

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Worship Service - 10:15 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

Edge - 6:00 PM

Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

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SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2017

WELCOME

9:00 AM

Sunday School (for all ages)

10:15 AM

Worship Service

Call to Worship

Zachary Yale

Psalm 105:1-5

Praise & Worship

Welcome / Announcements

Offering*

Scripture Reading

Luke 9:18-27

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Taking Up Your Cross!"

(Part 4 of a Series, "Following Jesus!")

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 (in the classroom across from
Pastor John's office)

6:00 PM

Youth Group (grades 6-12)

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.

OUR PRAYERS AND SYMPATHIES are extended to Rick & Beth Hess on the October 30 passing of Beth's brother, Freeman. Let's continue to pray for the Hesses during these days.

THE PASTOR APPRECIATION LOVE OFFERING fund for Pastor Steve and Jackie and Pastor John and Linda is still "open". Please mark your checks clearly. Thank you!

PASTOR STEVE and JACKIE are in North Carolina this morning. They are scheduled to return to Gallup tonight. Please pray for them as they travel.



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



TIME TO FILL UP THOSE SHOEBOXES for our "Operation Christmas Child" ministry! Don't forget, this year we are using the green and red Operation Christmas Child boxes.

When you take a shoebox (or two!) please also take an "Operation Christmas Child" pamphlet before you pack the boxes. Please be sure to follow all instructions about packing the shoeboxes. Completed shoeboxes need to be brought to the church no later than November 19 at noon! Thank you!

DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR COPY of the November issue of our "in-house" newsletter, "Grace Notes"? Copies are available for you at the Welcome Center as well as various places around the church.

A NEW STUDY in the book of Esther begins tomorrow night in the Life Group that meets in the gym at church (7 PM). For all adults. Join us! Questions? Please see Pastor John.

This Week in Church History...

On November 7, 680 A.D., the Third Council of Constantinople opened under Pope Leo II. The sixth of the church's 21 ecumenical councils, Constantinople III was attended by 165 bishops. During its 18 sessions (held until Sept. 681), the Council condemned Monothelism (a heresy which taught that Christ's will was only divine and not human). Constantinople III is sometimes called the Trullian Council because its sessions were held in the domed hall, Trullus, of Constantinople's Imperial Palace.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

"It was well worth standing a while in the fire, for such an opportunity of experiencing and exhibiting the power and faithfulness of God's promises."

- John Newton

Praise & Petition

LET THE HEART OF THOSE WHO SEEK THE LORD BE GLAD! SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH; SEEK THIS FACE CONTINUALLY.

PSALM 105:3

Praise the Lord for.

1. So great a salvation in and through Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord that salvation is a free gift, gained by putting our faith in Jesus Christ!
2. Wonderful Halloween Outreaches!
3. All of our ministries which reach children and young people!
4. The "Operation Christmas Child" ministry!

Petition the Lord for.

1. A deeper love for Jesus, more willingness to share the Gospel with the unsaved during these wonderful holiday seasons!
2. More desire to live holy lives.
3. That some of the children (and their parents) who received Gospel tracts Halloween night will trust in Jesus as their Savior!
4. Jim & Barb Choury, our missionaries in CO, as they challenge people with the claims of Scripture.
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); Valgenia Benally (MaryLou Frame's granddaughter), stationed (Army) in Kuwait.
6. Our President, Vice-President and staff, military advisors, military men and women.
7. Those who need the Lord's healing touch:
 - Jeremy Richardson (brain tumor)
 - Eliza Jonkman (Schells' granddaughter)
 - Linda Luginbuhl (chemo treatments)
 - Nellie Lee (shoulder surgery)
 - Marlene Henry (recovering from surgery)

“Taking Up Your Cross!”

(Part 4 of a Series, “Following Jesus!”)

Luke 9:18-27

When we put our faith in Jesus Christ - believing that He died in our place and rose from the dead on the third day and that He is the only way to Heaven - our lives change! Several things happen. As we have seen, one of those things is that we automatically - and wonderfully - become a servant of the Lord! He places us into His service! Other things that happen are that we move from one Kingdom or realm to another, and we enter into a spiritual battle. One other thing that happens is that we are called to “take up our cross and follow” Jesus. What does *that* mean?

Parallel Passages: Matthew 16:21-28, Mark 8:31-38, Luke 14:25-33

1. What it Does NOT Mean

2. What it DOES Mean

3. Practical Ramifications

THIS WEEK AT GRACE BIBLE ...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, November 6

7:00 PM Luginbuhls' Life Group meets at the church: Study in Esther

7:00 PM Impact Life Group (20's and 30's Young Professionals) Bible Study at Steve & Jackie Yoder's home, 3607 Chaco Drive, Gallup NM

Tuesday, November 7

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study (Nursery available the little ones.)

6:30 PM Faith Bible Institute

Wednesday, November 8

6:30 PM AWANA

COMING SOON ...

