

**I will praise you, O LORD,
with all my heart;**

I will tell of all your wonders.

Psalm 9:1

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 ~
September 11, 2016
PRAISE & CELEBRATION SERVICE!

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Welcome/Announcements

Psalm 100

"Be Thankful to Him!" (Ps. 100:4)

Steve Yoder

Praise & Worship

Testimonies

"I Want to Praise the Lord for ..."

God's Work in Senegal!

Erik & Julia Baldwin

Prayer

Offering*

Special Music

Praise & Worship

Praise Offering (Relief Efforts in Louisiana, Southern Sudan)

"He Who Calls You is Faithful" (I Thess. 5:24) John Luginbuhl

Prayer

*Offering will be received during the third song; no Children's Church today.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Angela Silva & Star Garcia

Walkers: Andrea Butler & Zach Yale

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Autumn Peralto & Chevelle Walker

Walkers: Sharee Keedo & Sam Yale

LATER TODAY...

Please join us after service for our Praise & Celebration potluck!

6:00 PM [No Prayer Time tonight]

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 EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME to Erik and Julia Baldwin, long-term missionaries to Senegal under World Venture! We are looking forward to what the Lord is doing in and through their lives!



OUR THANKS to all the staff at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch for helping to make our Annual Labor Day Picnic a wonderful success! There were approximately 200 of us in attendance, and it was a great day of fellowship!



WE PRAISE GOD for answered prayer, as AWANA got off to a GREAT start this past Wednesday! 65 children came to the first night! Keep praying!

Adults: If you can help on any Wednesday night, just "show up" at 6:30 PM - we'll put you to work!

WEDDING BELLS! We congratulate, and praise God with, Pastor Steve Yoder and Jackie Lawrence on their September 3 engagement! Please pray for Pastor Steve and Jackie as the Lord leads them along. No wedding date has been set just yet.

PASTOR JOHN and LINDA will be on vacation for the next two weeks. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Steve or one of our Elders (Caleb Chavez, Steve Knox, Glenn Marshall, Mike Nye, or Mark Yoder). Please keep Pastor John and Linda in your prayers as they are away. Thank you!

Today in Church History...

Fifteen years ago today, four U.S. passenger planes were hijacked by the Islamic terrorist group al-Queda. Two planes struck the two towers of the World Trade Center in NYC, one struck the Pentagon and one crashed into a field near Shanksville, PA (after passengers tried to take over the plane from the hijackers). The attacks killed 2,996 people, injured over 6,000 others and caused at least \$10 billion in property and infrastructure damage. It was also the deadliest incident for firefighters (343) and law enforcement officers (72) in the history of the United States.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"What or whom we worship determines our behavior."

~ John Murray

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, September 12

[No Life Group at Luginbuhls'; Resumes 10/3]

Tuesday, September 13

9:30 AM

Ladies' Bible Study Begins!

6:30 PM

Faith Bible Institute

Wednesday, September 14

6:30 PM

AWANA

Saturday, September 17

10:00 AM

Ladies' Casual Brunch (see insert)



September 27

Elders' Mtg. (6 PM)

October 1

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

October 8

Living Proof (Beth Moore) Native Women's
Conference in Chinle, AZ

All Sundays & Wednesdays in September:

**Sign up for appointments for Photo Session for Pictorial
Directory (photo sessions to be held in October)**

Ladies Casual Brunch
1708 Boulder Rd., Gallup
Saturday, Sept 17, 2016
10-12 noon

Please bring a brunch item to
share and dont forget to come
and bring an unchurched
friend! See you there! :)





PICTORIAL CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE

In case you hadn't noticed, our current church directory is very out-of-date. We are doing something about that!

Instead of an outside company we are doing it in-house this time. The Pictorial Church Directory can be an important tool in helping the church family get to know one another and keep in touch.

If you are a Regular-Attender—Please make every effort to participate!

Here are the details:

Photo Session Dates:

Monday, Wednesday & Friday—October 3, 5 & 7
Tuesday, Thursday & Saturday - October 11, 13 & 15
Sunday—October 23
Appointments available from 4:00-8:00pm

Appointment Sign-Ups:

Sundays in September
Wednesdays in September from 9:00am-4:30pm
Appointments will be in half-hour increments

If you like your picture you can also purchase additional prints.

There will be a draft of the address information for you to check for accuracy. Please make any additions or corrections right on that copy!

If you would like to help, have questions, or just want more information; please contact Betsy Branson (505-870-2587), Kim Helfenbein (505-728-0533) or Angela Silva (505-399-2153).



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Class is in Session!

Easing Into a New School Year

BY KAREN KLASI

MUCH OF THE SCHOOL YEAR IS ABOUT ROUTINES AND SCHEDULES. It's about having a reason for a reasonable bedtime. But as kids and parents know, after a summer filled with long days of fun in the sun and staying up later than usual, adjusting to a school schedule can be *hard*. While change will always provide challenges, there are things we can do to ease into a new school year:

Give them time. If possible, plan for a weeklong adjustment period. This will allow everyone to gradually become accustomed to the family's post-summer schedule before tackling the demands of the school year.

Set expectations. In the classroom, expectations will be set early and posted for all to see. Consider implementing lists at home, too. Children tend to do well with written schedules, and most love to check tasks off a list.

