

*If we love
one another,*



lives in us ...

1 John 4:12

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 ~
August 7, 2016

WELCOME

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

What God Did in Michigan!

Francine Salazar

Praise & Worship

Special Music

Scripture Reading

I John 3:13-18

Message

John Luginbuhl

"True Love!"

(Part 12 of a Series in I John, "Genuine or Counterfeit?")

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: Autumn Peralto & Liz Helf

Walkers: Tyler McKennon & Zach Yale

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Erica Hamilton & Sam Yale

Walkers: Angela O'bourke & Anjelika Vasquez

LATER TODAY...

3:00 PM Edge Group (ages 18-25) Cookout at Wheatfields Lake. Meet at church

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

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

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



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.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES are extended to Al & EJ Charles on the August 2 homegoing of Al's mother in Washington Boro, PA. A memorial service will be held later this week in PA. Please pray for Al & EJ and family during these days.



A LIST of August 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!

LADIES: There is a box for your prayer requests in the corner of the Foyer (opposite side from Welcome Desk). The Deaconesses will pray for your prayer requests.



PLEASE RETURN your filled-up baby bottle bank for the Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center to the box in the foyer by Sunday, August 14. Thank you!



AWANA resumes September 7! We need more leaders! Can you help? Please pray about this! If you can help, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!
August 24 AWANA Directors' Meeting, 6 PM (Café)
August 28 AWANA Staff Potluck & Meeting

PRE-REGISTER your child/children for AWANA at the table in the foyer!

FBI (Faith Bible Institute) classes start August 16, 2016, promptly at 6:30 PM in the Adult Sunday School classroom (off the gym). The first two classes are open to anyone interested in knowing more about the class and interested in joining. No obligation and no cost to come for the first two classes, then decide if you want to join. Payment can be made on class one or two for a new student. A GREAT way to study God's Word in a systematic way! For more information contact Bernie or Connie Comer. Phone: 722-7010.

Today in Church History...

On August 12, 1952, American missionary and Auca Indian martyr Jim Elliot recorded this prayer in his journal: "I must come to be aware of Satan. He may never get me into hell, but he may cause God shame in defeating me. Preserve me from the lion, Lord. Let him not swallow me up."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

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

- William Hendrickson



PRAISE & PETITION

“The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe.”

~ Proverbs 18:10

Praise the Lord for:

1. The fact that He is our “tower” - our refuge! We are saved through Jesus Christ and are also “safe in Him!”
2. The wonderful gift of salvation - eternal life and forgiveness of sins - available to us through the Son of God, Jesus Christ!
3. The Holy Spirit of God, Who continues to conform us to the image of Jesus as we yield to Him.
4. The privilege of serving people and sharing the Gospel here in Gallup and around the world!
5. A Christ-honoring Business Meeting last Sunday!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More faith to trust in Him; more desire to pray!
2. Making our time here on earth count for Jesus Christ.
3. Enough laborers and a good “start-up” to our AWANA ministry (begins September 7); a Christ-honoring start-up for all our fall ministries.
4. Our teachers, students, and college students, as they begin school!
5. Al & EJ Charles and family, during this time of the homegoing of Al’s mother.
6. 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); Jeremy Richardson (brain tumor); Shirley Marshall (recuperating at Good Samaritan in Grants); Greta Lopez (shoulder)
7. 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)
8. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“True Love!”

(Part 12 of a Series in I John, “Genuine or Counterfeit?”) I John 3:13-18

Last Sunday we learned, from I John 3:10 & 11, that the eleventh “test” (found in I John) of genuine Christianity is whether or not we love our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. If we do *not* love our brothers and sisters in Christ, we are *not* a Christian, on our way to Heaven! The Apostle John continues this theme in our passage today.

1. Murder in Our Hearts (vss. 13-15)

2. True Love (vss. 16-18)

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, August 8

7:00 PM

Life Group at the Luginbuhls';
303 Cactus Road. DVD series: "Go Fish"

Tuesday, August 9

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

Thursday, August 11

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics



August 16

Elders' Meeting (6 PM)

August 16

Faith Bible Institute Class #1 for Fall Semester
(6:30 PM)

August 24

AWANA Directors' Meeting (Café; 6:30 PM)

August 28

AWANA Staff Potluck & Meeting

September 3

Men's Breakfast @ Don Diego's Restaurant
(8 AM - 9 AM)

September 5

All-Church Labor Day Picnic @ BABR

September 7

AWANA Begins for 2016-2017 School Year

September 11

"Praise & Celebration" Worship Service

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Family Time

Getaways and Gadgets

BY DR. PAUL WHITE

WHEN FAMILIES DISCUSS UNPLUGGING FROM TECHNOLOGY during vacation, the focus is usually on preteens and teenagers. But another family member frequently has trouble cutting technology ties—Dad.

When on vacation, many men struggle to disconnect from work. The challenge is real but not insurmountable. Here are some practical suggestions for dads who want to be more present with their families (and less with their workplaces) during vacation:

Set realistic goals. It may seem idyllic to turn off your cell phone and leave your computer at home for the whole vacation, but that may not be possible. However, minimizing your online availability, especially during important together times, is better than not setting any limits.

Define expectations. When you inform your co-workers that you will be on vacation, clarify your expectations—and theirs—about your availability. If you're going to have to be available occasionally, let them know when you'll check e-mails or return calls. Recommendation: once per day at the beginning or end of the day.