November 14 (6 PM)

Elders' Meeting

November 22 (7 PM-8 PM)

Thanksgiving Eve Worship

Service, followed by pie social

December 9 (8 AM)

Men's Breakfast

December 9 (5 PM)

Ladies' Christmas Banquet at BABR

PARENT UPDATE

COMING ALONGSIDE YOUR FAMILY

FALL 2017

GRACE BIBLE YOUTH MINISTRY: We had an AWESOME TIME at Anime Night/Open Gym, Leader's Night, McCall's Pumpkin Patch, and PARENTS NIGHT! A special thank you to each and every parent/guardian who came and participated in Youth Group on October 15th! We appreciate your support, and hope you had fun with your teen(s)!

CURRENT SERIES: The Truth About Sin

We encourage you to sit down and pray with your teen this week. A small prayer can offer encouragement, and open hearts to talk about sin. Feel free to use this prayer or one of your own.

"Jesus, draw me toward truth and away from the lies of sin. Give me the courage to boldly confess sins and trust in your ability to forgive and restore."

UPCOMING SERIES: Priceless

In November, we will be watching and discussing the movie, *Priceless*. This series contains content regarding human trafficking. Expect a note to be sent home in the next few weeks with more details as well as a parent permission slip. Any questions, don't hesitate to talk with Pastor Steve or Jackie.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS:

DECEMBER 10
DECEMBER 15

CHRISTMAS WORSHIP NIGHT
HOLIDAY PROGRESSIVE DINNER



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MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

Name _____ Phone # _____

Working with children:

Awana teacher Awana helper Nursery
Children's Church teacher Children's Church helper
Children's Church substitute Sunday School teacher
Help with Youth Group Child Evangelism

Worship Service:

Greeters Welcome Center Ushers
Sound Booth Worship Team Special Music
Servers of Communion Truckers' Christian Chapel

Hospitality:

Opening your home to house missionaries, special speakers,
singing groups, small groups

Cooking:

Preparing meals occasionally for families in need

Preparing meals for special occasions (work day, singing groups)

Cleaning / Organizing:

Keeping church kitchen clean Keeping café clean
Extra cleaning jobs Organizing closets / storage places

Decorating:

Ladies' events Church - seasonal

Office Work:

Stuff / fold / collate bulletins or other literature

Handyman:

Fixing things Painting Snow Removal

Gardening:

Weeding Planting Watering

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

November 2017



Country in Focus: The Commonwealth of the Bahamas (1)

The Bahamas are an archipelago of 700 coral islands between Florida and Cuba. Forty of the islands are inhabited. The country is heavily dependent on tourism, with more than 80 percent of visitors coming from the US. The

Bahamas are an important banking center and also function as a tax haven for many. There is a strong Christian legacy in the Bahamas, and many political leaders have publicly expressed their faith. The Bahamas Christian Council has provided a unifying force and represents the majority of the churches in the islands.

Prayer concerns:

- Materialism, stimulated by tourism, deeply affects all levels of society. Lowering standards of morality have resulted in a rise in births out of wedlock, drug use, and violent crime;
- Christian commitment is low and nominalism is widespread, despite nearly all Bahamians claiming to be Christian;
- Many churches are without adequate pastoral care;
- The younger generation is increasingly out of touch with and alienated from a traditional church culture. Specific programs to reach the youth are needed.

Study: Good Works by Churches Often Go Unnoticed (2)

At least half of Americans realize that churches feed and clothe the poor, but far fewer are aware of other social services congregations provide, a new study shows. LifeWay Research found that 60 percent of Americans know of churches that have fed the hungry in the last six months. Half knew

of instances in which they provided clothing to the poor.

But scant percentages of the 1,000 Americans surveyed knew that church members teach job skills or help immigrants learn English (13 percent), volunteer to provide foster care (12 percent), or offer tax preparation assistance (8 percent).

“Unless you’ve received help from a church—or been involved in serving others—these kinds of programs may fly under the

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radar,” said Scott McConnell, executive director of the Nashville-based evangelical research firm.

About a third of Americans knew of churches’ work to help disaster victims (39 percent) and shelter the homeless (33 percent). But only a quarter were aware of church members visiting prisoners (25 percent) or offering after-school programs (24 percent).



Christians in Philippines Face Torture ⁽³⁾

The Christian Post reports that Christians and other civilians in Mawari City, on the Philippine island of Mindanao, are trapped while the conflict between terrorists and the government goes on. Reports have emerged that Christians are especially being targeted by the terrorists and are being used as sex slaves and human shields. Although the Maute jihadists do not control much ground, they are reportedly holding about 100 Christians hostage. Some hostages have been able to escape and have reported on the situation. Authorities report that at least 44 civilians have been killed in the conflict, in addition to 71 security forces and 299 jihadists. Another 246,000 people have been displaced. One hostage, Roman Catholic priest Teresito Soganub, appeared in a recent video begging the president to



This month you can... Help Provide Clothing to the Needy

For many Americans, winter gear is an added expense that they simply can’t afford for themselves or their kids. While on his route recently, John Lunceford, a school bus driver from Kennewick, Washington, picked up a crying child who was standing in the freezing Northwest temperatures without a hat or scarf. Looking at the child’s red face, ears, and hands, John removed his own gloves and placed them on the young boy, telling the child, “It’ll be OK, it’ll be OK,” according to a post on the Kennewick School

District Facebook page.

