



THE
Psalm OF THE
WORD
CONSISTENCY

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 ~
August 6, 2017

WELCOME

9:00 AM

Sunday School for all ages

10:15 AM

Worship Service

Call to Worship

Revelation 4:8-11

Moriah Yale

Praise & Worship

Welcome / Announcements

Offering *

Scripture Reading

Psalms 119:113-120

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Resisting the Attacks!"

(Part 15 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

[No Youth Group (grades 6-12) tonight]

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 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 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.

PASTOR STEVE, JACKIE, 7 other adults and 8 of our young people are on a camping trip this weekend. Please pray for them as they travel back to Gallup today.

LADIES: Please note that your Progressive Dinner, originally scheduled for August 12, has been postponed until September 30.

6-WEEK DVD-AND-DISCUSSION Bible Study on finances begins next Sunday, in the Sanctuary, 9 AM - 9:45 AM! For all adults. Join us! Classes for all other age groups available at 9 AM.

BRIEF SPECIAL BUSINESS MEETING AUGUST 20 at Noon to vote on sealing the church parking lot (maximum \$10,580, depending on patching).



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

Awana

AWANA resumes September 6! We need more leaders! Can you help? Please pray about this! If you can help, please contact Pastor John. Thank you!

August 23: AWANA Directors' Meeting, 6 PM (Café)

August 27: AWANA Staff Potluck & Meeting, noon (Gym)

This Week in Church History...

On August 12, 1952, American missionary and Auca Indian martyr Jim Elliot recorded this prayer in his journal: "I must come to be aware of Satan. He may never get me into hell, but he may cause God shame in defeating me. Preserve me from the lion, Lord. Let him not swallow me up."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

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

~ William Hendrickson



PRAISE & PETITION

“The Name of the Lord is a strong tower; the righteous runs into it and is safe.”

~ Proverbs 18:10

Praise the Lord for:

1. The fact that He is our “tower” - our refuge! We are saved through Jesus Christ and are also “safe” in Him!
2. The wonderful gift of salvation - eternal life and forgiveness of sins - available to us through the Son of God, Jesus Christ!
3. The Holy Spirit of God, Who continues to conform us to the image of Jesus as we yield to Him.
4. The privilege of serving people and sharing the Gospel here in Gallup and around the world!
5. A Christ-honoring Business Meeting last Sunday!
6. A wonderful Summer at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch.

Petition the Lord for:

1. More faith to trust in Him; more desire to pray!
2. Making our time here on earth count for Jesus Christ.
3. Enough laborers and a good “start-up” to our AWANA ministry (begins September 6); a Christ-honoring start-up for all our fall ministries.
4. Our teachers, students, and college students, as they begin school!
5. John & Joyce Roper’s ministry in Oklahoma.
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 (cancer)
 - Doris Smallcanyon (recovering from surgery)
 - Nellie Lee (shoulder surgery)
 - Clarissa Darnell (weakening heart)
 - Jim Hathaway (rib fractures)

“Resisting the Attacks!”

(Part 15 of a Series in Psalm 119, “Magnifying God’s Word!”)

Psalm 119:113-120

This section of Psalm 119 (“Samekh” [pronounced “SAH-mek”; 15th letter of the Hebrew alphabet; has “S” sound]) deals with resisting the attacks of Satan through people who reject God’s Word.

1. How to Resist (vss. 113-15, 120)

2. The Blessings of Resisting (vss. 116, 117)

3. The Fate of Those Who Reject God’s Word (vss. 118, 119)

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, August 7

7:00 PM

Luginbuhls' Life Group meets at the church;
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

COMING SOON:

August 12

Ladies' Progressive Dinner
(Postponed until 9/30)

August 15

Elders' Meeting (6 PM)

August 23

AWANA Directors' Meeting (Café; 6:30 PM)

August 27

AWANA Staff Potluck & Meeting

September 2

Men's Breakfast @ Don Diego's Restaurant
(8 AM - 9 AM)

September 4

All-Church Labor Day Picnic @ BABR

September 6

AWANA Begins for 2017-2018 School Year

September 10

"Praise & Celebration" Worship Service

September 23

AWANA Leadership Conference in Albq.
(all day)

the 1990s, the number of people with diabetes has increased in all industrialized countries. In the Netherlands, the prevalence of diabetes is estimated to be 6.5% in 1995, which is expected to rise to 10% by the year 2010 (1).

Diabetes is a chronic disease with a high prevalence and a high mortality. The most common complications of diabetes are cardiovascular disease, nephropathy, retinopathy, and neuropathy. The prevalence of these complications is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of diabetes is estimated to be 10% per year (2).

The most common complication of diabetes is cardiovascular disease. The prevalence of cardiovascular disease is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of cardiovascular disease is estimated to be 10% per year (3). The most common complication of cardiovascular disease is coronary artery disease. The prevalence of coronary artery disease is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of coronary artery disease is estimated to be 10% per year (4).

