

Above all,

Love

each other deeply,
because
love covers over
a multitude of sins.

1 Peter 4:8

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 14, 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

I John 3:19-24

Message

John Luginbuhl

"The Importance of Loving Each Other!"

(Part 13 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: Erica Hamilton & Sam Yale

Walkers: Angela O'bourke & Anjelika Vasquez

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Carrie Ruthven & Dakotah Harvey

Walkers: Betsy Branson & Moriah Yale

LATER TODAY...

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

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

6:00 PM Edge Group (ages 18-25)

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



DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR COPY of the August issue of our "in-house" newsletter, "Grace Notes"? Copies are available at the Welcome Desk as well as various places throughout the church building. Check it out!

OUR THANKS to the ladies of our church who opened their homes and to those who brought food for the August 6 Progressive Dinner! Approximately 40 ladies attended. A great time was had by all!



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.



AFTER TODAY, PLEASE RETURN your filled-up baby bottle bank for the Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center to the Center (120 Boardman Dr., Gallup). 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 THIS TUESDAY, 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.

This Week in Church History...

On August 18, 1688, English Christian author John Bunyan preached his last sermon in London. Bunyan (b. 1628) Authored *Pilgrim's Progress* (1678), a Christian allegory that describes the journey of the man Christian from the City of Destruction to the Celestial City. Bunyan was imprisoned twelve years for unlicensed preaching. Bunyan died on August 31, three months before his 70th birthday and thirteen days after preaching his last sermon.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"If you don't want to trade with the Devil, stay out of his shops."

- Vance Havner



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. Who He is - the One, True, Living God, Who alone deserves the honor and glory!
2. His mercy, love, longsuffering, patience (but He will not wait forever for us to repent).
3. The salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ, by faith! What a blessing to KNOW that you're on your way to Heaven because of a personal faith in Jesus' finished work on Calvary!
4. His faithfulness in all circumstances!

Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus Christ and for the things and people He loves.
2. Enough laborers and a good “start-up” to our AWANA ministry (begins September 7); a Christ-honoring start-up for all our fall ministries.
3. Our teachers, students, and college students, as they begin school!
4. 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)
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 (Tucson, AZ)
6. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“The Importance of Loving Each Other!”

(Part 13 of a Series in I John, “Genuine or Counterfeit?”)
I John 3:19-24

We ended our study last Sunday morning by being reminded (3:18) that love is an *action*, not just “talk.” If we know of a need, and we are able to meet that need, we should do so... unless we are not a genuine Christian! It is in this context that the Apostle John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, lets us know that our love for each other is directly related to the depth of our relationship with Jesus Christ.

1. Assurance

2. Answers

3. Abiding

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, August 15

7:00 PM

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

Tuesday, August 16

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

6:00 PM

Elders' Meeting

6:30 PM

Faith Bible Institute Class #1 for Fall
Semester

Thursday, August 18

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics



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 4

Jessica Scarbro with us

September 5

All-Church Labor Day Picnic @ BABR

September 7

AWANA Begins for 2016-2017 School Year

September 11

"Praise & Celebration" Worship Service

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

August 2016



Angola



United States

Country in Focus: Angola ⁽¹⁾

Angola—a large, oil-rich state on the South Atlantic coast of Africa—is home to more than 24 million people.

Despite an abundance of natural resources, there is widespread poverty. The nation's infrastructure was devastated by nearly 30 years of civil war. During the conflict, more than 4 million people were displaced, over a million died, and much of the country lay in ruins. Angola's first president, who has been in office since 1979, vowed to eliminate Christianity in 20 years. However, since the war ended in 2002, religious freedom has been allowed, but there is still a strong government bias against any form of Christianity. Despite the war and suffering, between 1990 and 2010, the number of evangelicals in Angola quadrupled.

Pray for:

- Aid for many of the displaced people who fled to large cities that now lack basic services and sanitation;
- Christian leadership where only a fraction of churches have adequately trained pastors;
- The survival and health of children in Angola, where infant mortality is nearly 30 percent.

