



The LORD who delivered me from
the paw of the lion and the paw of
the bear will deliver me from the
hand of this Philistine.

1 Samuel 17:37

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GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

Worship Service - 10:15 AM

Edge - 6:00 PM

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Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
January 8, 2017

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Offering *
Scripture Reading

I Samuel 17

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Lessons From David and His Giant!"
(Part 1 of a Series "Defeating the Giants in Your Life")

Closing

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

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers: Angela O'Bourke & Moriah Yale

Walkers: Lorelee Tibboel & Joel Hillis

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Carrie Ruthven & Bethany Silva

Walkers: Angela O'Bourke & Tristen Keller

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time
6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12)
6:00 PM Edge Group (age 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!

2017 YEAR VERSE:

"You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart
and with all Your soul and with all your might."



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!



A LIST of January 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!

FIRST RESPONDERS RECONITION SUNDAY JANUARY 22

- Law Enforcement, firefighters, EMTs (etc.)
 - Special Speaker: Randy Green
 - Potluck following worship service
 - INVITE any first responders you know!
 - MOST IMPORTANT that you would be praying for those who attend this service
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ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
SUNDAY, JANUARY 15, NOON
- Please pick up a copy of the proposed
2017 budget, on the table in the Foyer -



ALL-CHURCH GAME NIGHT!
FRIDAY, JAN. 20, 7:00 PM
~ For the whole family
~ Bring a dessert to share
~ Invite your friends!

This Week in Church History...

On January 13, 1836, Alexander Whyte was born in Forfarshire, Scotland. A Free Church of Scotland clergyman, in 1909 he became minister of the largest and most influential congregation of his denomination and New Testament professor at New College, Edinburgh. His aggressiveness at "weeding out" the lazy among both ministers and students earned him the title "the last of the Puritans."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Posterity will some day laugh at the foolishness of modern materialistic philosophy. The more I study nature, the more I am amazed at the Creator."

~ Louis Pasteur (1822-1895)

PRAISE & PETITION

“With my mouth I will make your faithfulness known throughout all generations.”

~ Psalm 89:1

Praise the Lord for:

1. His faithfulness, which reaches to the skies (Ps. 36:5)!
2. The fact we have a God who hears and answers our prayers.
3. The strength God gives to us!
4. The salvation we have in Jesus Christ by faith in Him! What a blessing to have sins forgiven and assurance of Heaven! Reconciliation with God!
5. The **fact** that greater is He that is in us (Jesus) than he that is in the world (Satan). **WE ARE VICTORS IN CHRIST!**
6. The moving of the Spirit of God in our individual lives and in the life of our church!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More courage to stand for what we know is true and Godly!
2. More willingness to change things in our lives as the Spirit convicts us.
3. A growing passion for things that count for eternity.
4. All of our Sunday School teachers, Children’s Church teachers, AWANA staff, Youth staff, Nursery workers; for strength, encouragement, and wisdom!
5. Steve Yoder and Jackie Lawrence, as they prepare to be married on 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)
 - Debra Gill (recuperating from surgery)
 - Steve Tobey: kidney issues
 - Shirley Marshall (Good Samaritan, Grants)
 - Alan Cumiford (asthma; general health)
 - Clarissa Darnell (heart issues)

“Lessons From David and His Giant!”

(Part 1 of a Series, “Defeating the Giants in Your Life!”)

Last Lord’s Day morning, we studied our Year Verse for 2017 (Deuteronomy 6:5; “You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”). Most, if not all, of us would agree that this is a wonderful goal for every genuine Christian - not just for 2017, but for our entire life! The problem is that there are often things and circumstances that “get in the way” of our accomplishing the Year Verse! Some of these things and circumstances appear to us as large obstacles - giants! - that we are never going to be able to conquer. What are the “giants” in your life that hinder you from being all that God wants you to be and doing all that God wants you to do? We will, over the next number of weeks, be looking at God’s Word to see how we can defeat these giants in our lives! Today, let’s learn some lessons from David’s encounter with a giant.

- 1. David’s Giant**
- 2. The Right Motives**
- 3. The Right Tools**
- 4. Expecting God to Win**

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, January 9

7:00 PM Life Group at Luginbuhls';
303 Cactus Rd, Gallup

Tuesday, January 10

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study resumes (Nursery available
for the young ones)

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

6:00 PM Elders' Meeting

Wednesday, January 11

6:30 PM AWANA

Thursday, January 12

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Sunday, January 15

Noon Annual Business Meeting

COMING SOON:

January 20 All-Church Game / Dessert Fellowship Night
(7 PM)

January 22 First Responders Recognition Sunday
(see announcement)

January 28 AWANA Leaders / Student Leaders Conference
(Albuquerque)

the 1990s. The 1990s have been a period of rapid growth in the number of people who are employed in the service sector.

