

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 ~
September 3, 2017*

WELCOME

9:00 AM

Sunday School for all ages

10:15 AM

Worship Service

Call to Worship

Psalm 32:7-11

Praise & Worship

Welcome / Announcements

Offering *

Scripture Reading

Psalm 119:145-152

Message

John Luginbuhl

“Crying Out to the Lord!”

(Part 19 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

Prayer Time (room across from Pastor John’s office)

6:00 PM

[No Youth Group (grades 6-12)]

6:00 PM

Edge Group (age 18-25): Ford Canyon Night

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.



**ALL-CHURCH LABOR DAY PICNIC
At Broken Arrow Bible Ranch
September 4, 2:00 PM - ? (see insert)
JOIN US!**

**IN LOVING MEMORY
MICHAEL JARRETT SPOLAR
July 9, 1979 - August 27, 2017**



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

The logo for AWANA, featuring the word "Awana" in a stylized, white, serif font on a dark rectangular background.

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

PRE-REGISTER your child/children for AWANA at the table in the foyer!

PRAISE & CELEBRATION SUNDAY!
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

- * Special worship service (10:15 AM) of praise & celebration of our great God!
- * Special music, testimonies, devotional thoughts
- * Special "Praise & Celebration Love Offering" to be received
- * All-Church Potluck after Worship Service!

This Week in Church History...

On September 8, 70 A.D., after a six-month siege, the city of Jerusalem surrendered to the Roman armies of Titus. His forces numbered 60,000 soldiers. Jewish historian Josephus says that as many as 1,100,000 Jewish citizens perished in the siege. After capturing the city, the Romans sold 97,000 Jews into slavery.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"Worship is giving to the Lord the glory that is due in response to what He has revealed to us and done to us in Jesus Christ His Son."

~ Oswald B. Milligan



PRAISE & PETITION

“To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, blessing and honor and glory and dominion forever and ever.”

~ Revelation 5:13b

Praise the Lord for:

1. Who He is - the One, True, Living God, Who alone deserves the honor and glory!
2. The salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ, by faith! What a blessing to **KNOW** that you're on your way to Heaven because of a personal faith in Jesus' finished work on Calvary!
3. Our young people and children and all who minister to them!
4. The wonderful AWANA ministry!
5. Our great nation and the freedoms we enjoy here!

Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus Christ and for the things and people He loves.
2. A commitment to read God's Word daily! A commitment to apply it to our lives!
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. Jessica Scarbro, as she ministers in the Far East.
5. A Christ-honoring Labor Day picnic tomorrow.
6. Staci Spolar, the Spolar family, and the Yoder family during this time of the homegoing of Staci's husband, Michael.
7. 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)
8. Our President, Vice-President and staff, military advisors, military men and women.
9. Those who need the Lord's healing touch:
 - Jeremy Richardson (brain tumor)
 - Eliza Jonkman (Schells' granddaughter)
 - Linda Luginbuhl (recovering from surgery)
 - Nellie Lee (shoulder surgery)
 - Jim Hathaway (rib fractures)
 - Marlene Henry (recovering from surgery)

“Crying Out to the Lord!”

(Part 19 of a Series in Psalm 119, “Magnifying God’s Word!”)

Psalm 119:145-152

This section of Psalm 119 (“Qoph” [pronounced “Kof” [long “o”]; 19th letter of the Hebrew alphabet; sounds like the “k” of our alphabet] deals with something we have all done in our Christian walk (and perhaps are doing now!); crying out to the Lord!

1. Why Cry Out to the Lord (vss. 145, 146, 149-152)

2. When to Cry Out to the Lord (vss. 147, 148)

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, September 4

2:00 PM - ?

LABOR DAY

All-Church Labor Day Picnic

Tuesday, September 5

6:30 PM

Faith Bible Institute

6:45 PM

Meeting (Café) of AWANA T&T Leaders

Wednesday, September 6

6:30 PM

AWANA begins for 2017-18 school year

Saturday, September 9

8 AM - 9 AM

Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant,
801 W. Hwy. 66, Gallup

Sunday, September 10

AM

Praise & Celebration Worship Service

COMING SOON:

September 12

Tuesday AM Ladies' Bible Study begins

September 23

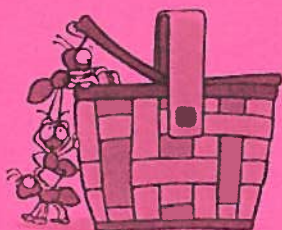
AWANA Leadership Conference in Albq.
(all day)

September 26

Elders' Meeting (6 PM)

September 30

Ladies' Progressive Dinner



ANNUAL LABOR DAY ALL-CHURCH PICNIC

WHERE: BROKEN ARROW BIBLE RANCH
(SOUTH OF TOWN ON HWY 602)

