



*Our
salvation
is nearer
now
than
when we
first
believed.*

Romans 13:11

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 ~
June 5, 2016

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Recognition of Men & Women in the Armed Forces

Praise & Worship

Special Music*

Scripture Reading

Jeremiah

Message

Steve Yoder

"Broken Cisterns"

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: Daisy Brown and Tiffany Plummer

Walkers: Tyler McKennon and Chevelle Walker

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Carrie Ruthven and Dakota Harvey

Walkers: Andrea Butler and Sam Yale

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time (across from Pastor John's office)

6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12) meets

6:00 PM Edge Group (ages 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



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

A LIST of June Birthdays and anniversaries of GBC regular-attenders and missionaries is on the kitchen door. Please make legible additions/corrections right on the list. Thank you!

PASTOR JOHN is on sabbatical this month. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Steve or one of our Elders.



CAMP STARTS TOMORROW! Summer camp at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch! Eight weeks to choose from beginning June 6! Bright yellow information/registration forms are at the Welcome Desk. Why not go to camp this Summer? You'll be glad you did!

We have a number of jackets/sweatshirts that have been left on our coat rack for several months. Would you please check to see if any of them belong to you? Thank you! On June 20, we will be donating the coats left on the rack to Good Will.

This Week in Church History...

On June 6, 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) was founded in London, England, by George Williams. (The first American branch was founded seven years later, 1851, in Boston.) Originally, the Y.M.C.A. was a lay, interdenominational Protestant organization that sought to win young men to Christ while developing their powers of body, mind, and spirit.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"The person who is unconcerned about those who are perishing may well wonder whether he is a Christian"

~ William Hendricks



PRAISE & PETITION

“I will call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from any enemies.”

~ Psalm 18:3

Praise the Lord for:

1. His being a perfect and wonderful Father to us!
2. The wonderful gift of salvation through Jesus Christ for all who trust Him.
3. The summer season, with all of its opportunities for traveling and witnessing.
4. The freedoms we have in this great country of ours! Let's pray for our nation!
5. The Body of Christ, with all its diversity!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a heart for the lost! More desire to share the gospel!
2. All our moms, dads, families, as they strive to take a stand for Jesus Christ.
3. The staff at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch, as they prepare to begin week #1 of the camping season tomorrow afternoon.
4. Pastor Steve, as he speaks all week at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch! And, our young people, as they serve there all week.
5. Ginny Wilson (Amber Chisamore's mother) - cancer; Lenore Chavez (disc problem); Robert Chavez (eye difficulties); Ruth Douglas (recovering from surgery); Eliza Jonkman (Schells' baby granddaughter); Gordan Peywa (Val's husband; kidney difficulties); Glen Shell (recuperating); Oliver Boucher (Burrolas' baby grandson); Jeremy Richardson (health issues)
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); Jared Payton (Tucson, AZ)
7. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, June 6

7:00 PM

No Life Group

[Life Group at the Luginbuhls' resumes 7/11]

Sunday, June 12

During AM Worship Missionary Jolene Hurley with us!



significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

June 2016



Country in Focus: Belarus (1)

Belarus, a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, is known for its Stalinist architecture, grand fortifications, and primeval forests. Following the breakup of the Soviet Union, market reforms and privatization of industry have moved at a snail's pace in Belarus. The nation is heavily dependent on its primary trading partner and ally, Russia. Belarus is still being impacted by economic and health consequences of the 1986 Chernobyl nuclear disaster. Although the constitution allows freedom of religion, nonregistration of religious congregations is illegal and registration is a tedious, expensive, and occasionally impossible process.

Pray for:

- Growth of the local church, which is occurring despite state hostility and official persecution;
- Foreign missionaries and aid workers who are being forced out by the government's refusal to reissue passports and visas;
- Christian literature and study materials to become more available and widespread.

