



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 ~
May 7, 2017
Graduation Sunday!

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship

Welcome / Announcements

Recognition of Graduates

Women in God's Service!

Kathy & Karen Antone

Offering *

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:9-16

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Want to Be Pure?"

(Part 2 of a Series in Psalm 119, "Magnifying God's Word!")

Closing

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

LATER TODAY...

Noon Pizza With the Pastors..." (see announcement)
6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12)
6:00 PM Prayer Time
(Afternoon) Edge Group (age 18-25) Road Trip

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."

~ Deuteronomy 6:5

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME to Kathy and Karen Antone,
founders of the WINGS [Women in God's Service] Ministry! We
look forward to hearing about their ministry this morning!



CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!
We are praying for you!

High School Graduates

Liz Helf (Home School)

Nicholas Salazar (Miyamura High)

Kimberly Sowers (Miyamura High)

Tieley Tsosie (UNM Middle College)

College

Victoria Alonzo (UNM; May 13; Certificate in Health Information [coding]
and Associates in Health Information Technology)

Bethany Cody (Haskell Indian Nation University, Lawrence, KS; May 19;
Associates in Liberal Arts)

Tyler DenBleyker (Eastern New Mexico University; Dec. '16; B.A. in
Psychology)

Darlene Steinback (UNM; May; Bachelors in Liberal Arts)

DID YOU START ATTENDING GRACE BIBLE CHURCH AFTER MARCH 1, 2016? If so...you and your family are invited to "Pizza with the Pastors, Elders, and Their Wives" TODAY right after the morning worship service! The purpose of this time of fellowship is for you to get to know the Pastors and Elders and their families and for them to get to know you! You do not have to bring anything except your appetite! After the meal, there will be a brief "Question and Answer" time concerning the church and its ministries.



LADIES' TEA!
MAY 13, 11 AM
SIGN UP TODAY!
~ OPEN TO GIRLS OF ALL AGES! ~
(See insert)

ARE YOU INTERESTED in being baptized? A baptismal service is being planned for May 14 (required 1 hr. baptismal class TODAY, 4 PM-5 PM). If you are interested, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!

This Week in Church History...

On May 9, 1828, Andrew Murray, South African Dutch Reformed clergyman, was born at Graaf-Reinet, South Africa. Murray was a conservative theologian with mystical inclinations and profound devotional life. Although a great traveling spokesman for the church in his own day, Murray is better remembered for his more than 250 devotional works. His most famous book is *Abide in Christ* (1860-64).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Jesus Christ is the center of everything and the object of everything, and he who does not know Him knows nothing of the order of nature and nothing of himself."

~ Blaise Pascal

PRAISE & PETITION



“O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done wonderful things; His right hand and His holy arm 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. A wonderful AWANA Grand Finale Night this past Wednesday.
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!
6. All of our graduates!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a desire to “make the most of our time” for the Lord Jesus.
2. Phyllis Herlocker, as she is in Greece for a 2-week medical missions trip; Jared Sowers as he leaves for South Korea for several months.
3. Glenn & Shirley Marshall as they prepare to move to North Carolina.
6. Sean Begaye, in Afghanistan; Adam Sowers (S. Korea); Kyle Prendergast (Ophelia Krupica's son), stationed (Air Force) in Germany; Jesus, Jessalyn, Nora and Ayla Ubanda (Okinawa, Japan); Whitney Pratt (Air Force); Jared Payton (Tucson, AZ)
7. Our 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)
 - Nellie Lee (shoulder surgery)
 - Clarissa Darnell (head injury)

“Want to Be Pure?”

**(Part 2 of a Series in Psalm 119, “Magnifying God’s Word!”)
Psalm 119:9-16**

To say that we live in a society that is not very pure in thought and action may be one of the year’s great understatements. Greed, corruption, lying, cheating, sexual impurity (etc.) are rampant - and widely accepted - in 2017, with no signs of slowing down. It is increasingly difficult for a believers in Jesus Christ to live a life of purity and integrity. Given the question in Psalm 119:9, it seems that it was also pretty difficult in Old Testament times to keep one’s life pure! We need to ask ourselves if we really *want* to be pure, if we really *want* to please God in all ways (Colossians 1:10). After we answer those questions, we can see what God’s Word has to say in verses 9-16 of Psalm 119 (“Beth”) about this important issue!

