



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 ~
June 4, 2017

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Praise & Worship
Welcome / Announcements
Offering *
Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:41-48

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Making It Personal!”

(Part 6 of a Series in Psalm 119, “Magnifying God’s Word!”)

The Lord’s Table
Closing

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

LATER TODAY...

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



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.

We have a number of jackets/sweatshirts that have been left on our coat rack for several months. Would you please check to see if any of them belong to you? Thank you! On June 19, we will be donating the coats left on the rack to Good Will.

OUR CHURCH is now set up to accept online giving!

If you want to give online:

1. Set up an account at <https://gracebiblechurchgallup.churchcenteronline.com/giving>
 2. Text this number to donate: 84321. If you put in "general" or "building" as well as the amount, your donation will be allocated to one of those two funds.
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A LIST of June birthdays and anniversaries of GBC regular-attenders is on the kitchen door. Please make (legible) additions/corrections right on the list. Thank you!

WOULD YOU LIKE TO EARN 4% on your money? You CAN, by loaning money to the church via a "Promissory Note" to help us pay off our bank loan! Please see Pastor John or Steve Knox.



CAMP IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER! Summer camp at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch! Eight weeks to choose from beginning June 12! Bright orange Information/registration forms are at the Welcome Desk. Why not go to camp this Summer? You'll be glad you did!

This Week in Church History...

On June 6, 1844, the Young Men's Christian Association (Y.M.C.A.) was founded in London, England, by George Williams. (The first American branch was founded seven years later, 1851, in Boston.) Originally, the Y.M.C.A. was a lay, interdenominational Protestant organization that sought to win young men to Christ while developing their powers of body, mind, and spirit.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"The person who is unconcerned about those who are perishing may well wonder whether he is a Christian."

~ William Hendricks

PRAISE & PETITION



“I will call upon the Lord, Who is worthy to be praised, and I am saved from any enemies.”

~ Psalm 18:3

Praise the Lord for:

1. His being a perfect and wonderful Father to us!
2. The wonderful gift of salvation through Jesus Christ for all who trust Him.
3. The summer season, with all of its opportunities for traveling and witnessing.
4. The freedoms we have in this great country of ours! Let's pray for our nation!
5. The Body of Christ, with all its diversity!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More of a heart for the lost! More desire to share the gospel!
2. All our moms, dads, families, as they strive to take a stand for Jesus Christ.
3. The staff at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch, as they prepare to begin the camping season.
4. Caitie Yale, ministering in Uganda; Jose Silva, ministering in the U.S.; Jared Sowers, ministering in South Korea.
5. 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)
 - Linda Luginbuhl: starts chemo this Tuesday
 - Shirley Marshall (Good Samaritan, Grants)
 - Doris Smallcanyon (recovering from surgery)
 - Nellie Lee (shoulder surgery)
 - Clarissa Darnell (head injury)

“Making It Personal!”

(Part 6 of a Series in Psalm 119, “Magnifying God’s Word!”)
Psalm 119:41-48

This section of Psalm 119 (“Vav” [pronounced, “Wow”; the word means, “hook”, “spear” or “tent peg”; hence the shape of the letter!]; 6th letter of the Hebrew alphabet) is all about making the Word of God personal. It is one thing to merely read the Word of God; it is something altogether different to apply it to *my* life!

God’s Word, the Bible... Its:

1. Promise

2. Power

3. Freedom

4. Effect

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, June 5

7:00 PM

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[No Life Group at Luginbuhls']

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

Saturday, June 10

(All Day)

Youth Group (grades 6-12) Trip to Cliffs (Albq.). See Pastor Steve for details.

COMING SOON:

June 13

Elders' Meeting

June 29 - July 1

SWCC Leadership Conference, Scottsdale



the 1990s, the number of people with a mental health problem has increased by 50% (Mental Health Act 1983).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of people with mental health problems. The Department of Health (1999) has set out a strategy for mental health care, which includes a commitment to improve the lives of people with mental health problems and to reduce the stigma associated with mental illness.

