



THE  
*Psalm* OF THE  
WORD  
PRAISE

**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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**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!

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The mission of our church is to prayerfully  
prepare believers for worshipping God, serving  
Christ, loving one another, and  
reaching out to others!

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**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

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**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.

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**LAST OPPORTUNITY!** THE "PRAISE & CELEBRATION" offering fund (Samaritan's Purse Relief Efforts in Texas, Louisiana, and Florida) is still "open". Checks can be made out to Grace Bible Church, please mark them clearly.

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

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**Ministry Need:** Teacher for our 1st/2nd grade Sunday School class. Please contact Bernie Comer if you can help! Thank you!

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OUR THANKS to all the Deaconesses, all the ladies who opened their homes, and all the ladies who brought food in order to make this past Saturday nights Ladies' Progressive Dinner a great success! Approximately 20 women attended. A great time was had by all!

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### **This Week in Church History...**

On October 5, 1536, William Tyndale (b.ca. 1494), English reformer and translator of the English Bible was martyred. Ordained about 1521, he came under the influence of Erasmus's Greek New Testament and Luther's writings. Desiring to give the English people the Bible in their own language, Tyndale went to Hamburg to learn Hebrew. His English New Testament was printed from 1525-26 in Worms, Germany, then smuggled back into England by English merchants. In 1534, he moved to Antwerp, Belgium, but was soon after arrested, tried for heresy, and convicted. Tyndale was strangled to death, then burned in the prison yard. His last words were "Lord, open the eyes of the King of England."

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

*"Christ's blood is Heaven's key."*

*~ Thomas Brooks*



## PRAISE & PETITION

“With my mouth I will make Your faithfulness known throughout all generations!”

~ Revelation 5:13b

### Praise the Lord for:

1. His faithfulness, which reaches to the skies (Psalm 36:7)!
2. The fact that we have a God who hears and answers our prayers.
3. The strength God gives to us!
4. The salvation that we have in Jesus Christ, by faith in Him. What a blessing to have sins forgiven and assurance of Heaven!
5. The body of Christ!
6. The fact that greater is He that is in us (Jesus) than he that is in the world (Satan). WE ARE VICTORIOUS IN CHRIST!
7. The moving of the Spirit of God in our individual lives and in the life of our church!
8. The beauty of the Fall season!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. More courage to stand for what we know is true and Godly!
2. More willingness to change things in our lives as the Spirit convicts us.
3. A growing passion for things that count for eternity.
4. John & Joyce Roper, as they minister among International students in Oklahoma City.
5. 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)
6. Our President, Vice-President and staff, military advisors, military men and women.
7. Those who need the Lord's healing touch:
  - Jeremey Richardson (brain tumor)
  - Eliza Jonkman (Schells' granddaughter)
  - Linda Luginbuhl (chemo treatments)
  - Nellie Lee (shoulder surgery)
  - Jim Hathaway (rib fractures)
  - Marlene Henry (recovering from surgery)

## **“A Last Plea for God’s Word!”**

**(Part 22 of a Series in Psalm 119, “Magnifying God’s Word!”)  
Psalm 119:169-176**

We come to an end, this morning, of our study of this wonderful psalm! This section of Psalm 119 (“Tau” [rhymes with “cow”]; 22nd letter of the Hebrew alphabet; sounds like the “t” of our alphabet) deals with God’s Word and its affect upon our lives. May all of us continue to read, study, think about, and practice, God’s Word, the Bible!

### **1. A Lost Sheep Found (vss. 174, 176)**

### **2. A Personal Relationship (vss. 169, 170, 173)**

### **3. A Life of Praise (vss. 171, 172, 175)**

## **This Week at Grace Bible...**

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, October 2**

**7:00 PM**

Luginbuhl's 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

### **Tuesday, October 3**

**9:30 AM**

Ladies' Bible Study (Nursery available for  
the little ones.)

**5:20 PM**

Ladies' Aerobics

**6:30 PM**

Faith Bible Institute

### **Wednesday, October 4**

**6:30 PM**

AWANA

### **Thursday, October 5**

**5:20 PM**

Ladies' Aerobics

### **Saturday, October 7**

**8 AM - 9 AM**

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

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## **COMING SOON:**

**October 11:** AWANA "Western Round-Up Night"

**October 22:** Quarterly Business Meeting

**October 24:** Elders' Meeting (6 PM)

**October 25:** AWANA "Bible Character Dress-Up / Trunk or Treat  
Night"

**October 29:** Pastor Appreciation Potluck

**October 31:** Halloween Outreach

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are employed in the public sector has increased from 10.5 million to 12.5 million (12% of the population).