WHEN: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 4
2:00-4:30 PM: Fun, Games, Dunk Tank
4:30 PM: Dinner
More Games after Dinner

WHAT: Your family will need to bring:

- ◆ Table settings—plates, cups, tablecloth, napkins, cooking & eating utensils
- ◆ Your own meat (grills provided)
- ◆ A salad/vegetable and dessert to share with all
- ◆ Sports equipment/board games/lawn chairs
- ◆ Change of clothes and towel if you wish to participate in dunk tank
- ◆ Drinks will be provided by the church for dinner

More Info?: Call the Church Office 505-722-5114

PLEASE TEAR OFF AND PUT IN OFFERING PLATE

NAME: _____

in FAMILY: _____

Yes, I'm/We're Coming

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

September 2017



Country in Focus: Armenia (1)

Armenia is a landlocked nation between Turkey, Georgia, and Azerbaijan that, throughout most of its 2,500-year history, has rarely been truly independent. Economic progress was hampered by a devastating earthquake in 1988 and by the legacy of decades of Communism. Remittance from Armenians around the world is helping current progress. Religious freedom followed

the fall of Communism, and there is an intimate link between the government and the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Pray:

- For increasing faith among the Armenian diaspora, which has spread all over the world and often maintains very close ties with the homeland;
- That Armenia, which was the world's first Christian nation and enjoys a 1,700-year Christian history, can offer light and hope to surrounding countries;
- For unity within the Armenian church and a regenerating of its faith;
- That Bible reading, which is rare in Armenia, will increase due to a newly released Armenian version of the New Testament.

Bible Class Canceled after Complaint Filed (2)

An off-site Bible class connected to a Michigan elementary school has been canceled after a parent issued a complaint. About 100 of the 400 children at Daisy Brook Elementary School in Fremont, Michigan, attended the Bible class, which was held during lunch hour. The class was optional and required parental approval.

The Michigan Association of Civil Rights Activists stated that the class "is clearly

designed to promote and support one particular religion, pastor, and church, and is thus an unconstitutional endorsement of religion. Such programs are discriminatory and violate the Establishment Clause of the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States."

A flyer advertising the class described it this way: "Bible Release Time is a program permitted by Michigan law, whereby children are released from school classes during school hours to attend religious instruction at a nearby location. Pastor John Perkins will

be conducting the Bible Release Time class in the Newago and Kent Counties.”

School officials were in support of the class but decided to cancel it at least for the remainder of the school year, until they can better assess their legal situation.

Christianity Growing in North Korea despite Persecution ⁽³⁾

North Korea is the number one country for severe persecution of Christians, according to the 2017 World Watch List published by Open Doors, but despite the extreme persecution Christians face, the church is growing, a North Korean defector reports.

Kim Chung-seong was able to escape North Korea right before he was to be killed.

He now lives in South Korea and is involved in mission work. “The one thing that the North Korean regime fears the most, and is afraid of, is the spreading of the gospel,” he said while attending the first annual World Summit in Defense of Persecuted Christians in Washington DC. “Because the Bible and the gospel speaks the truth. Once the light shines in the dark room, there is light in the room.”

Kim continued, “They will do anything to prevent the spread of the gospel in North Korea. But as you can see, we cannot block the sunlight with our hand.” He said that Christians in North Korea are forced to hide their faith from the government and sometimes even from their own families in order to avoid persecution. Surveillance is ever-present, and Christians need to be



This month you can... Better Understand Persecution from a Biblical Perspective

It's been estimated that more people are being martyred for their faith today than at any time in history. Recent estimates by researchers suggest up to 90,000 people are martyred for their Christian faith every single year. Kyle Patterson, editor of LogosPost.com, offers these insights on the role of persecution to the church:

Persecution tests our faith

Jesus said when persecution comes, some people will fall away from the faith. Some will remain faithful but lose their lives. There are a specific number of martyrs spoken of in the book of Revelation that must die before the coming of

Christ. But nothing can separate us from his love.

Persecution serves as a catalyst for the great commission

When the church in Acts was persecuted, Christians were forced to flee for their lives. Because of this the church grew; the gospel spread and eventually made it through all of Asia and the known world of the time. God used the evil of persecution to propel his gospel.

Persecution reveals Jesus

When a believer stays true to his or her beliefs in the midst of pain and loss, it reveals Jesus to a watching world. When we are faithful in our witness of Jesus, it convicts

others because they see our love for him. If we are willing to suffer and even die for our faith, our sincerity is tested, Jesus is glorified, and hearts are convicted. When we are reviled, we answer with a blessing. That's powerful.

Persecution encourages the church

When believers hear about what other believers are enduring and staying faithful to Jesus, the rest of the church can be encouraged. The truth is there are people going through worse situations than you are and yet loving God and enduring for his name's sake.



careful not to look like they are praying or engaging in other forms of religious activity.