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significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

June 2017



Country in Focus: Sudan (1)

Sudan, once the largest and one of the most geographically diverse states in Africa, split into two countries—the Republic of Sudan and the Republic of South Sudan—in 2011, after the people of the south voted for independence. Sudan has long been beset by violence. Two rounds of north-south civil war cost the lives of 1.5 million people, and a continuing conflict in the western area of Darfur has driven more than two million people from their homes. More than 250,000 have died in the most recent unrest. The predominant religion in Sudan is Islam. South Sudan is divided between Islam, Christianity—mainly Catholics and Episcopalians—and indigenous animist religions. Due to the continuing conflict and civil war, South Sudan is consistently ranked at or near the top of the Fragile States Index.

Pray for:

- The decades-long animosities between ethnic and religious groups to be resolved fairly;
- World leaders to join with local leaders to end slavery in both countries;
- Peace between all religious groups;
- Recovery for the many schools and churches that have been destroyed and rebuilt several times;
- New Bible translations to have a major impact on the less-evangelized people groups in Sudan.

Millions Face Famine in South Sudan (1)

After three years of war, South Sudanese government and humanitarian agencies have officially declared famine in parts of the country. More than 100,000 people are starving, according to the United Nations, and local sources claim that nearly five million South Sudanese are facing dire hunger. More than 275,000 children are at risk of starving unless aid is quickly delivered. Particularly

hard hit is the north of the country, where more than 30 percent of the population is suffering from acute malnutrition.

Serge Tissot, the Food and Agriculture Organization's representative for South Sudan, stated, "Famine has become a tragic reality in parts of South Sudan and our worst fears have been realized. Many families have exhausted every means they have to survive."

The people affected "are predominantly farmers and war has disrupted agriculture. They've lost their livestock, even their farming

tools, resulting in a total reliance on whatever plants they can find and fish they can catch,” Tissot explained. As a result of civil war, food prices have jumped up to 800 percent, and trade routes have been blocked off.

Young Professionals Reach Central Asia for Christ

Young professionals are helping to advance the gospel in central Asia despite strict prohibitions against religion.

Life is challenging for Christians in the five “stans” of central Asia: Kazakhstan, Turkmenistan, Kyrgyzstan, Uzbekistan, and

Tajikistan. These countries are now free from Soviet rule, but the totalitarianism of the Communist age, as well as the growth of Islamic extremism, remains a threat to those who profess faith. Leaders in these countries have enacted laws prohibiting religious expression. These laws are ostensibly directed toward Muslims, but Christians often end up facing the brunt of such laws. When the authorities discover someone has converted to Christianity, they will gather relatives, friends, and family of the accused and bring him or her before an Islamic Council of Elders. The convert then stands before the group and has to decide between faith and family.



This month you can... Evaluate Your Church's Worship Service

How effective is the worship service at your church? Is it reaching people with the right message? Church leadership should periodically take time to evaluate their church's worship style as a first-time visitor would. Often church leaders closely follow attendance numbers while not paying attention to what happens during the service. Here are a few questions that might help in that evaluation:

Do I want to know God more as a result of attending the service? It's possible that a worship service directs attention to the preacher, the praise team, the building, the church's activities, etc.—but not truly to God. Genuine worship should lead us to kneel before God in awe and

wonder, longing to know him more while also recognizing his holiness.

If I knew only the lyrics of the songs sung, would I know the gospel? Strong biblical praise can also be a great witness, as long as the lyrics lay out the gospel. Evaluate this weekend's lyrics to see if they talk more about God or about the worshiper.

Do I know more of the Word of God as a result of attending the service? Sometimes Scripture is central to a service. At other times, it's simply an “evangelical launching pad,” meaning it's a perfunctory part of a service but not at its core. Which description best fits your church?

Would I know how my life should change after hearing

the sermon? Worship ought to lead to action; that is, the singing and preaching of the Word should clearly show us how to adjust our lives to what God wants. If visitors must figure out the application on their own, your church may want to reexamine the message.

Would I likely want to come back to the church? Evaluate your list of guests who have attended in the last six months, and see how many returned for second and third visits. If no one ever returns, that finding tells you something. Leadership should think about how strongly folks feel like they meet with God when worshipping with your congregation.