Study: Nearly All Americans Pray for Healing ⁽²⁾

A new study revealed that nine out of ten Americans have turned to God in prayer for personal healing or for the healing of loved ones. *Christian Today* reports that the study, conducted at Baylor University, revealed that many Americans believe prayer to be an important component of the healing process. "Outside of belief in God, there may be no more ubiquitous religious expression in the US than use of healing prayer," stated lead researcher of the study Jeff Levin.

"The most surprising finding is that more than a quarter of all Americans have practiced laying on of hands—and nearly one in five has done so on multiple occasions," Levin added. The study said that 75 percent of Americans have prayed for personal healing, with nearly a third reporting that they do this often. An even higher number—90 percent—say they have prayed for the healing of others, with more than half saying they often do so.

Attacks in Nigeria Highlight New Threat ⁽³⁾

Terrorists recently attacked four villages in northern Nigeria, destroying homes and killing villagers. Eyewitnesses say Fulani tribal fighters burned Christian residents alive, torched animals and houses, and destroyed farms. They estimate

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the attackers killed 44 villagers, but numbers are difficult to confirm because victims scattered to take refuge elsewhere.

Fulani terrorism is on the rise in northern Nigeria but has generated less attention than attacks by Boko Haram, the militant group that last year formally pledged allegiance to Islamic State. Boko Haram has been labeled the most deadly terrorist group in the world—responsible for the deaths of an estimated 11,000 Nigerians in 2015.

Boko Haram leaders have roots in West Africa's Kanuri Muslim population, while Fulani leaders hail from another leading West African faction, the Fula tribe, also largely Muslim. Nigerian president Muhammadu Buhari is Fulani, and upon his election last year observers believed he would quell Fulani violence. Instead, Fulani attacks have increased.

Federal Court Upholds Utah Polygamy Ban (2)

A federal court has upheld Utah's ban on polygamy, adding to the drama surrounding the TLC reality show *Sister Wives*. The 10th US Circuit Court of Appeals dismissed a lawsuit filed six years ago by Kody Brown and his four "wives" to challenge the Utah law and reinstated a statute that makes bigamy a third-degree felony. Kody Brown is legally married to Meri Brown but "spiritually married" to three other women. The Browns and their collective 17 children are members of the Apostolic United Brethren, a small sect of Mormonism that upholds the original doctrine of plural marriage. The Brown family plans to appeal the decision.

Salt Lake City is home to the Mormon church, which sanctioned polygamy until



This month you can... Help Christian Support Groups

According to studies by two Princeton economists, substance abuse is a direct cause of rising mortality rates among some sections of American society. Christian recovery groups and churches are critical to helping people overcome their alcohol and drug addictions. People who are in need are often open to spiritual things—and church-sponsored groups can help lead them to faith.

Ray Perea, CEO and facility director of Revival Recovery Services in California, says, "The church should have a role in helping people with any type of addiction. Depending on the congregation and their level of resources that help will

vary. Some churches are taking an active role in developing in-house assistance and counseling while others that are not funded for this type of activity are partnering with people in their congregation who have a heart and vision for this type of ministry."

Erik Epp of the 24-hour hotline Addiction No More says many who turn to Christian treatment centers have some background in Christianity. That's where groups like Perea's Revival come in.

"At the time of admittance they usually are disconnected to their faith and Savior. Their choice of drug has now, by default, become their God. Seeds have been planted and

our job is to water them," Perea said. "To guide them to a place of restoration and equipping them to step into the power of God that every believer in Jesus Christ has access to. Ushering them into a lasting experience of freedom in the innermost part of their being."

Consider researching the Christian support groups in your area to learn how your time or resources can help those trying to break the chains of addiction—or talk to your church leadership about whether your church could start such a group. And for more information on Revival's work, visit www.revivalrecovery.com.