There are a number of reasons for this increase. One is that the public sector has become a more important part of the economy. Another is that the public sector has become more efficient. A third is that the public sector has become more attractive to workers. A fourth is that the public sector has become more diverse.

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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

October 2017



## Country in Focus: Austria (1)

Austria, in south-central Europe, has strong tourist, commercial, industrial, and agricultural sectors. It is a nation of culture, music, art, and beautiful scenery, but for the most part, it's spiritually empty. While 80 percent of Austrians believe in God (high for Europe), very few have a personal relationship with

Jesus. High rates of suicide, abortion, and substance abuse indicate the great need for a spiritual foundation. All traditional churches—Catholic, Lutheran, and Reformed—have been in serious decline for decades. Formalism and tradition have little attraction for the younger generation. Almost all church growth has occurred within the evangelical/charismatic churches.

Pray for:

- The shell of religion in Austria to be filled with the living presence of Christ;
- Full-time workers in ministry;
- The less reached sections of the population, especially in more rural areas;
- The migrant workers and refugees who have entered the country;
- Younger Austrians who are often more open to the gospel message.

## Study: Go to Church, Live Longer (2)

A new study claims that church attendance is good for your health; those who attend services experience less stress and enjoy longer lives. Vanderbilt University professor and Baptist minister Marino Bruce spearheaded the study. Bruce said, "We found in our study that attending church is actually good for your health, particularly for those who are between the ages of 40 and 65. For those who did not attend church at all, they were twice as likely to die prematurely than those who attended

church at some point over the last year."

The researchers used publicly available data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, which is collected by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Center for Health Statistics, for the study. The findings might suggest that there is a connection between spiritual health and biological outcomes.

## Queen Elizabeth Honors Hymn Writer Keith Getty (3)

Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II honored hymn writer Keith Getty as an Officer of

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the Order of the British Empire. The award recognizes Getty for his contribution to “Music and Modern Hymn Writing.” It is the first time the award has been given to an individual in the world of contemporary church music.

“When I first received the call, I was shocked,” Getty said. “As a Brit living in American, it is an incredible gift to receive from home, especially given the long history of the award and the legacy of individuals who have received it. . . . I am very grateful to Her Majesty the Queen for this honor.”

Getty and collaborator Stuart Townend penned the hymn “In Christ Alone,” which is the most popular hymn in the United Kingdom. In the United States, it is among the top 10 most popular. With his wife and other writers, Getty has written more than 60 of the most popular hymns sung in the United States and the United Kingdom.

## Farmer Ousted from Michigan Market over Same-Sex Marriage Views (2)

A Catholic farmer in Michigan is suing the city of East Lansing after he was barred from a municipal farmers’ market over his views on same-sex marriage. Stephen Tennes filed a lawsuit at a federal court seeking his reinstatement.

In the suit, Tennes says he was prohibited from selling his products after his business, Country Mill Farms, refused to host a lesbian couple’s wedding at its orchard in Charlotte, 22 miles outside the city, and after he stated on Facebook “his Catholic belief that marriage is a sacramental union between one man and one woman.”

Country Mill Farms had sold fruit and produce at the market for six years, but after city



## This month you can... Help Your Church Grow

**T**he reasons why some churches grow and some don’t are hugely complex. They range from how good the sermons are to how easy it is to park. But there’s one thing that works against church growth: obsessing about church growth. Church growth can’t be planned. Targets are inappropriate; God brings who he brings. But there are things a church can do to allow growth to happen—and here are five of them:

**1. Be outward-looking.** The more occasions for church

members to meet non-church folk the better. There’s no point in hiding within the church’s walls expecting people to come in. Invite them—or even better, go out.

**2. Be useful.** A church is part of a community—so what’s it doing for the community? It may not be preaching, but ministry is witness.

**3. Get the basics right.** If everyone feels cared for, no one feels excluded, and church life is reasonably well organized, incomers can soon feel at home.

**4. Connect faith and life.** The three questions of a text—What does it say, what does it mean and what does it mean to me?—are excellent for preachers to keep in mind. Church on Sunday should fit us for life on Monday.

**5. Be God-centered.** A church must be different from the world, or there’s no point in it being a church at all. By all means be accessible—but be different. Pray. Think. Offer people a different way of looking at life, and a different drum to march by.



officials learned about the Facebook post, they “strongly and immediately pressured us not to return to the farmers’ market,” Tennes told a news conference at the state capitol.