1. Want to Be Pure?

2. A Disciplined Heart

3. A Teachable Spirit

4. The Results

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, May 8

7:00 PM

Life Group at Luginbuhls' (303 Cactus Rd.)
Study in Colossians

7:00 PM

"Impact Group" (20's and 30's
Young Professionals) Bible Study at Steve &
Jackie Yoder's home, 3607 Chaco Drive

Tuesday, May 9

6:30 PM

Faith Bible Institute

Saturday, May 13

11 AM - 1 PM

Ladies' Tea (see insert)

Sunday, May 14

(During AM Service)

MOTHER'S DAY

Baptismal Service,
followed by reception in gym

COMING SOON:

May 19

Youth Group "Pizza and Prayer"

May 23

Elders' Meeting

From the Library of:
Grace Bible Church Gymnasium

Author: *Story of Your Life*

Title: *Ladies Spring Tea 2017*

Date

Issued To:

5/13/17

**Come and enjoy a nice time
with the ladies of Grace
Bible Church while sipping
a cup of warm tea.**

11am-1pm

**Please bring a brunch item to
share or host a table and be
sure to sign up in the foyer.**

*Fix your eyes on Jesus.
He is the author and finisher
of your faith ~ Heb. 12:2a*

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

May 2017



Country in Focus: Qatar (1)

The country of Qatar, on the Arabian Peninsula, is virtually all desert. The country has the world's third largest oil and gas reserves, and petroleum products make up 85 percent of its exports. As a result, Qatar has the highest per capita income in the world.

Expatriate workers from nations throughout Asia and parts of Africa voluntarily migrate to Qatar as low-skilled laborers or domestic servants, but some subsequently face conditions indicative of involuntary servitude. Some of the more common labor rights violations include beatings, withholding payment, charging workers for benefits, and restricting freedom of movement by confiscating passports, travel documents, or exit permits.

The strict Wahhabi form of Sunni Islam is Qatar's state religion. Proselytism of Muslims is forbidden. While expatriate Christians are allowed to practice their faith, Christians in Qatar face high levels of persecution.

Pray for:

- A Qatari church to be birthed and Qatari citizens to hear the gospel as they travel abroad;
- Christians' ability to meet together, which is limited by the government and by the high cost of renting facilities;
- Christian radio and Christian websites to spread the gospel in a country where face-to-face evangelism is prohibited.

Washington School District Reverses Decision (2)

A Washington State school district has reversed its decision to ban evangelism clubs from its schools. Cascade School District initially banned the Child Evangelism Fellowship and the Good News Clubs from interacting with students due to a complaint from a parent.

The school district feared a costly lawsuit; however, they decided to reverse the decision after Liberty Counsel, a nonprofit group that advances religious freedom, stepped in and explained to school officials that it is legal for the Christian groups to distribute flyers on school grounds. The district then reversed the ban.

According to Liberty Counsel founder and chairman Mat Staver, "The Cascade School District made the appropriate decision to eliminate the unconstitutional policy and recognize that the Good News Club has equal access to students. Public schools cannot discriminate against Christian viewpoints and allow other organizations to promote their materials. We are elated with this victory for Child Evangelism Fellowship, for equal access, and for our Constitution."

Myanmar's Military Accused of Abducting Pastors (3)

As violence mounts in the Buddhist-majority nation of Myanmar, formerly known as Burma, the country's military is increasingly under fire

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for human rights abuses, most recently the disappearance of two Baptist church leaders.

In November, two pastors connected to the Kachin Baptist Convention reportedly agreed to take journalists to see and photograph the rubble of a Catholic church. The building had been hit by airstrikes in a clash between Myanmar's military and the Brotherhood of the Northern Alliance, an ethnic insurgent group. A few weeks later, the Burmese army summoned the pastors to a military base in northern Shan state, a rural region pocked with guerrilla fighting. The two men disappeared after the meeting, and according to Amnesty International, they "may have been detained by Myanmar authorities for their role in organizing a visit by journalists to the church."

The Burmese army denies involvement in the disappearance of the two pastors, but government officials have not responded to questions from human rights groups or the men's families. "The apparent enforced disappearance of these two Christian leaders has created a climate of fear and terror in Northern Shan State," said Matthew Smith, chief executive officer of the non-profit human rights organization Fortify Rights.

Christian Persecution Up 38 Percent in France ⁽⁴⁾

According to a report by the French *Observatoire de la Christianophobie*, Christian persecution in the country rose by 38 percent between 2015 and 2016. In 2015, there were 273 attacks against Christians, but in 2016, that number rose to 376.

The most well-known of these attacks was on Father Jacques Hamel, who was killed by Muslim extremists while he celebrated Mass at his parish in the small French town of Saint-Etienne-du-Rouvray. Before he was killed, the elderly priest reportedly told his assailants, "Be gone, Satan!"

France's Jewish community has also suffered increased violence, with many choosing to leave the country. In 2015 alone, nearly 8,000 Jews left France.

Archbishop Urges Iraqi Believers to Stay ⁽⁵⁾

Iraqi Christians who are considering leaving the country should stay put and play a role in rebuilding their war-shattered homeland,



This month you can... Pray for Russia

Russia has dominated the news lately, but according to relevantmagazine.com, there are even more pressing reasons to be concerned about Russia than what most news sources are reporting. Persecution of Christians is increasing in Russia at an alarming rate. Last summer Russia passed laws that prohibited Christians from evangelizing freely and restricted religious discussions. Shortly following the enactment of these laws, which are

part of the Yarovaya package, Christians began to be prosecuted for engaging in their normal religious activities. Some Christians were even labeled "cultists" or "foreign agents."

