



*“The Holy
Spirit will come
upon you, and the
power of the
Most High will
overshadow you.”*

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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, DECEMBER 24, 2017

WELCOME

9:00 AM

Sunday School (for all ages)

10:15 AM

Worship Service

Call to Worship

Isaiah 9:1-7

Praise & Worship

Welcome / Announcements

Offering*

Scripture Reading

Luke 1:26-38

Message

John Luginbuhl

“What Child is This?”

Closing

* Children Age 3 - Grade 4 will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Offering.

LATER TODAY...

7 PM - 8 PM

Join us tonight for our Christmas Eve Candlelight Service!
For the whole family! Invite your friends!

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

NEXT SUNDAY!

Amy Shreve (harpist) & Gary Wixtrom with us!
Love Offering will be received.

THIS WEDNESDAY (12/27) IS THE DEADLINE to suggest a "Year Verse" for our church for 2018! Suggestions can be written out (please include which version of the Bible) and given to Pastor John, placed in the offering plate, or e-mailed to Pastor John at john@gracebiblegallup.org. Thank you!

WEDDING BELLS! WE CONGRATULATE

the following couples on their recent engagements!

Adam Sowers and Kseniia Kim

(wedding Sunday, January 28, 2018, in Seoul, South Korea)

Matthew Knox and Courtney Paiva

(wedding at the end of the Summer, 2018)

Our congratulations to Paul and Jody and Steve and Ann and families as well! Let's keep Adam and Kseniia and Matthew and Courtney in our prayers as the Lord prepares them for marriage!



DON'T FORGET to check out the Christmas greetings to all of us at Grace Bible! They are posted on the door on the south side of the gymnasium!

FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

“Notice to donors: Donors are advised not to file their federal income tax return before they receive their contributions receipt from the church. Also, donors wishing to ‘catch up’ on their financial commitments to the church must deliver such contributions before Jan. 1, 2018, to be credited to 2017, (mailed-in contributions must be postmarked by Dec. 31). Backdating is not allowed by the IRS. See Rob Lloyd for advice.”

This Week in Church History...

On December 29, 1876, popular American hymnwriter Philip P. Bliss (b. 1838) died in a tragic railroad accident near Astabula, Ohio. The train in which Bliss and his wife were riding plunged off a bridge into a ravine 60 feet below and burned. Bliss survived the fall, but returned to the wreckage to rescue his wife. He perished with her in the fire. Bliss was only 38 years old. He had written and composed many hymns, including “Almost Persuaded,” “Hallelujah, What a Savior,” “I Will Sing of My Redeemer,” “The Light of the World Is Jesus,” “Wonderful Words of Life,” “I Gave My Life for Thee”, and “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

“The hinge of history is on the door of a Bethlehem stable.”

~ Ralph W. Sockman

Praise & Petition

“Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His Name ‘Emmanuel’, which Translated means, ‘God with us’.”

- Matthew 1:23

Praise the Lord for.

1. His faithfulness throughout 2017! His promise of guiding us faithfully in 2018 (Isa. 58:11a)!
2. Our redemption - Salvation - through Jesus Christ, as we trust in Him! What a blessing to **KNOW** our sins are forgiven and that we're on our way to Heaven because we've trusted in His finished work on Calvary on our behalf!
3. A wonderful Christmas season.
4. Family and friends, both “near and far”.

Petition the Lord for.

1. Families in our church going through the rough waters of life at this time. (Isa. 43:1,2)
2. College students “home for the holidays”. Pray for a refreshing time with family and friends.
3. Our young people and adults involved in the Winter Retreat (Wednesday afternoon through Saturday morning) at BABR.
4. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
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 (recovering from back surgery)
 - Eliza Jonkman (Schells' granddaughter)
 - Linda Luginbuhl (chemo treatments)
 - Nellie Lee (shoulder surgery)
 - Janice Weber (recovering from surgery)
 - Sam Yale (recovering from hand surgery)
 - Marilyn Bustamante (cancer)

“What Child is This?”

Luke 1:26-38

Once again, we have the joy and privilege of celebrating the birth of a baby born over 2,000 years ago in the Middle East to a young lady named, “Mary.” But why all the fuss over *this* particular baby? After all, babies are born every day all over the world and this has been going on for a really long time! So... What child is this? Mary, did you know? What do we know?

1. A Unique Conception (vss. 31, 35)

2. A Wonderful Name (vs. 31)

3. A Great God (vss. 32, 35)

4. A Perpetual King (vss. 32, 33)

THIS WEEK AT GRACE BIBLE ...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, December 25 Merry Christmas!

[Life Group at Luginbuhls' resumes on 1/8/18]

[Impact Group Life Group resumes on 1/8/18]

Tuesday, December 26

[NO Ladies' Bible Study; Resumes 1/9]

Wednesday, Dec. 27 - Saturday, Dec. 30

Youth Winter Retreat at BABR. See Steve Knox for details.

Wednesday, December 27

[No AWANA; Resumes 1/10, 6:30 PM]

Sunday, December 31

10:15 AM

Amy Shreve (harpist) with us!



COMING SOON ...

January 9

Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study
Resumes (9:30 AM)

January 10

AWANA Resumes (6:30 PM)

January 14

Annual Business Meeting (Noon)

January 21

AWANA Leaders and Student Leaders
Re-Charge Lunch Mtg. (Noon)

January 23

Elders' Meeting