In a statement, the city of East Lansing said the farmer’s refusal to host a same-sex wedding violated a “long-standing ordinance that protects sexual orientation as well as the Supreme Court’s ruling that grants the right for same-sex couples to be married.”

The Alliance Defending Freedom (ADF), a Christian-based nonprofit legal organization representing Tennes, said his religious views have no bearing on his involvement at the market and the city’s actions amounted to a First Amendment violation.

“Steve and his farm have been singled out and excluded from full participation in the life of the community for only one reason,” said ADF counsel Kate Anderson. “Steve expressed a viewpoint the city did not like.”

## Teachers Attacked in Northeastern Kenya <sup>(4)</sup>

Suspected al Shabaab militants recently walked into an elementary school compound in northeastern Kenya and shot a Christian teacher to death. The suspected members of the Somali rebel group kidnapped another Christian teacher, Joseph Kamau, along with a Muslim teacher who tried to defend him. Attempting to shield the Kenyan Christian, the Muslim teacher of Somali descent told the assailants he would die with him.

“The al Shabaab got angry,” a witness said, “and told the teacher, ‘We are going to teach you a lesson for protecting the infidels,’ and immediately the two were carried away to unknown destination.”

The incident has increased fears among Christians in Garissa County, on the border with Somalia, already on edge after years of guerrilla assaults by Somali rebels fighting the government. The attacks have caused an education crisis in Garissa, as many teachers have fled the area.

## Pakistan: Murdered Chinese Nationals Were Preachers <sup>(5)</sup>

Pakistan’s interior ministry has confirmed that two Chinese nationals who were recently kidnapped and killed by Islamic State militants were preachers. The interior ministry claimed that the two had posed as businesspeople but were in violation of their visa rules because they were preaching instead.

“Instead of engaging in any business activity, they went to Quetta and under the garb of learning (the) Urdu language from a Korean national . . . were actually engaged in preaching,” the ministry said. According to Chinese reports, a local Muslim community complained about the pair’s evangelism.

Li Zing Yang and Meng Li Si were abducted by armed men pretending to be policemen in Quetta, the provincial capital of Baluchistan province. Later, Islamic State’s Amaq news

agency said its members had killed them. The interior ministry confirmed the deaths, but it was not clear if the bodies had been found.

## Christian School Banned from Teaching “Offensive” Parts of the Bible <sup>(6)</sup>

Cornerstone Christian Academy in Alberta, Canada, is being told to stop teaching Scriptures that may be considered “offensive.” Battle River School Division (BRSD) chair Lauri Skori told Cornerstone’s chair, Deanna Margel, that “any Scripture that could be considered offensive to particular individuals should not be read or studied in school.”

Skori said it would be inappropriate for the school to share “any teachings that denigrate or vilify someone’s sexual orientation.”

“We’re talking about freedom of religion, but we’re [also] talking about freedom of expression,” said Margel. “We need every single word there to challenge us, to call us to greater understanding. It’s just so important.”

Earlier this year, Skori made Cornerstone remove a passage from 1 Corinthians from its website. The passage read, “Neither the sexually immoral nor idolaters nor adulterers nor men who have sex with men nor thieves nor the greedy nor drunkards nor slanderers nor swindlers will inherit the Kingdom of God.” She also told Cornerstone to remove a Scripture about immortality written on a wall in the school.

Cornerstone, a K-12 school, accepts funding from the Canadian government. It’s listed

as an “alternate school” and is under an agreement with the BRSD that protects the right to teach its basic tenets.

## Swedish Midwife Barred from Practicing for Pro-Life Beliefs <sup>(7)</sup>

Elinor Grimmark, a midwife in Sweden, has stated that she chose her profession to help bring life into the world. But after refusing to participate in abortion on moral and ethical grounds, Grimmark was barred from working as a midwife in Sweden and was ordered to pay the equivalent of \$167,000 US in legal fees. Alliance Defending Freedom International attorney Ruth Nordstrom stated during a press conference that Swedish courts have refused to recognize Grimmark’s right of conscience. Grimmark has since moved to Norway to find work in her chosen profession.

## Poll: Most Czechs Do Not Believe in God <sup>(8)</sup>

A new poll conducted by the Pew Research Center found that 66 percent of people in the Czech Republic do not believe in God. In fact, 56 percent of Czechs do not even believe that people have eternal souls of any kind—a significant turnabout for a country that had been majority Christian for about 1,000 years.

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**Confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed.  
The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results.**

JAMES 5:16