

THE SON OF MAN

MUST BE DELIVERED INTO THE HANDS OF SINFUL
MEN, BE CRUCIFIED AND ON THE THIRD DAY
BE RAISED AGAIN.

LUKE 24:7

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 ~
April 2, 2017

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship

Welcome / Announcements

Offering *

Scripture Reading

Acts 2:22-36

Message

John Luginbuhl

"God's Plan for Jesus and You!"

Closing

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

LATER TODAY...

Noon Reception to celebrate the marriage of Steven and Jackie
6:00 PM [No Youth Group (grades 6-12) tonight]
6:00 PM [No Prayer Time tonight]
6:00 PM Edge Group (age 18-25)

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

CROSBY LANE IN CONCERT!

THIS FRIDAY, APRIL 7, 7 PM AT GBC!
FREE & "OPEN TO THE PUBLIC!"
PLEASE "SPREAD THE WORD"!

THE ELDERS are happy to announce the appointment of Keith Saunders to the Deacon Board. Please pray for Keith as he begins this important ministry.



It's A Boy!

We congratulate Ryan & Erica Hamilton and families on the Tuesday, March 28 (at RMCH) birth of their second child, Cooper Neil Hamilton! Cooper was 7 lbs, 1 oz. at birth and joins big brother Russell in the

Hamilton family. Let's pray for Ryan & Erica as they begin this new chapter in their lives!

ARE YOU INTERESTED in being baptized? A baptismal service is being planned for a Sunday in May. If you are interested, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES are extended to the following families:

- ~ Paul & Jody Sowers and family, on the March 13 homegoing of Jody's mother, Patsy Lopez. The funeral was in Gallup on March 22.
- ~ Chuck & Susan Nixon and family on the March 30 homegoing of Chuck's mother, Constance Nixon. The funeral will be this Tuesday in Bismark, ND.

Let's keep these families in our prayers!



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

This Week in Church History...

On April 8, 1966, Child Evangelism Fellowship, Inc. was incorporated in Chicago, Illinois. The history of this interdenominational mission, however, goes back to 1916, when founder Jesse I. Overholtzer had his first child convert. Later, in 1937, Overholtzer established a forerunner ministry in California, called the Christian Training Association, in which he trained adults to reach children for Christ. Today, this evangelical sending agency works in over 100 foreign countries.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

*"Our Lord is risen from the dead!
Our Jesus is gone up on high!
The powers of hell are captive led,
Dragged to the portals of the sky."*

~ Charles Wesley

PRAISE & PETITION



“O sing to the Lord a new song,
for He has done wonderful things;
His right hand and His holy arm have
gained the victory for Him!”

~ Psalm 98:1

Praise the Lord for:

1. The fact that our God is a wonderful God!
2. The suffering Jesus did in our place, to pay for our sins; eternal life and forgiveness of sins through Jesus, as we put our personal faith in Him!
3. The privilege of worshipping Him!
4. The wonderful work of the Holy Spirit of God - for giving us the ministry of reconciliation and restoration!
5. Entrusting us with the Gospel, opportunities to share it!

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. Continued growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. (I Peter 3:18)
3. Ministry Mapping process we are undergoing.
4. Glenn & Shirley Marshall as they prepare to move to North Carolina.
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 new President, Vice-President and staff, military advisors, military men and women.
8. 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)
 - Beth Hess (blood clots, breathing)
 - Lenore Chavez (recovering from knee surgery)
 - Val Peyuya's mother (ill health)

“God’s Plan for Jesus and You!”

Acts 2:22-36

It was quite a day and quite a message! On the Day of Pentecost, the Apostle Peter preached a message about Jesus Christ’s death and resurrection, and 3,000 people trusted Christ as their Savior (Acts 2:41)! Let’s see what he said and what it has to do with us!

