

Psaln 25:9 NASB

He leads the humble
in justice.
And He teaches the humble
His way.

Charlotte T.

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 ~
February 5, 2017

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship
Welcome / Announcements
Offering *
Scripture Reading

James 4:1-10

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Defeating the Giant of Pride!"
(Part 4 of a Series "Defeating the Giants in Your Life")

The Lord's Table
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 & Madison Sutliff

Walkers: Autumn Peralto & Graciela Silva

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers: Carrie Ruthven & Liz Helf

Walkers: Daisy Brown & Zach Yale

LATER TODAY...

Noon Join us for a cake reception in the gym, in honor of Shirley Marshall, who turned 90 today!

4:00 PM Edge Group Super Bowl Party at the Bransons' home

6:00 PM Prayer Time

6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12)

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 worshipping 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."

~ Deuteronomy 6:5

YOUR YEAR-END GIVING STATEMENTS, for tax purposes, are in a box at the Welcome Desk. Envelopes are in alphabetical order by last name. Our thanks to Paul Schell for getting these ready for us!



WE INVITE YOU TO PARTAKE of the Lord's Table this morning - whether you are a visitor or regular-attender - if you are trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation and if there is no known unconfessed sin in your life.

ATTENTION ALL WHO ARE AGE 70 AND OLDER: A "Seniors Group" is being formed. The purpose of this group is fellowship, Bible Study, discussion of issues that pertain to seniors. If you are interested, please see Phyllis Herlocker or call her at 905-7777.

COPIES of the 2016 Annual Report are available for you on the Literature Shelf in the Foyer.

MINISTRY OPPORTUNITY: A nursery worker is needed during the Sunday School hour (9 AM - 10 AM). Please see Bernie Comer if you can help with this important ministry.



A list of February birthdays and anniversaries of regular-attenders of Grace Bible is on the kitchen door. Please make legible additions/corrections right on the list.
Thank you!

THE ELDERS are considering Darlene Steinback and Keith Saunders for "official" church membership. If you have questions or concerns about this, please contact Steve Knox or Pastor John. Thank you!

Today in Church History...

On February 5, 1837, Dwight L. Moody, American evangelist, was born at Northfield, Massachusetts. At age 18, he gave his life to Jesus Christ through the testimony of his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball. Five years later, he left his job in his uncle's shoe repair shop to devote his life to Christian evangelism and education. On February 5, 1887, he founded the Chicago Evangelization Society, along with English-born educator Emma Dryer. This educational organization eventually grew to become Moody Bible Institute.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

*"Long ago I ceased to count heads.
Truth is usually in the minority in this evil world."
~ C. H. Spurgeon*

PRAISE & PETITION



“I have loved you with an everlasting love;
therefore I have drawn you with loving
kindness.”

~ Jeremiah 31:3

Praise the Lord for:

1. Who He is: a great and mighty God! He is the one, true, living God! He is the One Who loves us!
2. The wonderful salvation that is ours as we put our faith in Jesus Christ!
3. The Holy Spirit, Who continues to mold us into the image of Christ as we yield to Him!
4. The “love that drew salvation’s plan”, the “grace that brought it down to man”, the “mighty gulf that God did span” at Calvary!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a desire to love and serve Jesus Christ, a deeper love for the lost and opportunities to share the Gospel!
2. Laura Hansen (with CrossWorld) as she ministers in Sibiu, Romania.
3. Steve Yoder and Jackie Lawrence, as they prepare to be married on March 19.
4. 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)
5. Our new President, Vice-President and staff, military advisors, military men and women.
6. Those who need the Lord’s healing touch:
 - Jeremy Richardson (brain tumor)
 - Eliza Jonkman (Schells’ granddaughter)
 - Steve Tobey: kidney issues
 - Shirley Marshall (Good Samaritan, Grants)
 - Alan Cumiford (asthma; general health)
 - Doris Smallcanyon (recovering from surgery)
 - Dino Butler’s mother (recovering from illness)

“Defeating the Giant of Pride!”
(Part 4 of a Series, “Defeating the Giants in Your Life!”)
James 4:1-10

Last Sunday, we spoke about defeating the giant of *anger* in our lives. One of the causes of anger is *pride*. When we are speaking of pride as a sin, we are talking about, as the dictionary states, “An undue sense of one’s own superiority; arrogance, conceit.” This sin seduces us, deceives us, and causes us believers in Jesus Christ to dethrone Jesus Christ from His rightful place in our lives, and put self in charge. As such, God hates it. Let’s see what the Word of God has to say about all of this.

