



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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The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, February 4, 2018

WELCOME

9:00 AM Sunday School (for all ages)
10:15 AM Worship Service

Call to Worship	Revelation 5:11-14
Praise & Worship	
Welcome & Announcements	
"Sound the Alarm"	Eric Babcock, Fire Chief
Offering*	
Scripture Reading	I Corinthians 11:23-30
Message	John Luginbuhl
"Communion: Why We Observe It!"	
The Lord's Table	
Closing	

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

LATER TODAY...

3 PM - 8 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12) Super Bowl Party at church

4:00 PM Edge (ages 18-25) Super Bowl Party at David and Barbara Irving's home

6:00 PM Prayer Time

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!

2018 YEAR VERSE:

“Seek the LORD and His strength.
Seek His face continually.”

- 1 Chronicles 16:11

YOU ARE INVITED! This Friday night, February 9, Steve Engram (the Regional Executive Director of the SWCC) will be meeting with us at 6:45 PM here at GBC to fill us in on what the Lord is doing in our region. The 1-hour meeting will be followed by refreshments. Please come!



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.



WEDDING BELLS! We congratulate Clarissa Johnson and Steve Terborg on their recent engagement! No wedding date has been set just yet. Please pray for Steve and Clarissa as the Lord prepares them for marriage.

COPIES OF THE 2017 Annual Report are available for you on the Literature Shelf in the foyer.

COUPLES' VALENTINE DINNER

February 16, 6:30 PM, GRACE BIBLE CHURCH
(See insert for more details!)



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

MEN, YOUNG MEN, & BOYS!

Monthly Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant
Saturday, February 10, 8 AM - 9 AM
Join us!

This Week in Church History...

On February 5, 1837, Dwight L. Moody, American evangelist, was born at Northfield, Massachusetts. At age 18, he gave his life to Jesus Christ through the testimony of his Sunday School teacher, Edward Kimball. Five years later, he left his job in his uncle's shoe repair shop to devote his life to Christian evangelism and education. On February 5, 1887, he founded the Chicago Evangelization Society, along with English-born educator Emma Dryer. This educational organization eventually grew to become Moody Bible Institute.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

*"Long ago I ceased to count heads. Truth is usually in the minority in this evil world.
~ C. H. Spurgeon*

Praise & Petition

“I have loved you with an everlasting love; therefore I have drawn you with loving kindness.”

- Jeremiah 31:3

Praise the Lord for.

1. Who He is: a great and mighty God! He is the one, true, living God! He is the One Who loves us!
2. The wonderful salvation that is ours as we put our faith in Jesus Christ!
3. The Holy Spirit, Who continues to mold us into the image of Christ as we yield to Him!
4. The “love that drew salvation’s plan”, the “grace that brought it down to man”, the “mighty gulf that God did span” at Calvary!

Petition the Lord for.

1. More of a desire to love and serve Jesus Christ, a deeper love for the lost and opportunities to share the Gospel!
2. Laura Hansen (with CrossWorld) as she ministers in Sibiu, Romania.
3. Matthew Knox & Courtney Paiva and Steve Terborg & Clarissa Johnson, as they prepare to be married later this year.
4. Sean Begaye, in Afghanistan; Adam & Kseniia 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.
5. 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)

“Communion: Why We Observe It!” **I Corinthians 11:23-30**

There are many things in life which easily become “routine.” We do them without really giving much thought as to why we do them. “Communion” (“The Lord’s Table,” “The Lord’s Supper”), for the church, can become one of those things. Here at Grace Bible Church, we “observe” Communion typically once a month, on the first Sunday of each month. But why?

1. Why Do We Observe Communion? Vss. 25,26

2. Partaking in a “Worthy Manner” Vs. 27

3. Examining Ourselves Vss. 28-30

See also 2 Corinthians 13:5



COME TO THE
COUPLES'
VALENTINE
DINNER

(You do not have to be a married couple to attend.
Single folks are welcome to bring a date.)