1. Who is Jesus?

2. God’s Plan for Jesus

3. God’s Plan for You

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, April 3

- 7:00 PM** Life Group at Luginbuhls' (303 Cactus Rd.)
New study in Colossians
- 7:00 PM** "Impact Group" (20's and 30's
Young Professionals) Bible Study at Keith &
Emily Saunders' home, 1702 Mesquite Drive

Tuesday, April 4

- 9:30 AM** Ladies' Bible Study (Study on Heaven)
Nursery for the little ones
- 6:30 PM** Faith Bible Institute

Wednesday, April 5

- 6:30 PM** AWANA

Friday, April 7

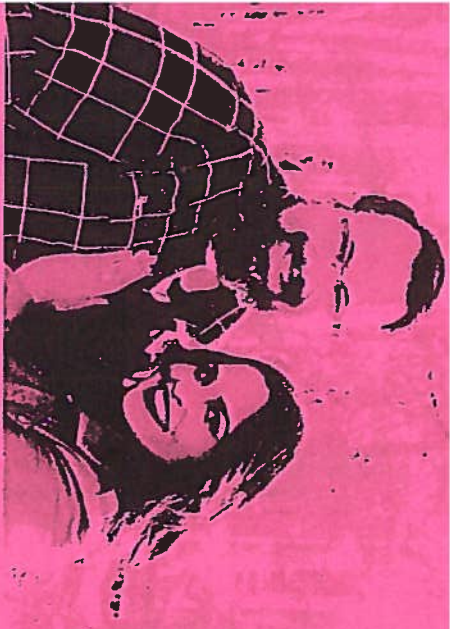
- 7:00 PM** "Crosby Lane" in Concert (see announcement)

Sunday, April 9

(during AM service) The Lord's Table observed

COMING SOON:

- April 14 (7 PM)** Good Friday Service
- April 16** Easter
- 8:30-9:30 AM** Free All-Church Breakfast [No Sunday School]
(You must sign up on the sheet on the table in
the foyer)
- 10:15 AM** Easter Worship Service [No evening activities]



PLEASE JOIN US FOR A

RECEPTION

TO CELEBRATE
THE MARRIAGE OF

Steven AND *Jackie*

ON APRIL 2, 2017 AT

Grace Bible Church

222 BOULDER DRIVE
GALLUP, NM 87301

IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING
SUNDAY SERVICE

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

April 2017



Country in Focus:

Displaced Populations

The United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR) reports that an unprecedented 65.3 million people have been displaced around the world due to war and persecution, half of them children. The new figure is not only a 21st-century record, but also the first time the number has surpassed 60 million—which means one in every 113 people worldwide is now an asylum-seeker, internally displaced, or a refugee.

The Middle East and North Africa region, in total, saw the highest numbers of displaced people in 2015. Elsewhere in the world, people fleeing drug gangs in Central America contributed to a 17 percent rise in displacement in the region, while refugees from Asia and the Pacific accounted for almost a sixth of global refugees and internally displaced people in 2015.

Pray for:

- Peace in the world—what seems impossible to us is not impossible to God;
- Refugees to find safe places to live and raise families;
- Those displaced to find Christ;
- Christians to help alleviate their suffering by offering aid and comfort.

Fewer US Millennials Marrying and Attending Church (1)

According to recent research, US millennials are setting two new trends: fewer are getting married, and fewer are attending church. CBN News reports that these trends suggest millennials are hesitant to commit to marriage due to the pain many have experienced seeing their parents or other adults go through a divorce. In addition to their hesitancy regarding marriage, a majority (72 percent) of millennials reportedly do not attend church. In contrast, 51 percent of older-generation Americans attend church. Marriage and church are both traditional institutions that the nontraditional millennial generation often balks at.

Pastor Matt Chewning, a millennial himself, believes that the solution to these problems is to be open and genuine, especially in the church. Thus, at Chewning's church, "we talk a lot about sin," he says, adding that he lets people know he faces the same temptations and problems they do, but that we are all saved by grace through faith in Christ. "That rawness, that element of authenticity, really marks our generation," Chewning stated. "Therefore it ought to mark the churches that are trying to reach our generation."