Dr. Michael Cherenkov, who monitors religious-freedom issues in the former Soviet Union, says that, due to such laws, Christians in these countries have had to find new ways to worship and share their faith. “These laws have forced Christians to be more creative and invent new approaches to sharing the gospel,” Cherenkov said.

One way Christians in these countries are building community despite restrictions is through the Next Generation Professional Leaders Initiative, a gathering of young professionals from across central Asia started by Sergey Rakhuba. “It is not possible to overstate the significance of this gathering when you have in one room over 500 of the key young leaders from across central Asia,” Rakhuba explained.

DC Lawmakers Allow Assisted Suicide Law to Pass ⁽²⁾

The District of Columbia’s “Death with Dignity Act,” which allows terminally ill patients to end their own lives with the help of a physician, recently went into effect. Lawmakers in the US House and Senate presented a joint resolution condemning the measure, but leaders chose not to schedule a vote on the issue. As a result, the Death with Dignity Act passed with ease and will soon be implemented in DC-area hospitals.

Rep. Jim Jordan, R-Ohio, said, “This was an unfortunate missed opportunity to defend the

sanctity of life at all stages. I’m disappointed that this didn’t come to the floor for a vote.”

Sen. Jamse Lankford, R-Okla., added, “Loosely written assisted-suicide laws are a recipe for abuse against the disabled, elderly, and the poor. I’m disappointed that Congress did not act on a resolution of disapproval for DC’s assisted-suicide bill. There are significant consequences to this law that have far-reaching implications for how we care for vulnerable people.”

Physician-assisted suicide may now be legal in the nation’s capital, but it will take months before doctors will be allowed to administer deadly drugs to patients. However, assisted suicide advocates are already seeking to expand the practice. Nearly half of state legislatures are considering legalizing assisted suicide.

Congressman “Adopts” Chinese Prisoner ⁽²⁾

US Representative Randy Hultgren, collaborating with the Defending Freedoms Project, “adopted” political prisoner Zhu Yufu in order to spotlight the experiences of Zhu and others who face persecution for expressing their opinions. In a speech made to the United States House of Representatives, Hultgren highlighted Zhu’s unjust imprisonment, saying that his health has deteriorated acutely under official care, causing his family to fear he may not live, and urged the Chinese government to free

him, provide him with proper medical care, treat him humanely, and respect and uphold "freedom of speech, and assembly, and thought, and belief."

Zhu, who has endured multiple prison sentences on account of his pro-democracy stance, was sentenced to seven years in prison in 2012 after he published a poem titled "It's Time," which encouraged Chinese people to rise up against the Communist Party and shape the future of China themselves. In custody, he has suffered poor treatment, including being beaten by police.

China Deports South Korean Missionaries (3)

The Communist government of China has arrested four South Korean Christian missionaries and expelled at least 32 more after carrying out a series of police raids on churches. The missionaries, who were based



in the northeast region, had been helping fugitives fleeing North Korea as well as preaching in the area.

Observers say that Chinese authorities are cracking down on Christian evangelism. Last September, China arrested the Vatican-

appointed coadjutor bishop of Wenzhou, Msgr. Peter Shao Zhumin, because he hadn't been approved by Chinese officials.

Bob Fu, founder and president of China Aid, an organization that documents persecution of Christians in China, said "the top leadership is increasingly worried about the rapid growth of Christian faith and their public presence, and their social influence. It is a political fear for the Communist Party, as the number of Christians in the country far outnumber the members of the Party."

In its 2016 report, Human Rights Watch documented the arrests of various human rights defenders, including those who have stood up for freedom of religion. When China's Communists came to power in 1949, they expelled Christian missionaries while allowing churches to function under the government's control. Chinese Christians faced severe persecution during the Cultural Revolution of the 1960s and the 1970s under Mao Zedong, who saw religion as "poison."

Churches in China are now allowed to exist but under tight control of the government.

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

But I say, love your enemies! Pray for those who persecute you!

MATTHEW 5:44