Belarusian Bible Planned (1)

In Belarus, Doctor of Theology Irina Dubenetsky has announced a new initiative to translate the Bible into the Belarusian language. "Belarus is the only country in Europe that does not have the original translation of the Scriptures into the nation's language," Dubenetsky said. She noted that a group of enthusiasts started the project.

The first complete translation of the Bible into modern Belarusian language came in 2002, but it was a translation from the Church Slavonic language rather than from the original texts. Belarusian translators and scholars from the Czech Republic, USA, Great Britain, Poland, Austria, and Belarus are already working together and plan to complete the new translation in 2017.

Pastors in Nigeria Kidnapped (2)

Two Nigerian pastors have been abducted in Kogi state as kidnapping cartels that have plagued the central state for the past three years direct their aim at Christian leaders. This marks a departure from numerous kidnappings of high-profile business and government leaders since 2013. In one kidnapping, masked gunmen disrupted a church service and took the pastor away at gunpoint. The abductors have asked \$250,000 in ransom for each pastor.

Turkey's Protestants "Anxious and Distressed" ⁽³⁾

After a year filled with repeated threats and attacks against Protestant churches and their leaders in Turkey, the leader of the tiny Christian community has admitted that they remain "anxious and distressed." Pastor Ihsan Ozbek of the Association of Protestant Churches named two major obstacles to his community's quest for true religious freedom: the Turkish judiciary's failure to respond to their members' security concerns and the government's exclusion of Protestants from the state's protocol dialogue with other religious minorities.

Even though freedom of religion and belief is secured under national and international laws and the constitutional authority in Turkey, serious obstacles still violate the basic rights of the nation's 6,000 to 7,000 Protestants—about 80 percent of them citizens of Muslim background. Of particular concern are reports of recurring

hate crimes, physical attacks, and "serious and widespread threats" against Turkey's Protestant Christians during the past year.

Nepal's New Constitution Bans Conversions ⁽⁴⁾

Bowing to pressure from Hindu groups, the Nepalese congress has banned any acts leading to conversions from one religion to another in the country's new constitution. The constitution also prohibits acts that undermine or jeopardize the religion of another. At the same time, the congress declared the nation to be secular and neutral toward all religions.

The change concerns Christian missionaries in the region who reportedly have seen greater openness to the gospel than ever before, especially following the April 2015 earthquake that killed 8,000 people. "Christianity is increasing rapidly. Doing outreaches is easier than before," said Nepalese pastor Sanjay Tripathi. "We are seeing souls getting saved. Living for Christ too. [The] majority of



This month you can...

Help Your College-Bound Student Develop a Christian Worldview

Many high school students are getting ready to head off to college in the fall. What is one thing parents can do to prepare them? Help them develop a Christian worldview—a system of beliefs about the world and ourselves that influences the way we live. What system of beliefs does your child embrace, and does that system influence everything, including his or her intellect?

College campuses are hotbeds for a multitude of worldviews—which does not

necessarily mean there is an openness to the variety of ideas. Academic and religious prejudice are very much alive, and students should be prepared for that reality. They need to realize that many of their professors at secular colleges and universities will be naturalists who leave God out of everything and may have contempt toward those who think otherwise.

So how can students develop a strong Christian worldview? Probe Ministries (www.probe.org) has devel-

oped a series of questions that can help determine your child's worldview. For over 40 years, Probe Ministries has been answering apologetics questions, addressing current issues, and building confident ambassadors for the Kingdom. Check out their resources to better equip your son or daughter to handle the tough questions they will face at college. If you can encourage your students to consider such questions, they will be much more secure in the college environment.



people have heard the Good News of Christ. God is moving for our nation.”

Tripathi said until now, the greatest barriers to Christianity have not been presented by the authorities, who voted against declaring Nepal a Hindu nation despite protests by radical Hindus, but by families. “To come to Christ, I had to leave my family,” Pastor Tripathi said. “They don’t accept me. Nor my old friends.”

