



THAT FIRST
CHRISTMAS

GOD GAVE US HIS BEST.

Today... a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord.

LUKE 2:11 (NIV)

*Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
December 25, 2016
Merry Christmas! Matthew 1:21!*

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Children's Moment

Steve Yoder

Offering *

Scripture Reading

I John 3:1-10

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Christmas: An Appearance Like No Other!"

Closing

*There is no Children's Church today. Children will stay with their parents in the Service.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Sharee Keedo & Liz Helf

Walkers: Rachel Irving & Dakotah Harvey

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Sarabeth Hill & Graciela Silva

Walkers: Destiny Peywa & Madison Sutliff

LATER TODAY...

[No Prayer time, Youth Group, or Edge this afternoon/evening.
Enjoy Christmas Day with family and friends!]

WE WELCOME YOU ON THIS CHRISTMAS MORNING!

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

THIS WEDNESDAY (12/28) IS THE DEADLINE to suggest 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!

THE ELDERS are prayerfully considering Kim Helfenbein for the Deaconess Board. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please speak with Steve Knox or Pastor John.



DON'T FORGET to check out the Christmas greetings to all of us at Grace Bible! They are posted on the door on the south side of the gymnasium!

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 29, 1876, popular American hymnwriter Philip P. Bliss (b. 1838) died in a tragic railroad accident near Astabula, Ohio. The train in which Bliss and his wife were riding plunged off a bridge into a ravine 60 feet below and burned. Bliss survived the fall, but returned to the wreckage to rescue his wife. He perished with her in the fire. Bliss was only 38 years old. He had written and composed many hymns, including "Almost Persuaded," "Hallelujah, What a Savior," "I Will Sing of My Redeemer," "The Light of the World Is Jesus," "Wonderful Words of Life," "I Gave My Life for Thee", and "Let the Lower Lights Be Burning."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable."

~ Ralph W. Sockman

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

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PRAISE & PETITION

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His Name ‘Emmanuel’, which translated means, “God with us’.”

~ Matthew 1:23

Praise the Lord for:

1. His faithfulness throughout 2016! His promise of guiding us faithfully in 2017 (Isa. 58:11a)!
2. Our redemption - Salvation - through Jesus Christ, as we trust in Him! What a blessing to **KNOW** our sins are forgiven and that we're on our way to Heaven because we've trusted in His finished work on Calvary on our behalf!
3. A wonderful Christmas season.
4. Family and friends, both “near and far”.

Petition the Lord for:

1. Families in our church going through the rough waters of life at this time. (Isa. 43:1,2)
2. College students “home for the holidays”. Pray for a refreshing time with family and friends.
3. Our young people and adults involved in the Winter Retreat (Tuesday afternoon through Friday morning) at BABR.
4. Those who are traveling over the holidays.
5. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
6. Couples being married soon: Alex DenBleyker and Tyler McKennon (Dec. 28); Steve Yoder and Jackie Lawrence (March 19).
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.
9. Those who need the Lord's healing touch:
 - Jeremy Richardson (brain tumor)
 - Eliza Jonkman (Schells' granddaughter)
 - Debra Gill (recuperating from surgery)
 - Steve Tobey: kidney issues
 - Shirley Marshall (Good Samaritan, Grants)
 - Alan Cumiford (asthma; general health)
 - Clarissa Darnell (heart issues)

“An Appearance Like No Other!”

I John 3:1-10

Every person who has ever lived on Earth has “arrived” in a very ordinary fashion, with little fanfare ... Every person except one ... Jesus!

1. A Birth Like No Other!

2. An Audience Like No Other!

3. A Mission Like No Other!

4. A Return Like No Other!

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, December 28

[Life Group at Luginbuhls' resumes on 1/9/17]

Tuesday, December 27

[NO Ladies' Bible Study; Resumes 1/10]

Tuesday, Dec. 27 - Friday, Dec. 30

Youth Winter Retreat at BABR. See Steve Knox for details.