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Utah sought statehood in 1890. But some breakaway groups still encourage the practice.

Muslim Man Intent on Killing Christian Family Converted

A Middle Eastern Muslim man who was intent on killing Christians has miraculously encountered Christ and become a Christian himself. Charisma News reports that Al-Rashid was the commander of a radical Islamic group that sought to bring all people and nations under Islamic rule. Al-Rashid was especially angered by a report of a former Muslim who had converted to Christianity, become a pastor, and begun spreading the gospel. Al-Rashid targeted Pastor Paul and his family, trying many times to kill them or force them to convert back to Islam. During an attempted nighttime ambush, he saw what appeared to be soldiers surrounding the family's house. Another time he tried to capture the family when the daughter was sick and being placed in an ambulance. Al-Rashid recounts, "I saw a ball of light [come] down from the sky and stand over the room where his daughter was lying unconscious." The pastor's daughter regained consciousness and stood up, healed.

After this vision, Al-Rashid turned to the Bible he kept in his house for the purpose of refuting Christians. He opened to John 1:9-10, which says, "The one who is the true light, who gives light to everyone, was coming into the world. He came into the very world he created,

but the world didn't recognize him." Al-Rashid understood that the passage was about Jesus. Soon after, he surrendered his life to Christ.

Al-Rashid now works with Bibles for Mideast, distributing God's Word to those who are just like he was. He also visited Pastor Paul, who embraced him as a Christian brother.

Eritrean Church Leaders Still in Jail 12 Years Later (4)



In 2002, the government of Eritrea, a small East African nation, outlawed worship outside of Islam or the Orthodox, Evangelical Lutheran, and Roman Catholic churches, driving all other Christian churches underground as they faced varying degrees of restrictions and attacks. Since then, thousands of Christians have been arrested and incarcerated without benefiting from the legal process. Among them are a number of prominent church leaders arrested in 2004 who remain incarcerated today.

Haile Naigzhi, leader of Eritrea's Full Gospel Church, was among those arrested in 2004. He was taken to a dungeon-like prison where

he still resides, alongside at least five other prominent church leaders. They have little hope of release anytime soon.

For years following Naigzhi's arrest, his wife and three children waited for his release. In 2013, his wife received credible information that the government wanted to arrest her and the children, so she decided to flee. Today they are settled in a new country, where they have been granted asylum. "We feel safer here," said Naigzhi's wife. "We are able to freely serve God." But she adds, "I miss my husband dearly. It is very lonely for me."

Eritrea is number three on Open Doors' 2016 World Watch List, which ranks the 50 countries in which it is most difficult to live as a Christian. No one knows for certain how many Christians remain in the elaborate network of Eritrea's incarceration centers.

Detained US Evangelist in Turkey Released ⁽⁵⁾

Turkish authorities have released a US evangelist who was detained and ordered to be deported. Declaring David Byle "a danger to public order," authorities in Turkey took him into custody after asking him to report to the immigration office in Istanbul regarding his application for a residency permit. Byle was released after a judge overturned the order to detain him for 30 days.

Byle is part of a small number of Christians in Turkey, and an even smaller number of expatriate Christians, who openly evangelize. The arrest took place days before Byle was set to teach a class to a group of Turks on

how to share the gospel. The organization he cofounded, the Holy Book Information Association, also known as the Bible Correspondence Course in Turkey, focuses on educating the Turkish public about the Bible. This alone is controversial in Turkey, and Byle also conducts "street evangelism" outreaches. These outreaches have garnered the most attention from the government, which at times has identified Christian missionary activity as a security threat.

Byle has been jailed or detained several other times by Turkish authorities; he dealt with this most recent term of incarceration by preaching to other detainees and finding ways to get donations from others of much needed clothing for those held with him. Before his release, he also planned to start teaching Turkish and English to other detainees.



David Byle doing evangelism in Turkey

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

Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.

JAMES 5:16

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