Mark Kariuki, chairman of the Evangelical Alliance of Kenya, said the rules were a form of persecution. "Requiring pastors to obtain a theological degree is presupposing that all ministers of the gospel are learned," he said. "There are some who are called and yet do not have the benefit of formal education."

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

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them.

1 TIMOTHY 2:1