Muslim Refugees in UK Dreaming about Jesus (2)

Many Muslims who entered the United Kingdom as refugees are converting to Christianity after

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having visions and dreams of Christ. According to ChristianToday.com, a Christian church in Shelton, Stoke-on-Trent, has been instrumental in ministering to these refugees and leading them to Christ.

Reverend Sally Smith, the vicar of St. Mark's, says the church was a rather stagnant community until the UK's Home Office began resettling dozens of refugees nearby. The church now has a ministry welcoming Muslims who are new to the area, and their community is thriving. Although those who minister to the refugees do not try to proselytize, a number of Muslims have accepted Christ due to the warm welcome and kindness they've been shown.

Many of these converts have testified that they had visions and dreams of Jesus. "One man, Hassan, had a dream. In this dream, Jesus came to him as a light. He told him to come to this church and be baptized. He knew it was the Lord who had wrapped himself around him," Smith shared. "Another man saw Jesus in a dream and he was shown a picture of this very church," she added.

More than 2 Million Displaced by African Conflicts ⁽³⁾

Violence and conflict across Africa displaced 2.4 million people in 2015, according to a report released by the Internal Displacement Monitoring Center (IDMC). The report estimates even larger numbers of internally displaced people in 2016.

Last year's figures brought the total number of people living in displacement camps to 12.4 million. Africa's internally displaced population is more than double the number of refugees, or people who flee their home countries, which the UN estimates as 5.4 million people.

"Each of these numbers represents a personal tragedy and presents a challenge for local, national, and international responders," the report said.

Nigeria accounted for more than 30 percent of the figures. As many as 736,000 people fled their homes in 2015, the majority because of Boko Haram's insurgency. The Islamic extremist group staged multiple attacks in northeastern Nigeria and other neighboring countries.

Besides ongoing conflicts, natural disasters displaced another estimated 1.1 million people from 33 African countries, with IDMC warning the actual figures could be higher.

US Football Coach Reprimanded for Praying ⁽¹⁾

A middle school football team's coach in Crawfordville, Florida, has been reprimanded for kneeling along with his team while his players prayed. An atheist organization, the Freedom From Religion Foundation, as well as the school district, took issue with this coach's actions.

A video shows coach Eddie Metcalf taking a knee in the pregame huddle. A report on the incident says, "It was unclear if the coach actually



This month you can... Pray for Scripture Translation Projects

Did you know that Wycliffe Bible Translators is nearing completion with more than 300 translation projects? Prayer is an important part of Bible translation and is especially critical during the final stages. Translators often see a pattern of increasing spiritual opposition as the time draws nearer

for people to receive the translated Word in the language they understand best. That's why "The Finish Line," Wycliffe's annual prayer guide, exists.

If you want to pray for Wycliffe's projects, you can download this booklet, where you'll find ways to pray for 30 projects nearing completion, a

summary of the different stages of translation, a story of God's faithfulness, and so much more.

The people at Wycliffe would love to have you join them in this prayer project. Visit their website at www.wycliffe.org and sign up to make an impact through prayer today!



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took part in the prayer led by one of his players, but according to the Wakulla County School Board, that ‘act of reverence’ is against the law.”

“That’s not allowable under the law,” Superintendent Robert Pearce said. “The coach may not participate in the prayer.” Pearce added that the district has held training seminars about prayer on the football field. He stated, “What we want our coaches to do—and what most people have survived with in regards to meeting the letter of the law—is to have separation from the players, two to three steps. You are allowed to have reverent respect for their prayer.”

Top Charities Named

Charity Navigator, a service that provides information about various charities, has released a list of the top 10 big-name charities that are working to change the world. The charities considered were those with budgets exceeding \$100 million and net assets of at least \$65 million that do “exceptional work” both in the US and abroad, while “maintaining top-notch financial management and transparency standards.” Here is the full list, according to Charity Navigator’s rankings: (10) Natural Resources Defense Council, (9) United Nations Foundation, (8) Caring Voice Coalition, (7) Billy Graham Evangelistic Association, (6) Catholic Medical Mission Board, (5) AmeriCares, (4) Samaritan’s Purse, (3) The Rotary Foundation, (2) MAP International, (1) Direct Relief.