Wednesday, December 28

Alex DenBleyker / Tyler McKennon Wedding
[No AWANA; Resumes 1/4, 6:30 PM]

Friday, December 30

6:00 PM Bridal Shower for Jackie Lawrence (see insert)

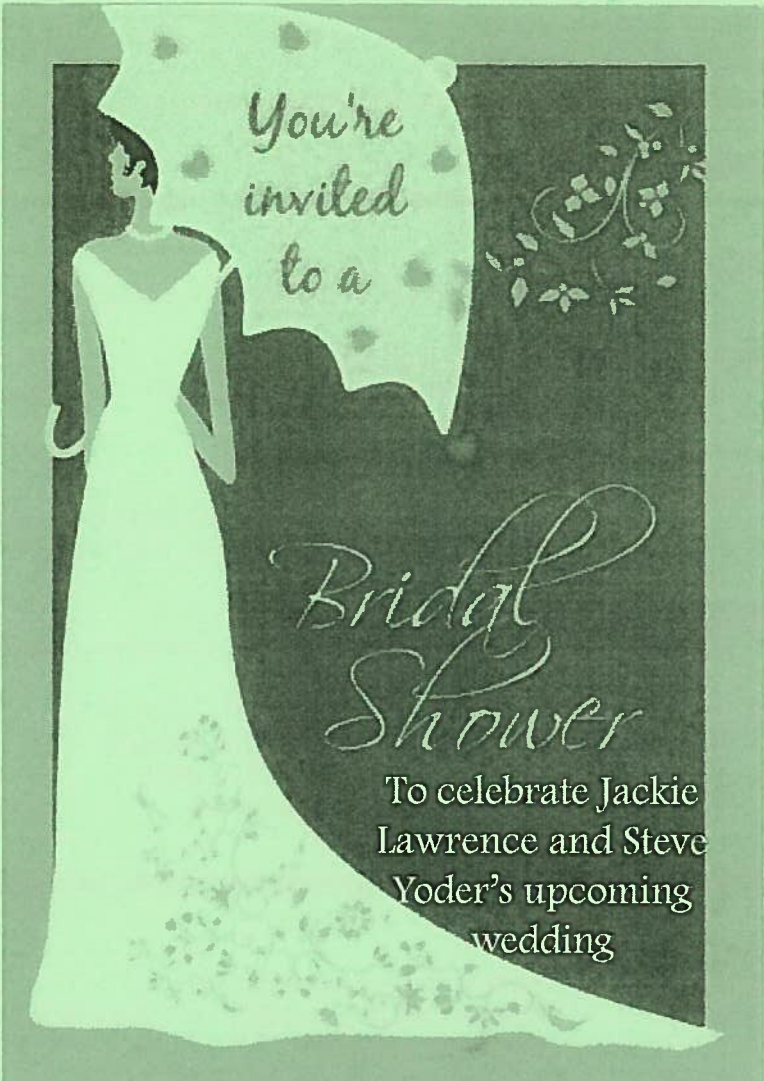
Sunday, January 1

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HAPPY NEW YEAR! 2 Cor. 5:17!
New Year's Day Worship Service
Message: 2017 YEAR VERSE;
The Lord's Table observed

COMING SOON:

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| January 4 | AWANA Resumes (6:30 PM) |
| January 8 | AWANA Leaders and Student Leaders Re-Charge Lunch Mtg. (Noon) |
| January 10 | Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study resumes (9:30 AM) |
| January 10 | Elders' Meeting |
| January 15 | Annual Business Meeting (Noon) |
| January 20 | All-Church Game / Dessert Fellowship Night (7 PM) |
| January 28 | AWANA Leaders / Student Leaders Conference (Albuquerque) |



Date: Friday, December 30th

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Home of Staci Spolar (1213 Fairway Drive)

Registry: Wal-Mart and JCPenney. You can also go to MyRegistry.com to find all items.

[IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES WHO WENT HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD IN 2016]

**“I’M SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH
JESUS CHRIST THIS YEAR”**

- Author Unknown

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like Heaven’s stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
For I’m spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can’t compare with the Christmas choir up here.

For I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear as angels sing.

I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
For I’m spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I can’t tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place,
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?

I’ll ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love,
So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.

So please let your hearts be joyful, and let your spirit sing,
For I’m spending Christmas in Heaven and I’m walking with the King!

For the believer in Jesus Christ, “To be absent from the body [is] to be
present with the Lord!” 2 Corinthians 5:8 ☺

