



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

John W. Luginbuhl, Pastor

Steve Yoder, Youth Pastor

Church Office: (505) 722-5114

Pastor's E-mail: john@gracebiblegallup.org

Youth Pastor's E-mail: forevertrustinghim@yahoo.com

www.gracebiblegallup.org

Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
December 11, 2016

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Offering *
Scripture Reading

Amy Shreve / Gary Wixtrom

Isaiah 9:1-7; John 8:12

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Christmas: Light!"

Love Offering
Closing

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

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Autumn Peralto & Zach Yale

Walkers: Andrea Butler & Anjelika Vasquet

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Pam Keller & Madison Sutliff

Walkers: Daisy Brown & Tristan Keller

LATER TODAY...

4:00 PM Christmas Concert, presented by Rehoboth
Christian High School Choir at Sacred Heart
Cathedral (415 E. Green, Gallup)
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."

- 1 Corinthians 16:13

WE ARE THRILLED to have Gary Wixtrom, Amy Shreve, and their daughter Elise with us this morning! We are looking forward to worshipping the Lord with them!

OUR THANKS to Broken Arrow Bible Ranch - as well as all the other ladies and men who helped in any way - for making last night's Ladies' Christmas Banquet a wonderful success! Approximately 70 women attended the event!



A LIST of December 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!

ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Dec. 19, 6:45 PM



- Meet at church and dress warmly!
 - Bring the whole family!
 - Refreshments after caroling.
-

NEED ANY BOXES? Cardboard boxes of all sizes are "yours for the taking" in the gymnasium. Please help yourself!

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!

FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

"Notice to donors: Donors are advised not to file their federal income tax return before they receive their contributions receipt from the church. Also, donors wishing to 'catch up' on their financial commitments to the church must deliver such contributions before Jan. 1, 2017, to be credited to 2016, (mailed-in contributions must be postmarked by Dec. 31). Backdating is not allowed by the IRS. See Paul Schell for advice."

This Week in Church History...

On December 13, 1835, Phillips Brooks, American Episcopal clergyman, was born in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1859, he was ordained and began his first pastorate in Philadelphia. He transferred to Trinity Episcopal church in Boston in 1869 and remained there until 1891. Brooks became famous as a preacher of exceptional personality, charm, and spiritual force. He produced five volumes of sermons and five more were published after his death in 1893. He also wrote the Christmas Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" for the children of his Sunday School, after a visit to the Holy Land in 1868.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"He took the form of a servant while He retained the form of God! It is exactly that which makes our salvation possible and achieves it."

~ William Hendricksen

PRAISE & PETITION



“And you shall call His Name Jesus, for it is
He Who will save His people from their sins.”
~ Matthew 1:21

Praise the Lord for:

1. Jesus' mission: to save people from their sins! Praise the Lord for salvation through Jesus, as we trust in Him!
2. Forgiveness of sins, a place in heaven reserved for us, deliverance from Hell - all through faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work for us at Calvary.
3. Opportunities for ministry during this Christmas season.
4. Family and friends, both “near and far”.
5. A wonderful Ladies' Christmas Banquet last night!
6. Danny Garcia's graduation from Christian Discipleship Center (Cortez) yesterday!
7. The ministry of Amy Shreve and Gary Wixtrom! God's grace and mercy in their lives.

Petition the Lord for:

1. Those who are lonely and/or depressed this holiday season.
2. Those who will be traveling to see family and friends.
3. Families in our church going through the rough waters of life at this time. (Isa. 43:1,2)
4. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
5. Couples being married in the next three months:
Keith Saunders and Emily Piraino (Dec. 17); Alex DenBleyker and Tyler McKennon (Dec. 28); Steve Yoder and Jackie Lawrence (March 19).
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

“Christmas: Light!”

Isaiah 9:1-7; John 8:12

Christmas and light have been associated for a long time! There’s something about light that attracts us! It’s why most of us have lights on our Christmas tree. It’s why many of us drive around looking at the lights on many homes in the area. It’s why thousands of people each year pay to go to attractions like the Albuquerque River Lights or the Phoenix Zoo Lights! It’s why so many people in our area place luminarias around their homes. Let’s see what the Bible has to say about light!

1. Light Predicted

2. Light Directing

3. Light Fulfilled

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, December 12

7:00 PM Life Group at Luginbuhls' (303 Cactus Road)
"Getting Ready for Jesus' Return!"
[No Life Group on 12/19, 12/26 or 1/2]

Tuesday, December 13

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study; nursery provided
Study: "Heaven" by Randy Alcorn

5:30 PM Ladies' Aerobics

6:30 PM Faith Bible Institute

Wednesday, December 14

6:30 PM AWANA
("Red & Green Christmas Celebration!")