The most common complication of coronary artery disease is myocardial infarction. The prevalence of myocardial infarction is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of myocardial infarction is estimated to be 10% per year (5). The most common complication of myocardial infarction is heart failure. The prevalence of heart failure is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of heart failure is estimated to be 10% per year (6).

The most common complication of heart failure is stroke. The prevalence of stroke is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of stroke is estimated to be 10% per year (7). The most common complication of stroke is dementia. The prevalence of dementia is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of dementia is estimated to be 10% per year (8).

The most common complication of dementia is depression. The prevalence of depression is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of depression is estimated to be 10% per year (9). The most common complication of depression is suicide. The prevalence of suicide is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of suicide is estimated to be 10% per year (10).

The most common complication of suicide is death. The prevalence of death is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of death is estimated to be 10% per year (11). The most common complication of death is nothingness. The prevalence of nothingness is high, and the mortality is also high. In the Netherlands, the mortality of nothingness is estimated to be 10% per year (12).

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

August 2017



Country in Focus: **St. Lucia** (1)

St. Lucia, in the Windward Islands between Martinique and St. Vincent, is considered one of the most beautiful Caribbean islands. Tourism is an important industry, but agriculture, offshore finance, and manufacturing give the island one of the most diverse and stable economies in the Caribbean. The island has been independent from Britain since 1979 and enjoys a stable parliamentary democracy. The veneer of religion without true faith is a widespread problem, with historic churches in significant decline. Christianity decreasingly influences society, and increasing materialism undermines spiritual life. A staggering 86 percent of all children are born out of wedlock, and 45 percent of all households are led by women.

Pray for:

- Genuine revival in St. Lucia's churches and for the spiritual transformation of society on the island;
- The work of the Fellowship of Gospel Preaching Churches to encourage unity among all churches;
- The impact of the recently translated French Creole New Testament, which is being used across St. Lucia in literacy projects;
- Bible-believing Christians to influence every level of society.

Russia Bans Jehovah's Witnesses (2)

The Supreme Court in Russia has banned the Jehovah's Witnesses organization, and the justice ministry has requested the group be labeled "extremist" and dissolved.

Previously in Russia, the organization was subject to bans and arrests, but the new ruling means that the headquarters and chapters of the group will become state property. Justice ministry attorney Svetlana Borisova said the Jehovah's Witnesses "pose

a threat to the rights of the citizens, public order and public security."

The Jehovah's Witnesses organization says the Russian justice ministry didn't specify a legal basis for the ban, which seems to be part of the country's anti-extremism law. The group plans to appeal the ruling.

British Teachers' Union Pushes LGBT Education (3)

Britain's largest teachers' union has called on lawmakers to expand compulsory sex education

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classes and the “promotion of LGBT+ matters for all schools from nursery throughout all phases of state education.”

Amid pressure to better educate children about sexuality and safety in an age of online pornography, cyberbullying, and sexting, Education Secretary Justine Greening announced that all primary and secondary schools would be required to teach children “age-appropriate” sex and relationship classes. But delegates of the National Union of Teachers want the government to go two steps further. The union’s motion says sex education should include the promotion of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues—including safe-sex guidance for gay and lesbian sex for secondary school students—and also require that

sex education start at the nursery level with children as young as two.

Greening’s plan would allow parents and religious schools to opt out of required sex education programs. However, the union motion condemns that exemption, calling it a “dangerous loophole.”

Defense Department Expands List of Recognized Religions ⁽⁴⁾

The US Department of Defense has announced a near doubling of its list of recognized religions. It will now formally recognize humanism and other minority faiths among members of the armed forces. The move means servicemen and servicewomen who



This month you can... Make Sharing Your Faith Less Awkward

Every believer knows that it is important to share his or her faith in Christ. But it can be intimidating or awkward. Richard Hillier shares three helpful thoughts in his article “How to Share Your Faith without it Being Awkward” for *Relevant* magazine:

“Have an answer ready.” Run through potential conversations in your head before they happen to make sure you’re prepared to answer thoughtfully. If you’re asked about church or your beliefs or how you feel about something happening in the news, Hillier advises to “be straight with them. . . . Where the conversation will go from there is unknown, and that’s OK.”

“Be discerning of timing and atmosphere.” A casual chat in the work kitchen while grabbing coffee is a great time to mention that you went to church over the weekend or that you’re heading to Bible study in the evening, but the middle of a meeting might not be. “Even during a casual night out,” Hillier writes, “ask the Holy Spirit to give you a sensitivity of someone’s need to hear about your faith, for you to offer advice or when to simply speak truth.” Awareness is key here—you don’t want to start a conversation off on the wrong foot, so be conscious of how things are going and let the Spirit guide you.