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ARE YOU A FIRST RESPONDER?

We want to recognize, honor, and thank you and your families at a special Worship Service at Grace Bible Church
222 Boulder Dr., Gallup
Sunday, January 22, 2017
10:15 AM



Randy Green, from Colorado, a former Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, will be our speaker.

A special lunch will be held in your honor after the Worship Service. We hope you can join us!

If you have questions, please contact the church at (505) 722-5114.



significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

January 2017



Country in Focus: North Korea (1)

Called the “Hermit Kingdom,” the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea has probably the most centralized and isolated economy in the world. The Korean peninsula was partitioned in 1945, and five years later, North Korea invaded South Korea. That war lasted three years, and the border between the two countries is now the most heavily fortified in the world. The population of North Korea is kept ignorant of the outside world and forcibly indoctrinated into the policies of the Supreme Leader. Both the economy and the environment are in states of disaster; food shortages are often severe and have reportedly led to the starvation of thousands of citizens. The only acceptable religion in North Korea is Cheondogyo, or “Kim-Il-Sung-ism,” the cult of the deceased leader.

Pray for:

- The safety and protection of believers who must hide their faith from the government;
- The effective witness of Korean Christians from China, some of whom have the ability to visit North Korea;
- Nongovernmental organizations that operate in North Korea.

North Korean Christians Face Brutal Persecution (1)

Christians in North Korea are being enslaved, raped, tortured, and killed, according to a report from UK religious-freedom charity Christian Solidarity Worldwide (CSW). The report, titled “Total Denial: Violation of Freedom of Religion or Belief in North Korea,” said freedom of religion is “largely non-existent.”

“Religious beliefs are seen as a threat to the loyalty demanded by the Supreme Leader, so anyone holding these beliefs is severely persecuted,” the report said. “Christians suffer significantly because of the anti-revolutionary and imperialist labels attached to them by the country’s leadership.” The report details incidents such as Christians being “hung on a cross over a fire, crushed under a steamroller, herded off bridges and trampled underfoot.”

Christians in North Korea must practice their faith in secret or they are sent to hard labor camps. “A policy of guilt by association applies, meaning that the relatives of Christians are also detained regardless of whether they share the Christian belief,” the report says.

North Korean officials say there are about 13,000 Christians in the country, but Cornerstone Ministries International estimates there are 200,000 to 300,000.

“The regime is actively hostile to religion and religious believers, both domestically and

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internationally. Many North Koreans are suffering because of their faith, and the international community needs to act urgently to end impunity and ensure accountability," CSW said.

Christian Designer Files Lawsuit over Same-Sex Marriage (2)

A Christian graphic designer in Colorado has filed a federal lawsuit, arguing that the government cannot force her to promote same-sex marriage through her work. The woman is being represented by the Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF). The lawsuit is a pre-enforcement challenge of the government's policy that artists are banned from expressing their religious views about marriage. The woman hasn't encountered a particular situation in which she has been forced to design something contrary to her convictions, but under Colorado's Anti-Discrimination Act (CADA), if she was asked to do so, she would not be able to legally refuse.

The law states that artists cannot express religious views that may make someone feel "unwelcome, objectionable, unacceptable,

or undesirable" regarding their sexual orientation. ADF Senior Counsel Jeremy Tedesco said, "Artists shouldn't be threatened with punishment for disagreeing with the government's preferred views."

Thousands Accept Christ in Kenya (3)

Thousands came to Christ in Kenya after 640 missionaries came together to pray for revival and to preach the gospel. The missionaries traveled to the village of Kakamega, Kenya, to pray that people's lives would be changed by the gospel. Their goal was to show God's love in everyday life. They visited prisons, provided treatment for those who were sick, and preached the gospel to anyone who would listen. Tens of thousands of people reportedly heard their message, and 6,944 gave their lives to Christ after hearing the Good News.