Chinese House Church Meets Despite Threats (4)

After being ordered to move out of its building and

destroy any “illegal structures,” a house church in China’s central Henan province continues to meet daily despite threats of arrest.

Recently, personnel from several government departments informed the members of Emmanuel Church that they lacked the appropriate documents to meet legally and threatened to arrest anyone who continued to attend the church’s services. According to Zhao, the woman in charge of the church, the local religious affairs bureau then issued a notice, commanding the church to move out of its building and requiring its attendees to destroy any “illegal structures” within three days or face penalties. “If we don’t move,” Zhao said, “they said they will throw away our materials, seats, and quite a lot of our other things.”

Despite these threats, Zhao says that the church now meets daily, sometimes even gathering at night or going out into the wilderness to study the Bible and pray.

North Korean Diplomat Exposes “Tyrannical Reign of Terror” (5)

A top North Korean diplomat who defected to South Korea in 2016 has said that he will expose the “tyrannical reign of terror” that people are suffering under Kim Jong Un, including torture and slavery.

Thae Yong Ho, who was a diplomat in the North Korean embassy to the UK in London, told South Korean officials that he escaped with his family because of the human rights abuses under Kim’s regime. Thae claimed that North Koreans are subjected to slavery under Kim’s dictatorship, saying, “There are many ranking North Korean

officials suffering from depression over concerns they will have to live like slaves for a long time if the North's young leader rules the country for decades."

Christians and other religious minorities are also heavily targeted under Kim's regime and arrested for things such as reading the Bible.

Bill Calls Faithfulness in Marriage "Outdated" (6)

Promising to remain faithful will no longer be a legal requirement for marriages in Italy, if a controversial new bill is passed. Supporters of the bill to remove the word *fidelity* from marriage contracts claim that faithfulness in marriage is "outdated and obsolete."

The proposal has already been backed by the Italian Senate and has now been passed to the Judiciary Committee. The bill's proponents want marriage contracts to contain the same wording as same-sex civil partnerships, which were legalized in 2016. Senator Laura Cantini claims that the wording of the Civil Unions Bill, which does not refer to fidelity or faithfulness, is "a much more advanced model."

According to a 2013 poll, more than half of men and one in three women in Italy have been unfaithful to their partners, the highest percentage of any European country.

Middle East Expert Calls Christians World's Most Persecuted Religious Group (7)

For those Christians living in Muslim-majority countries, torture and death are an everyday

occurrence, according to Middle East expert Raymond Ibrahim. "I'm not talking about 'War on Christmas' type harassment," Ibrahim said in a video he produced for Prager University. "I'm talking about 'know your place or we're going to kill you' persecution."

Ibrahim, who was born in Egypt and specializes in Arabic history and language, says that 20 percent of the population of North Africa and the Middle East followed the Christian faith 100 years ago, but that number has dwindled to a mere 4 percent, with most of the decline occurring in the last decade. "Astonishingly, the Western mainstream media barely acknowledge what is happening," he continued.

"In just the past two years, tens of thousands of Christian Copts (Egypt's term for native Christians) have left Egypt, and many others want to leave but they simply cannot afford to," Ibrahim said on the video. He went on to explain several incidents of violence against Christians in Egypt, including church bombings that most often happen during Christmas or Easter church services, child abductions, slavery, Christian business bombings, and many more.

"The list of fresh atrocities by Muslims against Christians grows longer almost every day," he said. "If this were happening to any other group besides Christians, it would be the human rights tragedy of our time. So yes, Christians are indeed the most persecuted religious group in the world today," he concluded. "But reporting it would violate the media's narrative of Christians as persecutors and Muslims as victims."

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You faithfully answer our prayers with awesome deeds, O God our savior.

PSALM 65:5