Use a "best practices" approach. Sometimes, your kids are the ones who can help you strike parenting gold. Ask them what's working and what isn't as you adjust to a new schedule. Your children will appreciate being part of the solution, and they just might come up with a workable idea that you hadn't considered. If it's reasonable, try bending a little by incorporating their suggestion into your family's back-to-school routine.



TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Why are
teachers easy
on some kids
and tough on
others?



School Uniform

Before our children left for school, my husband and I had our three-, five- and seven-year-olds put on the full armor of God. We would say Ephesians 6:14-17 together as we all strapped on imaginary armor—the belt of truth, breastplate of righteousness, shoes of readiness, shield of faith, helmet of salvation and sword of the Spirit. Only then were we ready for the day.

—Sheila Seifert

Connecting the Generations

Grandparents' Day is a great time to be intentional about your children's relationship with their grandparents. Not only does this honor your parents and in-laws, but it also encourages a stronger connection between the generations. Here are some ideas:

Passing on the story. Grandparents often enjoy talking about family traditions and imparting wisdom from years of life experience. Encourage your kids to interview their grandparents and record the stories in a shared journal or maybe as an audio file.

A legacy of faith. Ask grandparents to help reinforce your faith lessons. For example, let's say you want to teach your kids about the fruit of the Spirit. You could pick a new fruit each month, and then ask their grandparents to reinforce this character trait during their conversations and activities with your children that month.

Setting a vision together. Ask your children, "In what ways would you like Grandma and Grandpa to be a part of our family?" The kids aren't the decision-makers, but they can be a part of the discussion.

Grandparent challenges. If grandparents haven't shown an interest in a deeper relationship with your kids, consider how your kids can reach out to them. Sending photos from family and school activities or perhaps a note that says, "Thinking of you" or "Praying for you" goes a long way. Even if your parents aren't ready to give of themselves, your kids may be. So focus on reaching out without expecting anything in return.

Generational traditions. The grandparent-grandchild relationship can have its own traditions. For example, my parents love to take the kids to museums. It is a special tradition for the kids and their grandparents, a unique experience that belongs just to them.

—Daniel Huerta



Become Better Friends

World-renowned marriage researcher John Gottman once said, “Happy marriages are based on a deep friendship.” We tend to agree.

Strangely, not much has been written on the topic. You’ll find countless volumes on romance and passion in marriage, but not much on the simple practice of being good friends as husband and wife. It seems friendship, in the minds of many, is secondary to romance. But get this: Research from the Gallup organization indicates that a couple’s friendship could account for 70 percent of overall marital satisfaction.

Good friends are hard to find. And when we find them—particularly in marriage—we sometimes take them for granted. Here are a few tips to keep from doing that:

Set your clock to friendship. Most married couples “borrow” time from their marriage and spend it on everything “out there,” hoping to repay their time debt sometime in the future. They believe someday they won’t be so busy and eventually things will be different.

But that’s not good enough for good friends. They live free and clear of any time debt and invest in their relationship now—and their calendar proves it. They schedule dates. They share meals. They book trips and adventures. They set their watches for each other.

Protect each other’s back. Good friends protect each other. Some call this “faithfulness.” Others call it “loyalty.” Whatever you call it, this trait is vital to the friendship of a husband and wife.

Think about it. Everyone, at some time or another, enters a dark day. We encounter pain and deep disappointments. It’s in these desperate times that we can protect one another from harm—we can watch each other’s backs.

There you have it—a few tips on how to become better friends as husband and wife. You know they’re paying off when the friend you saw at breakfast is the same friend you can’t wait to see when you come home at night. This friendship, more than any other, is loyal and lasting. And though we do sometimes take it for granted, we wouldn’t trade it for anything.

—Les & Leslie Parrott



Family Matters

Answers to your questions . . .

It upsets me when my husband and I disagree. Are there any guidelines to having an argument—or avoiding them?

Answer:

Many couples, especially Christians, assume that if they're truly compatible and in love, they'll agree on practically everything. They may even think that disagreement is a sign of drifting apart—or that agreeing to disagree means settling for second best.

Sharing all opinions and preferences isn't going to happen, and you wouldn't want it to. Agreeing to disagree, when it's appropriate, is realistic. It's hard to guess how many arguments could be averted if couples would pray about

their differences and let them go. This is hard to do, since most of us want to be "right" and justify our behavior.

Very few disagreements are worth fighting for. But there are healthy ways to express your desires and negotiate resolution. When you make a request with respect and an open mind, your chances of being heard are that much greater.

Here are some principles to keep in mind when it comes to dealing with disagreement.

1. Don't expect to agree on everything.
2. Convey your desire without anger and without having to be "right."
3. Ask yourself if you're being selfish.

4. Remember that your relationship, not the issue, is most important.

5. Try not to take things too personally.

6. Remember that building a relationship takes time.

7. Forgive, forgive, forgive.

8. Keep a sense of humor.

When disagreements arise, try using that as a checklist. Often, if these principles reflect your attitude, you'll find it easier to let go of the issue you've been struggling with.

(Excerpted from the *Complete Guide to the First Five Years of Marriage* by Phillip J. Swihart, Ph.D., and Wilford Wooten, L.M.F.T.)

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

Answer:

It may seem as though teachers are easier on some kids, but teachers try to be fair. Since they're more concerned that students try hard—not just get good grades—they might push some students to work harder. Instead of worrying about others, make sure *you* do *your* best.

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