Despite these obstacles, there are an estimated 300,000 Christians in North Korea. Part of Kim's ministry involves broadcasting the gospel message, Christian music, and world news into North Korea.

Attack on Indian Christians Occurs Every 40 Hours ⁽⁴⁾

A report from the All India Christian Council says there is an anti-Christian attack every 40 hours as the governing Hindu nationalist party tries to create a "Hindu nation" in India. In 2016, attacks against Christians jumped by about 20 percent, while physical violence is up about 40 percent. "The attacks have become severe and more frequent. Incidents used to be confined to a few states. Now the violence has spread to 23 states," the report said. The attacks are described as physical beating, torching of churches, vandalism, burning of Bibles, death threats, and forcing Christians to renounce their faith and convert to Hinduism.

School Employee Reprimanded for Offering Prayer ⁽²⁾

A staff member at a school in Augusta, Maine, was recently reprimanded for telling a coworker that she would be praying for him. The conflict occurred after Toni Richardson, who is employed with the Augusta School Department, said she would pray for

a coworker going through a difficult time.

Richardson reportedly attended the same church as her coworker, but sometime later they had a falling out and the coworker reported Richardson's offer to pray for him. The school district then sent a letter warning Richardson that she was not allowed to use such religious-based language when speaking with a coworker, "even if that other person attends the same church as you."

"In the context of the 'separation of church and state,' this case prohibits public school-sponsored religious expression," the letter continued. "Therefore, in the future, it is imperative that you do not use phrases that integrate public and private belief systems when in the public schools."

First Liberty Institute has filed a complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, accusing the school district of religious discrimination. "What Augusta Public Schools did by punishing Toni for discussing her faith in a private conversation with a coworker is unconscionable," said attorney Timothy Woodcock of First Liberty. "The law is clear: employers cannot discriminate against employees who privately discuss their faith while at work."

Former Governor of Indonesia Accepts Sentence ⁽⁵⁾

The Christian former governor of Jakarta, Indonesia, will reportedly withdraw an appeal against his controversial two-year prison

sentence over claims that he insulted Islam, saying that he has decided to “forgive and accept.” Basuki Tjahaja Purnama was jailed in May, following a harsher-than-expected ruling that critics fear will embolden hard-line Islamist forces to challenge secularism in Muslim-majority Indonesia.

“It isn’t easy for me,” Purnama said, “but I’ve learnt to forgive and accept all of this if it is for the benefit of the nation and the country.” He also called for an end to protests in favor of his release, saying, “It is not right to continue to protest and hold demonstrations in the name of the process that I am going through at the moment.”

Kenyan Christian Killed In Islamic Extremist Attack ⁽⁶⁾

Al Shabaab militants are suspected of killing two people, at least one Christian, in a recent gun attack in northeastern Kenya. Five suspected rebels from the Somali Islamic extremist group targeted non-Muslim quarry workers. Quarry worker Dalama Otieno, a member of an area East African Pentecostal Church congregation, reportedly died from gunshot wounds to the head.

An area resident said that the assailants used a jihadist slogan during the assault. “I heard them say, ‘Allah Akbar [God is Greater],’ and then followed gunshots,” he said.

In January, in a predawn raid on a predominantly Christian area in coastal Kenya, al Shabaab rebels killed at least four Christians, beheading one of them. An attack on a bus and a truck took the lives of two Christians last December.

Pakistani Christian Boy Denied Bail ⁽⁷⁾

In Pakistan, a 16-year-old Christian boy who was accused of blasphemy for sharing a post on Facebook has been denied bail for the second time. Nabeel Maish faces blasphemy charges for allegedly liking and sharing a Facebook post that defamed and disrespected the Kaaba in Mecca—the building at the center of Islam’s most sacred mosque. “It was only a mistake by him and he clearly stated that he did not intend to hurt but to condemn the post,” a cousin of the boy said.

In October, “concerned Pakistani citizens” wrote a letter to the prime minister of Pakistan, stating, “An illiterate sixteen-year-old sweeper’s son charged under the Pakistan Penal Code stands to lose his freedom over a social media interaction; an all too innocuous action in the digital age that is neither defined in the Law of Blasphemy, nor the Cyber Crime Law.”

The letter also said blasphemy accusations are often used as “instruments of persecution” against Pakistan’s religious minorities. Masih’s lawyer attempted to get him out on bail once more, but the Districts and Sessions judge, Naveeb Iqbal, refused, saying the boy committed a “heinous and odious act by defiling the religious feelings of Muslims and their holy place of worship.”

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

**Give thanks to the LORD and proclaim his greatness.
Let the whole world know what he has done.**

1 CHRONICLES 16:8