1. Satan’s Pride

2. Our Pride

3. Defeating the Giant of Pride

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, February 6

- 7:00 PM Life Group at Luginbuhls', 303 Cactus Rd.
"Getting Ready for Jesus' Return"
7:00 PM "Impact Group" (20's and 30's Young
Professionals) Bible Study at Rachel Kreider's
home, 4334 Hogan St., Rehoboth (the # on the
house is 06)

Tuesday, February 7

- 9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study (Nursery available for the
young ones)
5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics
6:30 PM Faith Bible Institute

Wednesday, February 8

- 6:30 PM AWANA

Thursday, February 9

- 5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics

Saturday, February 11

- 9 AM - Noon AWANA Grand Prix Work Day
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COMING SOON:

- February 21 Elders' Meeting (6 PM)
February 25 AWANA Grand Prix (9 AM)

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

February 2017



Democratic Republic of the Congo



Country in Focus: Democratic Republic of the Congo (1)

The Democratic Republic of the Congo, or DRC, includes most of the Congo River basin and much of the vast Central African rainforest, making it the second-largest country in Africa. The DRC's population of 80 million is made up of more than 200 ethnic groups, speaking at least 214 different languages. The DRC has immense natural resources, with raw minerals its largest export. Despite these resources, the country ranks among the world's poorest due to corruption, poor governmental organization, and frequent war and strife. The government recognizes only six legitimate religions, but traditional African religions are practiced everywhere, often mixed in with Christian beliefs.

Pray that:

- Believers can help the DRC overcome its tragic history of slavery and exploitation;
- The nearly two million citizens displaced by war and terrorism can return home;
- New leaders in the church will receive training and support;
- The Christian mission agencies that remain vital to the health of the country will be able to continue their aid.

Catholic Priest Killed in DRC (1)

Following a recent series of incidents targeting Christians in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC), a Catholic priest has been shot and killed. Father Joseph Mulimbi Nguli, 52, was shot by unidentified attackers as he was returning home in southern DRC.

Violence against Christians is common in the DRC, and many Christians live in fear. Christian persecution ministry Open Doors reports that large numbers of Christians in the country are living in misery due to the attacks, which have made some fearful even to tend their farms, resulting in many going hungry.

Chinese Christian Arrested for Printing Devotionals (2)

Li Hongmin, a member of a house church in China's Guangdong province, has been arrested and brought to trial for printing the popular devotional *Streams in the Desert*, as well as other religious literature. Authorities have accused Li of "illegal business operations."

Imprisoned Iranian Pastor Set Free (3)

A Christian Iranian pastor who was imprisoned for his faith for more than six years has been released. Pastor Behnam Irani, who leads the 300-member

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Church of Iran in Karaj, was initially targeted in 2006 while he led a Bible study. Then in 2010 he was arrested and accused of “action against the state” for his refusal to stop holding Bible studies.

In 2014, more charges were brought against Irani, including the serious charge of “spreading corruption on Earth,” which carries the death penalty. Later that year the charges against Irani were reduced, but he continued to remain in prison and was interrogated for hours at a time and even tortured.

Despite the celebration of Irani’s release, Christian ministries say that the issue of religious freedom in Iran is still a serious one. “We urge the international community to continue to press Iran to uphold its obligations to respect the right to freedom of religion or

belief of every religious community within its borders. No one should suffer as Pastor Irani has done, simply for following their conscience and belief,” said Mervyn Thomas of Christian Solidarity Worldwide.

North Korean Woman Reveals Government’s Teachings on Christianity (4)

Citizens in North Korea are reportedly told by the government that Christians are evil and want to kill people and drink their blood. This revelation came from a North Korean woman who was imprisoned for her faith but was eventually able to escape to South Korea.

Before she became a Christian, Hae Woo heard stories of the horrendous things Christians reportedly did. “Every form of



This month you can... Pray

If you’re having difficulty approaching God in prayer because of sin in your life, these reminders by Erik Raymond, pastor and writer, will help you fight through the guilt and shame:

Sin always keeps you from prayer. When we commit a sin, either an action or thought, we are not thinking about God; we are usually thinking about ourselves. The longer we delay repentance, the more guilt we feel, and the more ashamed we become. Yet God is waiting for us with open arms and a loving heart.

“Sin is no longer your master, for you no longer live under the requirements of the law. Instead, you live under the freedom of God’s grace.”

Romans 6:14

Prayer leads you out of sin.

Though you may feel trapped in sin, prayer offers complete freedom and release. Raymond describes it as making contact with a search-and-rescue team. Whether it feels like you’re stuck on a mountainside or treading water in the sea, you know the only way out is help from someone else. And prayer is that lifeline; God is the only one who can help when you’re stuck. He asks us to confess and repent in prayer. The result is not what we expect—penance or punishment—but instead mercy and freedom as promised by the gospel.

“But if we confess our sins to him, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins

and to cleanse us from all wickedness.” 1 John 1:9

Access to prayer is not based on your sin level.