Lunceford, a US Army veteran, went to the dollar store after dropping off his students to purchase 10 stocking hats and pairs of gloves, then returned to the school. Lunceford, who has been driving for the Kennewick School District for three years, headed straight to the administrative office so they could help him find the young boy from earlier that morning.

After finding the child in the library and giving him gloves and a hat, he also told all the kids in the library who were

on his route that if they needed winter gear, he would get it for them. “I’m a grandfather, you know,” Lunceford said. “No one wants a kid to suffer like that.”

After the school’s administrators posted the touching story on Facebook, it quickly went viral, prompting them to set up a donation page where others can lend a helping hand to the kids in their district.

Want to help a child near you this winter? Donate winter clothes to a local shelter or Salvation Army.



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intervene. Soganub has not been heard from since the video, and his fate, along with that of the other hostages, remains uncertain.

Missionary Recounts Imprisonment in Sudan (4)

A Czech national who was captured and imprisoned alongside brutal ISIS militants recently shared the story of his harrowing ordeal and how God gave him strength and renewed his purpose. Petr Jasek grew up in Czechoslovakia under Communist rule. As a child, his parents were persecuted for their faith. As an adult, Jasek followed God's call to serve with The Voice of the Martyrs in Sudan. While there, he was arrested and charged with being a spy. He was given a 20-year prison sentence and imprisoned alongside ISIS extremists.

During his time in prison, Jasek began to realize that God still had a plan and was bringing good out of his horrific situation. He ended up leading some fellow prisoners to Christ. "And I suddenly started to realize that there is a purpose, the Lord has a purpose for me to be in prison to share the gospel with those people," Jasek explained.

After 14 months, Jasek was released. He credits the Czech government for negotiating his release and also expressed gratitude to the many believers who prayed for him. "When you come through this situation you realize that everything you have is the grace

of God and it is on his strength . . . not your own strength that you can survive," Jasek said.

Christians in Coastal Kenya Fearful after Attacks (5)

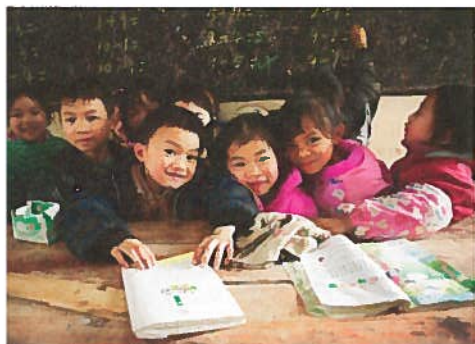
A recent attack by al Shabaab militia resulted in the killing of 13 non-Muslims, mostly Christians, in coastal Kenya. Village Muslims helped Islamic extremists from the Somalia-based al Shabaab identify locations where the Christians resided, a survivor said. Several of the victims were beheaded. "The Christians were asked to recite the Islamic dogmas, which they could not, hence they were killed," a source said. "We urged the government to investigate and bring to book these local Muslims who are harboring these al Shabaab terrorists, because the Christians who were decapitated were farmers." Many area people are still missing or unaccounted for, and there are fears the casualty toll may increase.

Kenya ranked 18th on Christian support organization Open Doors' 2017 World Watch List of the 50 countries where it is most difficult to be a Christian.

China Seeks to Eradicate Sunday Schools (6)

As China clamps down on the freedoms of its state-run churches, officials in the country's eastern Zhejiang province have

issued orders aimed at closing Sunday schools and keeping children from Christian events over the summer months. "For a long time, teenagers and students have not been allowed to participate in religious activities," a local Christian said, referencing a Chinese law that seeks to control religion among children by forbidding them from attending religious events. This crackdown comes in the wake of an order from the Henan Provincial Three-Self Patriotic



Committee and the Henan Provincial China Christian Council that forbade churches from organizing summer camps for minors and students, citing high temperatures as a possible health risk.

In order to further their control, the Nanyang Municipal Religious Affairs Bureau, located in Henan, ordered all 20,000 registered house-church members in the province to join the Three-Self Church. Many Chinese Christians disagree with the Three-Self Church based on theological discrepancies and rampant government censorship, making the forced merging of these two branches a violation of religious freedom.

Police in India Arrest Six Christians (7)

After berating and slapping a pastor for reading the Bible instead of Hindu texts, police in India's Uttar Pradesh state detained six Christians under "unlawful assembly" laws for worshipping together, sources said.

Police arrived at the worship service in the village and confiscated Bibles, hymnbooks, and devotionals. The police demanded that Pastor Asha Ram Sahni hand over any literature used to convert people, the church leader said.

When Pastor Sahni produced copies of the New Testament and gospel tracts, one of the officers said, "Not this 'thing,' give us the material with which you do conversions."

"I told the officer, 'I follow Jesus Christ with all my heart, I serve Christ, I share the gospel, but I never forcefully converted anyone. I don't have any other books,'" Sahni said.

Police charged the six Christians with knowingly joining or continuing in any assembly of five or more persons after being commanded to disperse.

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

And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.

EPHESIANS 3:18