California Pregnancy Centers Ordered to Provide Abortion Info ⁽⁵⁾

A federal judge refused to grant a preliminary injunction against a California law that forces pro-life pregnancy centers to give information about abortion, even when the centers exist to offer abortion alternatives. The state currently has 150 centers affected by the law; 115 centers are represented in a lawsuit by the National Institute of Family and Life Advocates. Judge John A. Houston refused to put the law on hold while the lawsuit proceeds, becoming the third federal judge to do so. He indicated during the hearing that he believed the required information was necessary for women to make “an informed decision.”

California’s “Reproductive Fact Act” requires licensed religious pregnancy-resource centers to inform women, with either posted signage or a handout, that the state offers free

abortions. The law specifies the inclusion of a phone number for a county social services office that offers free abortions and mandates the time of distribution and the font size for the signs and handouts. It also requires unlicensed centers to inform visitors that they are not state approved.

Ohio Bible Clubs Suspended after Atheist Group Complains ⁽⁵⁾

Bible study clubs at two schools in Ohio have been suspended following a complaint made by a Wisconsin-based atheist group. The schools in Fairfield County have temporarily suspended their Bible clubs in response to a complaint letter sent by the Freedom From Religion Foundation (FFRF).

The foundation sent letters to four school districts regarding Bible studies held in eight high schools, junior high schools, and middle schools before class or on lunch breaks. “Such groups violate protections of separation of church and state if they are led or regularly attended by local pastors,” said Ryan Jayne, a legal fellow at the FFRF.

Youth pastor Aaron Green of Faith Memorial Church in Lancaster, Ohio, said that the pastors and the school administrators “have always had an extraordinarily great working relationship, one that has helped these groups to thrive and to be encouraged in a special way during the school day. I am

not aware of any school administrator that is not supportive of these groups as well. However, most school districts have asked that youth leaders and volunteers attend less often and only speak at the specific request of the students.”

Southern Baptists Cut Nearly 1,000 Missionaries ⁽⁵⁾

Six months after announcing plans to cut 600 to 800 missionaries and staff in order to balance its budget, the International Mission Board (IMB) of the Southern Baptist Convention (SBC) revealed that it has lost 1,132 workers—almost twice as many as its low-end estimate. In all, 983 missionaries and 149 US staff have accepted the IMB’s offer of voluntary early retirement or resignation. That brings the number of SBC missionaries in the field down from 4,700 to about 3,800—a return to 1993 levels.

“IMB is now in a much healthier financial position,” said president David Platt, announcing a balanced 2017 budget during recent IMB meetings. Giving from churches is also up, he said. But Platt explained that with dwindling reserves—the IMB now has enough cash for only two more years at its current rate of spending—expenses needed to be cut.

Pastor of China’s Largest Church Jailed ⁽⁶⁾

Until recently, Gu Yue-se was the senior pastor at China’s largest government-approved Protestant church. In addition to his responsibilities at the Communist nation’s

first megachurch—the 10,000-member Chongyi Church—Gu also held a leadership role in China’s state-approved denomination, the Three-Self Patriotic Movement (TSPM).

But Gu’s most visible move occurred in 2014 when he publicly opposed a government-sponsored cross-demolition project, which has removed thousands of crosses in an area of Zhejiang province known as “China’s Jerusalem.”

In January, the TSPM and China Christian Council forcibly removed Gu from Chongyi Church, saying the change was necessary to “move one step closer towards the proper self-construction and management of church locations . . . and sort out the interpersonal relationship between the province and the two municipal [Christian] organizations.”

Ten days later, Gu was taken into custody and sent to a “black jail,” a detention facility that falls outside of the country’s established penal system. The following day, the Chinese government confirmed that Gu was undergoing a criminal investigation.

Gu’s wife, Zhou Lian Mei, has also been taken into police custody, family members said. Following Gu’s dismissal, the couple asked their former congregation to pray for them, hinting at conflict at the church.

In addition to taking down church crosses, Chinese authorities have also gone after those who campaigned to keep them. From July to September 2015, China detained or arrested more than 250 attorneys, pastors, and human rights activists for protesting the cross removals.

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PSALM 65:5

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