God does not weigh your actions and set your sin on a scale to see if you’re worthy of approaching him. If our sin level mattered, then no one would ever be worthy. But because of Jesus Christ, when God looks at us, he sees his Son’s sinless life and innocent sacrifice. Therefore, because of the gospel we are free to approach God and communicate with him.

“So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.” Hebrews 4:16



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religion, and especially Christianity, was like opium: addictive and destructive. I heard stories about Christians who went to hospitals, enticed people into cellars, killed them there and sucked the blood out of their bodies so that they could sell it.”

However, once Hae Woo became a Christian, she realized it was the North Korean government that brutally persecuted Christians. While in a prison camp, she was able to make other converts to the Christian faith. Hae Woo says God helped her to survive until she could escape to South Korea.

Thousands of Christians are believed to be imprisoned in North Korea, where they are also tortured and killed. At least 70,000 Christians were estimated to have been imprisoned in 2015 alone, and North Korea has been called the single worst country for Christian persecution.

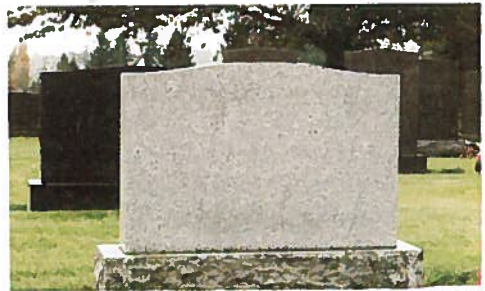
Sweden Opens First Atheist Cemetery ⁽⁵⁾

Sweden is opening its first atheist cemetery, which is devoid of any and all religious symbols. The graveyard was prompted by local teacher Josef Erdem. “There’s a place on this earth for everybody, and we shouldn’t be limited in how we choose to live or how we choose to be buried,” Erdem said.

The cemetery is not only for atheists; religious people will also be accepted as long as they agree beforehand to forgo religious symbols on their graves. Church of Sweden

representatives have agreed to the idea and said that they will help maintain the graves but will not be involved in other stages.

A 2014 study found that nearly eight out of 10 Swedes are either “not religious” or “convinced atheists,” making the country one of the least religious nations in the Western world.



Sudan Arrests More Christians in School Takeover ⁽⁶⁾

Two pastors and seven other Christians in Sudan were detained after trying to stop a group of civilians and police from taking over their school, according to one of the arrested pastors.

Local police arrested the Reverend Samuel Suliman, headmaster of the Evangelical Basic School in Madani, and the Reverend Zakaria Ismail, both of the Sudan Presbyterian Evangelical Church, along with the seven other school staff and local church members. They were accused of resisting authorities in

refusing to hand over the school but were released after paying a total of 30,000 Sudanese Pounds (US \$4,870) in bail.

The students' parents have voiced concern over their children's future and have urged the government to allow the school to continue to provide classes. Ismail is pastor of the church to which the school belongs and is also a representative of the Evangelical Communion, which oversees the property.

UK Christian Parents Sue Council ⁽⁷⁾

Christian parents in the UK are taking legal action against their local council authority after it sided with their 14-year-old daughter, who told council officials that she wants to start transitioning to look like a boy. The parents argue that their daughter is too young to make such decisions and will be meeting with teachers and social workers to discuss how the girl should be addressed and treated at school.

The Christian Legal Centre, which will fund the parents' legal costs, blamed the "transgender cultural movement" for creating what it called a new "conflict of rights" within the family. Andrea Williams of the Christian Legal Centre said, "Authorities are forcing an agenda that is not true, and harmful to children. This case demonstrates shocking disregard for parental authority: no one is listening to what the parents want or have to say. They know the child the best, and have the child's interests at heart."

The teen girl's mother said that "the rights of parents in the UK are being eroded, especially

those who have traditional Christian values. It is leaving parents to feel fearful, vulnerable and intimidated."

Christianity Now "Tolerated" in Cuba ⁽⁸⁾

Christians in Cuba used to face constant pressure for being thought "antirevolutionaries." The government said that being Christian was a "disease." Believers were prohibited from attending university and refused access to certain fields such as politics, psychology, sociology, and medicine. Many were arrested, detained, forced to do hard labor, or even killed because of their faith.

However, after constitutional reforms in 1992 and the global decline of socialism, life for Christians in Cuba started to improve and churches even experienced growth. Today, "persecution" is not normally spoken of; instead Christians speak about "tolerance" or "flexibility." On the surface, Cuban Christians now appear to enjoy total religious freedom, but they report that, very subtly, the government still maintains a certain control.

While the persecution of Christians in the past included beatings, imprisonment, and sometimes murder, it continues in the form of harassment, strict surveillance, and discrimination, including occasional imprisonment of leaders. All believers are monitored and all church services are infiltrated by informers.

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

The Lord is far from the wicked, but he hears the prayers of the righteous.

PROVERBS 15:29