These laws have some fearing that Russia is going back to the Soviet era, when Christians faced severe persecution. Emily Taylor of *Relevant* offers three specific things Christians can do in light of what believers are facing in Russia.

1. Pray for Russian Christians—

that they would remain strong in faith and that they would never lose hope.

2. Forgive those who want to punish Christians for their faith. Pray for Russia and its leaders, even though this may be difficult.

3. Learn more about what Russian Christians are facing so that you can pray for specific needs. Learn more about Russian culture as a whole so you can better understand these people.



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according to an Iraqi archbishop. “For me, staying and resisting as a Christian minority is the right way,” Chaldean Archbishop Yousif Mirkis of Kirkuk told reporters during a visit to France to raise awareness and funds for an interfaith educational project he oversees.

While government forces have gained ground against Islamic State militants, the Iraqi conflict is far from over. Still, Mirkis focused many of his remarks on how to heal his deeply divided country. He called for nothing short of a Marshall Plan for Iraq, referring to the American initiative to aid Western Europe after the devastation of World War II.

Iraq’s Christian population has plummeted from about 1.5 million in 2003 to less than 300,000 last year, according to the Alliance Defending Freedom, a Vienna-based advocacy group. Some fear the Christian population may disappear altogether.

US Top Court Rebuffs “Sister Wives” (2)

The US Supreme Court turned away a challenge to Utah’s anti-bigamy law brought by the polygamist stars of the popular reality television show *Sister Wives*. The justices declined to take up an appeal by Kody Brown and his four wives of a lower court’s ruling that threw out their challenge, which claimed Utah’s law banning multiple spouses violated their religious liberty rights under the US Constitution’s First Amendment.

After the show first aired on cable television network TLC in 2010, authorities in Utah

announced they were investigating the family for violations of the anti-bigamy law. Fearing criminal prosecution, the family moved to Nevada in 2011.

The Utah law prohibits not only polygamy but also cohabitation by married people with other partners. Brown and the four women—only one of whom he is legally married to—are fundamentalist Mormons, part of the Apostolic United Brethren Church.

Prominent Chinese Pastor Sentenced (6)

Yang Hua, a house church pastor who has been detained since 2015, was sentenced to two years and six months in prison by a court in China’s central Guizhou province. He was accused of “divulging state secrets.” Yang was originally detained during a raid on his church, Huoshi Church, when he tried to stop police from confiscating a hard drive. The prosecutors appointed by the government reportedly tortured him in prison but were not removed from his case, despite Yang’s lawyers filing a lawsuit against them.

“This is nothing but purely barbaric religious persecution,” said Bob Fu, president and founder of China Aid, urging President Trump to “unequivocally condemn this brutal act.”

Sudan Deports Pastor for Evangelizing (7)

Sudanese authorities ordered a South Sudanese pastor to leave the country for evangelizing and church activities. Sudan’s National Intelligence

and Security Services ordered Pastor Koat Akot of the Sudan Pentecostal Church to leave within 72 hours after an official told him he was not wanted in the country because of his evangelistic and church activities. The pastor has helped establish three churches in the Khartoum/Omdurman area—one with 500 members, one of about 160, and another of about 60.

While not explicitly banning proselytizing, Sudan's criminal code criminalizes acts that encourage Muslims to leave Islam, according to the US State Department's 2015 International Religious Freedom Report, the latest available.

Churches Demolished in Nigeria (8)

Persecution of Christians in Nigeria's northern states appears to be on the rise again, with reports that churches are being demolished in the state capital of Jigawa. Twelve states, including Jigawa, have instituted *sharia* law.

The Redeem Christian Church of God and the Lord Chosen Church in the capital Dutse are the latest to have been bulldozed. Civic authorities said they were demolished because they had not been registered.

Reverend Yakubu Musa, chairman of the Christian Association of Nigeria in Jigawa, said

that during the demolition, police blocked church doors to stop members entering and chased off any they saw trying to take photographs. He said there had been no notice of demolition. He also insisted the leaders of both churches had applied for the necessary permits to exist but had been refused.

Open Doors World Watch List 2017

Each year, Open Doors releases a list of the countries where Christians face the most severe persecution for their faith. The following were the top 20 countries on the 2017 list:

1. North Korea
2. Somalia
3. Afghanistan
4. Pakistan
5. Sudan
6. Syria
7. Iraq
8. Iran
9. Yemen
10. Eritrea
11. Libya
12. Nigeria
13. Maldives
14. Saudi Arabia
15. India
16. Uzbekistan
17. Vietnam
18. Kenya
19. Turkmenistan
20. Qatar

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So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.

1 CORINTHIANS 15:58

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