Hide the devices. When fighting daily habits, it's best to put temptation—your devices—*out of sight*. That way, you will be less likely to “just check” when you walk by and see them. Better yet, give your devices to someone else in the family to keep for you.

TOUGH
QUESTIONS
FROM KIDS

Is the
Internet bad?

Responding to Setbacks

Children learn by observing their parents. They learn skills and information about the world we live in. And they learn a lot about acceptable behavior from what their parents model for them.

As parents, do we have an encouraging, we-can-get-through-this attitude when life throws difficulties our way, or do we demonstrate an ongoing fear of the world? Whatever our responses, our kids are learning about how they should respond to their own setbacks. If we're always complaining about a difficult neighbor or car trouble or a ridiculous fee the bank stuck to our account, our kids will begin to believe that life's complications are worthy of excessive attention and emotion. Yes, we should talk and pray openly about these things, but we need to show our kids what resilient character looks like in difficult circumstances.



Of course, we also play a crucial role in helping our kids learn how to navigate their own trials. While it's often tempting to steer our kids away from all situations that include the possibility of heartbreak, that kind of shielding does nothing to prepare them for the future.

In *Raising Kingdom Kids*, Dr. Tony Evans encourages parents to take advantage of the opportunities to help kids through life's disappointments. He tells a story about a mom from his congregation whose daughter was devastated after she didn't make the final cut in her choir tryouts. The mother was also heartbroken at the thought of her daughter's crushed dreams. But a friend helped her see the bigger picture: "I'd much rather my children learn how to handle these tough life lessons in an affirmative environment of love . . . than never learn them at all until they become a young adult . . . [when] they may not know how to receive it."

Evans says that life's inevitable setbacks are a can't-miss opportunity for parents to help their kids face trials in the light of God's Word and with an understanding of His sovereignty. And, as Evans notes, if there is one thing that Scripture teaches us about pain and disappointment, it's that often "setbacks [are] simply setups for something better."

—Vance Fry

Love in Action

For a marriage to thrive, each spouse must invest time and effort nourishing the relationship. Ephesians 5:28-29 reminds us that a husband should care for his wife with the same intensity he nourishes his own body. To nourish is a behavior, so husbands must spend time every day doing things that help a wife feel loved.

Like the apostle John explains, “Let us not love with words or tongue but with actions” (1 John 3:18, NIV, emphasis added). Instead of only telling your wife that you love her, choose to love her with your *actions*. This means taking on a servant’s mind-set. Nourishing means seeking to put her needs before your own (Philippians 2:3-4).

Next, figure out which specific actions help your wife feel loved. Don’t make an educated guess or treat her the way you would like her to treat you. Don’t apply the Golden Rule here! Your guess may be different from what your wife actually needs or wants. The best way to do this is to have your wife complete this statement: “I feel loved when you . . .”

During each season of marriage, your wife will need something different, and those needs could change in an instant. Stay current on what she needs today.
—Dr. Greg Smalley

Special-Needs Siblings

The differences in my sons are extreme because my youngest has special needs. I wanted to help my older son better understand his brother, who is legally blind and has a low IQ and a limited ability to speak.

I blindfolded my older son and had him walk through our home. “This is what it feels like for Mark without his glasses.” I gave him a random list of words and asked him to build complete sentences. “This is how Mark feels when he tries to formulate thoughts and speak.” I sat him down to play a brand-new game but never told him the rules. “Mark feels a similar confusion and frustration all the time.”

These concrete experiences helped build compassion and empathy as our son tried on his brother’s challenges firsthand.

—Shannon Medisky



Family Matters

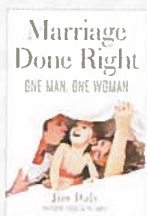
Answers to your questions . . .

What's the best piece of marriage advice you've ever received?

Answer:

The first “best piece of advice” came to me before Jean and I were married. We had enrolled in a premarital counseling program, a wise decision that I encourage all engaged couples to make. The instructor reminded us that for Christians, divorce is not an option. Or as a friend of mine would say, “When it comes to your marriage, there is no plan B.”

This advice saved our marriage when it was just getting started. One night, Jean revealed to me that she



was struggling with depression. She told me, “You deserve someone who is stronger than I am. You can do better than me.”

I vehemently disagreed, assuring her that I loved her and was committed to her for the rest of my life. “If you’re leaving me,” I told her, “I’m going with you.” I had made an ironclad commitment from the very beginning of our marriage that divorce was not an option.

The second “best piece of advice” has made a big difference in how I express my frustrations or challenges with Jean. “Whenever you’re in an argument,” a friend once told me, “imagine that Jesus is standing just over

your wife’s shoulder.” In other words, I know that anything I say to Jean, I’m also saying to the Lord. This adjustment radically changes my choice of words when working through a tough conversation. Am I addressing Jean with words of honor or am I being overly critical? Am I being respectful?

We often underestimate the effect our words can have, for good or ill, on our spouse. “Death and life are in the power of the tongue,” says Solomon, “and those who love it will eat its fruits” (Proverbs 18:21).

(Adapted from *Marriage Done Right* by Jim Daly. © 2016, Regnery Publishing. Available at FocusOnTheFamily.com/store.)

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Answer:

The Internet is just like other tools, such as hammers, books or phones—it can be used for both good and bad. Almost anything can be used this way, even things that are usually used for good. We need to do our part and use the Internet right—to the glory of God.

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