“Live with love. Work with excellence.” We’ve often heard it said that our actions speak louder than our words, and it’s true that the way we live is a testimony to what we believe. “One of our best testimonies at work or out with friends is easy and effective: Love others, love God, work hard, and people will notice,” says Hillier. “There won’t always be times to share your faith in direct conversation, which is exactly why your actions matter.” This is especially true in challenging or competitive circumstances. Your response will speak volumes about your identity and will reflect Christ to those around you, whether you are sharing your faith vocally or not.



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are adherents of small faith groups are now guaranteed the same rights, privileges, and protections granted to their peers who are members of larger faith groups.

The move was lauded by humanist organizations, which have been pushing for full recognition for 10 years. “Beyond Humanism, the new listing is a win for diversity in general,” Jason Torpy, president of the Military Association of Atheists and Freethinkers, said. Previously, the US military recognized just over 100 religions. The new list has grown to 221 and includes the earth-based faiths, such as heathenism and Asatru, along with an additional eight Protestant groups, including the International Communion of the Charismatic Christian Church.

More than 22 percent of service personnel identify as “no religious preference,” and slightly more than one percent identify as atheist or agnostic.

Christian Pastor Detained in China for Singing (5)

A Taiwanese pastor was detained in China for the crime of singing “Jesus Loves You.” The incident occurred in Zhengzhou, Henan. Officials in this province have reportedly included singing “Jesus Loves You” in their list of “illegal religious activities.”

Pastor Xu Rongzhang was reportedly detained after he led a group of Christians in singing the popular Christian song.

Although Xu was released later the same day, his identification documents and travel permit were not returned to him until two days later. Xu’s situation has become increasingly common for Christians in China, with many arrested or worse. Recently, five Christians were sentenced to three to seven years in prison on the charge that they purchased and sold “forbidden Christian devotional books.”

Poll: People Come for the Sermon (4)

A recent poll questioned people in the US who say they attend a church, synagogue, or mosque at least monthly on why they attend services. The vast majority of 1,526 randomly selected adults in the poll identified as Christians. Three in four of the respondents said sermons or talks that teach about Scripture or help people connect religion to their own lives are the main factors behind their church attendance. Other leading reasons included religious programs for children and teenagers. Nearly a third of worshippers cited these programs as a major draw while others cited opportunities to volunteer or do community outreach as important factors. Some 38 percent of the respondents said good music, such as a choir or a praise band, was a huge draw for them, while about half of the respondents said they were drawn by the opportunity to get to know people in their community.

Police Complicit in Attacks on Sri Lankan Christians (6)

A recent report indicates that police and local officials in Sri Lanka have declined to recognize Buddhist aggression against churches and in some cases encouraged persecution of Christians. In one example, police initially refused to register a case in which a mob led by Buddhist monks assaulted the pastor of Kings Revival Church and three other church members. The attack occurred after the pastor had dispersed the congregation and was hurrying home following a telephone call he received from a church member alerting him that a van full of armed Buddhist monks was waiting for him at the top of a road.

In another case, police told the leader of the Christian Fellowship International Ministry to stop holding services after a congregation member called to report a Buddhist mob's disruption of a worship service. And in the northwest part of the island country, police declined to prosecute when a mob destroyed the building of the Kithus Sevana (House of Christ) church.

Buddhism is granted the "foremost place" in Sri Lanka's constitution, which, along with other laws, commits the government to protect it, according to the US State Department's latest International Religious Freedom Report. While Sri Lanka's constitution grants the right to manifest one's religion or belief "in worship, observance, practice, or teaching, both in public and private," there are instances in which local officials appear to act in concert

with nationalist Buddhist organizations, the religious-freedom report states.

Kurdish Language Bible Now Complete (7)

A pair of Christian missionary groups has finished a project to create a complete Bible translation in the Kurdish language after nearly three decades of work. The Colorado-based Biblica and United Kingdom-based Church Mission Society (CMS) launched the Bible translation earlier this year, with text in the Sorani dialect of Kurdish.

Paul Thaxter, CMS director for international mission, explained that the scale of the new translation's outreach "was difficult to know" given multiple factors. "There's about 6 million Sorani speakers, but of course they have all their networks and all their families speak different dialects as well. And of course, once stories get told from the Old Testament to the New Testament to others, it's got the potential to reach many, many different people, and much more than the 6 million."

There is strong interest in the Sorani Bible translation, as a recent book fair in the city of Erbil, Iraq, saw the sale of 200 full Bibles, 60 hardback New Testaments, and 50 paperback New Testaments. According to Biblica, the Sorani translation of the Bible is available not only in print but also through the popular YouVersion Bible app and the website Bible Gateway.

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

Finally, dear brothers and sisters, we ask you to pray for us. Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you.

2 THESSALONIANS 3:1

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