Cuban Christians Facing Threats, Destruction (4)

Christians in Cuba are facing increasing persecution, according to a pastor and religious-freedom activist. Although Cuba's



This month you can... Start a Book Club

One great way to build community within the church is to organize book groups. The Internet has thousands of web pages about how to form, organize, and operate an ongoing book club, but here are a few suggestions to get you started:

1. Decide on the tone and theme of the group. Will you read fiction or nonfiction or alternate? Will you read only Christian books?
2. Spread the word. Use the church newsletter or bul-

letin. Have a core group of members recruit others. The local library often helps book clubs with advice.

3. Pick a meeting place—at church or the library or in the home of a group member.
4. Set up ground rules—who will lead the group, how books will be chosen, how long the discussions will last, etc. Make sure members are committed to reading the book.
5. Make sure that whatever

book is chosen has been pre-read by at least one member of the group. Picking a book based simply on reviews can be disappointing.

6. Generate a list of questions about the book—and consider sharing them via e-mail before the meeting.
7. Commit the time to the Lord and pray that the discussion and relationships in the group will draw people closer to him.



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constitution guarantees religious freedom, this hasn't deterred the government from targeting Christians. From January 2016 to July 2016 there were 1,606 recorded violations of religious freedom in the country. These violations included destruction of churches or church property and arbitrary arrests of Christians.

Reverend Mario Felix Leonart Barroso said Christians face "the problem of destroying or even burning things inside the building; not to mention, the threat of physical violence that comes with the territory of being a Christian in Cuba. The reason the government sometimes tries to silence the Church or to close down church buildings is because it is worried about how many people are turning away from the state and looking to God (and the Church) for answers and for hope."

South Sudan Refugees Pass One Million Mark ⁽⁵⁾

The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) has reported that the number of South Sudanese refugees fleeing the country has passed the one million mark. With this milestone, South Sudan joins Syria, Afghanistan, and Somalia as countries that have produced more than a million refugees.

UNHCR spokesperson Leo Dobbs said, "Most of those fleeing South Sudan are women and children. They include survivors of violent attacks, sexual assault, children that have been separated from their parents or

travelled alone, the disabled, the elderly, and people in need of urgent medical care."

He noted that more than three-quarters of the recent arrivals have crossed into Uganda, but a growing number of people have entered Ethiopia's western Gambella region, and



others have been heading to Kenya, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), and the Central African Republic (CAR). "These countries have commendably kept their doors open to the new arrivals," Dobbs said.

Pro-Life Activist Warns against Legalized Euthanasia ⁽²⁾

As more than 20 US states consider joining the five—California, Oregon, Montana, Vermont, and Washington—that have legalized physician-assisted suicide, pro-life activist Alex Schadenberg is warning about the effects of legalized euthanasia on a country.

Schadenberg, of the Euthanasia Prevention Coalition, points to the Netherlands as an example, where some lawmakers and members

of the medical profession want to expand the age limit of children who qualify for euthanasia. He explains that current Dutch law states euthanasia can be performed on children ages 12 to 16 with permission of the parents or if the child is ruled to be incompetent. "After [age] 16," he says, "the child just has to be deemed competent like anybody else." In addition, parents can have a child killed up to his or her first birthday, according to the current law.

Schadenberg claims that euthanasia proponents want to legalize the option for children from age two through 12, believing many children may be fully aware of the



consequences of a lethal injection. He warns that the public is first convinced to legalize euthanasia, with strict guidelines; then, as it becomes more accepted in society, lawmakers and the public are persuaded to broaden the range of people who qualify, including children, or perhaps just those who are tired of living. Schadenberg concludes that the only way to halt this process in a country is to not legalize euthanasia in the first place.

US Women's Shelters Must Admit Trans Men ⁽²⁾

Women's shelters in the US must admit men if they identify as transsexual, according to a new regulation. Faith-based shelters and homeless facilities were previously able to provide alternative accommodation for men who said they were transsexual if they felt the men would endanger women's health and safety. This provision has been removed, and all shelters that receive federal funding must abide by the rule.

The US Department of Housing and Urban Development removed previous wording allowing shelters to make decisions about men claiming to be women on a case-by-case basis.

The change came despite vocal opposition that it would put the most vulnerable women in society at risk. Peter Sprigg, senior fellow at the Family Research Council, called the revised wording an "ideological attack upon common sense" that would harm "vulnerable women and children."

President of the Association of Gospel Rescue Missions John Ashmen said, "No one is trying to make transgender people feel awkward, but we're concerned about the well-being and safety of everyone in our rescue missions."

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

Devote yourselves to prayer with an alert mind and a thankful heart.

COLOSSIANS 4:2