Thursday, December 15

5:30 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Saturday, December 17

3:00 PM Keith Saunders / Emily Piraino Wedding

COMING SOON:

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

Better LIFE!

Enriching Personal and Family Relationships
an edition of Better Families



NEVER TOO LATE

Many “special dads” live with tremendous regrets. If you’re one of those, you know that dwelling on the “if only’s” can bury you. Yes, you’ve made some choices that have unalterably affected your role as your daughter’s daddy. This isn’t how you expected your life to turn out.

However, let me encourage you to spend less time looking back and more time looking ahead. Someone has described the past as hardened concrete and the future as wet cement. Rather than filling your mind with what you could have or should have done, focus on what you can do from this point on.

Tell your daughter you’re sorry about how your decisions have made her growing-up more of a challenge. But promise her that, starting now, you want to recommit yourself to being the best dad—step, long-distance, or single—you can possibly be.

It is *never* too late to start being a better daddy.

Robert Wolgemuth, *She Calls Me Daddy*



IT MATTERS

The work we did in pre-marital counseling contributed significantly to our sense of confidence on our wedding day. We had sought in advance to restrain our romantic excitement while we examined our long-term goals. And so, when our pastor referred to love and commitment and our future, we that he understood exactly what that meant to us, which added tremendously to the power of the wedding.

Whenever I watch our wedding video, I always get a lump in my throat at a particular moment. It’s when Jon and I are kneeling and, as we listen to the choir sing, Jon looks up at our pastor. A knowing smile spreads across Jon’s face and he nods. The pastor almost laughs and nods back. Jon told me later it was the moment when everything finally made sense all the work, all the prayers, all the spiritual preparation, all the commitment that our pastor had asked from us it all culminated in this amazing moment of grace. There, captured on film, are two grown men with tears in their eyes.

Understand that biblical premarital counseling will add a deeper sense of commitment and understanding to your vows.

Martha Williamson, *Are You Both Ready to Marry?*

NO MORE POWER

Lonely people suffer from fear. They honor their anxiety. Instead of moving out to find and love others, *even though this means tolerating some anxiety*, they move away from others so they don't feel anxious about rejection or slights. By opting for temporary comfort instead of putting up with risk and anxiety, they keep themselves hurting from the infinitely greater pain of loneliness. If you are lonely, you may decide to continue avoiding initiative in relationships. If you do, you will give anxiety the power to disrupt your life. You will continue honoring your anxiety as if it were a little god, and anxiety will dominate you.

But if you will tell yourself the truth, combat your radical relationship misbeliefs and your other relationship misbeliefs with truth, and initiate and work at relationships in love, you will be able to see how the application of God's perfect love can and will cast out fear.

William & Candace Backus, *Untwisting Twisted Relationship*

A MEMORY OF CHRISTMAS

When my adult children and I talk about Christmas now, our conversations always return to the year our move from New York to Colorado resulted in our having only thirty-four dollars to spend on gifts. Our new friends in the area were mostly other single parents and their kids, and we'd planned to all gather at our home on Christmas Day. Before the holiday, I explained our financial crunch, and then suggested we exchange homemade items or gifts of service at the dinner. The other struggling parent was relieved at my suggestion.

Christmas Day the others arrived for a potluck dinner. When it was time to open gifts, we exchanged promises for help with errands, plates of homemade cookies, and creative gifts, including spray painted avocado candlesticks! It was an incredible day all because we didn't allow a lack of money to spoil our fun.

What can you do to make Christmas memorable? Remember, the best Christmas doesn't come from charge cards and piles of gifts, but from finding new ways to reach out to others as you celebrate the reason for the holiday the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Sandra P. Aldrich, *One Hundred One Upward Glance*

BALANCE

The basics of a relationship are like the pillar or foundation stones of a house. Everyone must be strong. If you try to make up for one weak pillar by strengthening another, the whole structure will be out of balance.

H. Norman Wright, Ph.D., *Relationships That Work (and Those That Don't)*



LIFE LESSON | Spoon-feeding in the long run teaches us nothing but the shape of the spoon.



WEBSITE: www.therrg.com

Better Families (USPS 002-362, ISSN 1530-6453) December 2016, (Volume 40, No 12).

A monthly publication of The Relationship Resource Group, Inc.

2167 S Field St, Lakewood CO 80227-2332 Periodical Postage paid at Denver, CO & at additional mailing offices.

POSTMASTER: Send address changes to: The Relationship Resource Group, PO Box 150610, Lakewood CO 80215

\$10.00 per month per 100. Canada: \$17.00 per month per 100, payable in Canadian funds. Individual

subscriptions now available. Call 1-800-777-5536. Images: 123RF