



O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where
there is no water.

Psalm 63.1

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 ~
November 27, 2016

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Offering (Special Music)*
Scripture Reading

Psalm 63:1-8

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Thanking God in the Desert Times of Life!”

Closing

*Children age 3 -grade 4 will be dismissed to Children's Church after Special Music.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Carrie Ruthven & Tristan Keller

Walkers: Holly Knox & Madison Sutliff

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Erica Hamilton & Madison Sutliff

Walkers: Angela O'Bourke & Zach Yale

LATER TODAY...

2 PM - 5 PM Decorating Church for Christmas!
[No Prayer Time]

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



THANK YOU SO MUCH! You brought in 158 shoeboxes (“Operation Christmas Child”) full of goodies to be shipped to children around the world! A total of 331 shoeboxes (173 shoeboxes from other churches and individuals in the area, plus our 158) were brought to Albuquerque this past Monday, November 21. Let’s pray for the children and their families who will receive these boxes!

YOU ARE ENCOURAGED to begin thinking about and praying about a “Year Verse” for our church for 2017! Suggestions can be written out (please include which version of the Bible) and given to Pastor John, placed in the offering plate, or e-mailed to Pastor John at john@gracebiblegallup.org. Thank you!



LADIES' CHRISTMAS BANQUET
SATURDAY, DEC. 10, 5 PM
PLEASE READ TODAY'S INSERT &
SIGN UP AT THE TABLE IN THE FOYER!

This Week in Church History...

On November 28, 1863, Thanksgiving Day was first observed in the U.S. as an official holiday. President Lincoln had proclaimed a month earlier that a national holiday would be observed the last Thursday of November. In 1939, President Franklin Roosevelt moved Thanksgiving back a week to stimulate Christmas shopping, but in 1941, Congress adopted a joint resolution declaring the fourth Thursday of November to be Thanksgiving Day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"As Christians, we should not be exitists, looking for our going, but Adventists, looking for His coming."

~ William Freil

“Thanking God in the Desert Times of Life!”

Psalm 63:1-8

“Thanksgiving” has come and gone, right? We believers in Jesus Christ know that we should be thanking God regularly - every day - for all of His blessings. Certainly there is a great deal of emphasis on this fact in the weeks surrounding Thanksgiving. The problem is that it is not always easy to thank God - even at Thanksgiving - particularly if we are in a “desert” time of life, when the circumstances in life are weighing us down.

Chrysostom (Church Father): “Psalm 63 was ordained and agreed upon by the primitive fathers that no day should pass without the public singing of this psalm.” In the early church, this psalm was sung every morning and every time there was a worship service.

1. David’s Desert Situation (vs. 1)

2. Praise & Worship in Our Desert Times (vss. 2-6)

3. Holding Onto Jesus (vss. 7,8)

PRAISE & PETITION

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people and has raised up a horn of salvation for us in the house of David His servant.”

~ Zacharias, in Luke 1:68,69

Praise the Lord for:

1. The One Who is the Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, everlasting Father, Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ Our Savior!
2. His sovereignty over all people and events of history.
3. The wonderful Christmas season and the opportunities to tell others the real meaning of Christmas!
4. The so-great salvation that is ours through faith in Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord for His redemption of sinners like us who trust Him as Savior!
5. A wonderful Thanksgiving with family and friends!

Petition the Lord for:

1. A “wake-up call” for our church in the area of evangelism; opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
2. That many of the children around the world - and their families - will trust Christ as Savior because of the “Operation Christmas Child” ministry!
3. Those in our church going through difficult times.
4. Couples being married in the next four months: Keith Saunders and Emily Piraino (Dec. 17); Alex DenBleyker and Tyler McKennon (Dec. 28); Steve Yoder and Jackie Lawrence (March 19).
5. Danny Garcia, as he is at CDC (Cortez).
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.
8. Those who need the Lord’s healing touch:
 - Jeremy Richardson (brain tumor)
 - Eliza Jonkman (Schells’ granddaughter)
 - Teddy Orr (recuperating)
 - Steve Tobey: kidney issues
 - Shirley Marshall (Good Samaritan, Grants)
 - Alan Cumiford (asthma; general health)
 - Chance Harvey (Marlene Henry’s brother-in-law); in burn unit



Please join us for the
annual Ladies Christmas
Banquet!

Important things to know:

This event costs \$7 per person to cover the cost of the delicious food being served.

Bring a scarf for the Christmas gift exchange. This is a fun way to exchange gifts and get a new scarf!

Date:

Saturday, December 10th

Time:

5:00 pm

Meet at the church @ 4:15 if you would like to carpool.

Place: Broken Arrow Bible Ranch



This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, November 28

7:00 PM Life Group at Luginbuhls' (303 Cactus Road)
"Getting Ready for Jesus' Return!"

Tuesday, November 29

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study; nursery provided
Study: "Heaven" BY Randy Alcorn
5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics
6:30 PM Faith Bible Institute

Wednesday, November 30

6:30 PM AWANA
(Don't forget your "Toys for Tots" toy!)

Thursday, December 1

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

[Saturday Men's Breakfast postponed to December 10]

Sunday, December 4

(During AM Service) The Lord's Table Observed

COMING SOON:

- December 10 Men's Breakfast @ Don Diego's Restaurant
(8 AM - 9 AM)
- December 10 Ladies' Christmas Banquet (see insert)
- December 11 Amy Shreve (harpist) and Gary Wixtrom with us
(During AM Service)
- December 17 Keith Saunders / Emily Piraino Wedding
- December 19 All-Church Christmas Caroling (6:45 PM)
- December 25 Christmas Morning Worship Service (10:15 AM)
(No Sunday School or afternoon/evening ministries or activities.)
- December 27-30 Winter Youth Retreat (teens 13 & up) at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch
- December 28 Alex DenBleyker / Tyler McKennon Wedding