Friday, February 16, 6:30 PM

At

Grace Bible Church

*(This will be a great evening of
fun and fellowship!)*

The dinner being served is

A TASTE OF GALLUP

*(There will be a variety of foods from
various restaurants around our town.)*

The cost is \$30 per couple.

*(Tickets are being sold at the table in the Foyer. The
deadline to buy tickets is Feb. 11 morning.)*

Babysitting will be offered at the church for \$5 per child for the evening. You must sign up for the babysitting in advance.



Don't forget to bring your wedding album or photo.

THIS WEEK AT GRACE BIBLE ...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, February 5

- 7:00 PM** Luginbuhls' Life Group meets at the Luginbuhls' home (303 Cactus Rd.)
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

Tuesday, February 6

- 9:30 AM** Ladies' Bible Study (Nursery available for the little ones.)
- 5:20 PM** Ladies' Aerobics
- 6:30 PM** Faith Bible Institute

Wednesday, February 7

- 6:30 PM** AWANA

Thursday, February 8

- 5:20 PM** Ladies' Aerobics

Friday, February 9

- 6:45 PM** Steve Engram (Regional Director of SWCC) with us; refreshments to follow meeting

Saturday, February 3

- 8 AM - 9 AM** Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant
801 W. Hwy. 66 (8 AM - 9 AM)
- 9 AM - Noon** AWANA Grand Prix Workday

COMING SOON ...

- February 16** Couples' Valentine Dinner (6:30 PM)
- February 24** AWANA Grand Prix Raceday

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

February 2018



Country in Focus: Czech Republic (1)

The Czech Republic is one of the most developed countries in central Europe, with a strong tradition of industry and manufacturing. The country's recent history included the Velvet Revolution against Communist rule in 1989, which was followed by rapid democratization and the Velvet Divorce from Slovakia in 1993. The country has multiparty presidential elections and is a member of the European Union. New expressions of Christianity are springing up and connecting with the younger generation. Dynamic church planting, paired with creative ministry, has seen much fruit. Czech churches now send missionaries to several countries in Europe and around the world. However, this new freedom for the Czechs has too often translated into a moral free-for-all, increasing the incidence of sexual immorality, drug use, and depression. Many younger Czechs express antipathy toward established institutions, both governmental and religious. A general shift in the market economy has been positive for the country, but it has placed economic stress on many of the country's most vulnerable groups, especially the elderly.

Pray that:

- Czech Protestants reclaim their heritage and demonstrate new life;
- Church-planting efforts find fertile ground and that the growth in new churches does not create divisions within the faith or lead to doctrinal errors;
- The rapidly growing immigrant populations in the Czech Republic hear the gospel;
- New church leaders find proper theological training.

Nepal Outlaws Evangelism (2)

Nepal's president, Bidhya Devi Bhandari, recently signed a bill making evangelism and conversion to another religion illegal, punishable by up to five years in prison. Religious leaders in Nepal have decried the new law and said it is a step backward for

religious freedom.

"We are deeply saddened that this bill is now law," said Pastor Tanka Subedi, the founding member and chair of Dharmik Chautari Nepal and Religious Liberty Forum Nepal. "The Nepali government [has] taken a regressive step as this law severely restricts our freedom of expression and our freedom of religion or belief."

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Nepal, a former Hindu kingdom, is home to an estimated 375,000 Christians. Although Christians were banned from living in Nepal prior to 1960, the country has seen its Christian population triple over the past decade due to conversions, despite the legal threats of recent years. Leaders in Nepal now worry that the new law will restrict religious freedom and target religious minorities.

Christian Population in Iraq, Syria at Risk ⁽³⁾

A Catholic charity has said that despite victories against the Islamic State terror group, unless world leaders make a change, ISIS may still destroy the Christian population in Iraq and Syria. "We have seen drastic reductions in the Christian populations in many nations in

This month you can... Help the (Truly) Persecuted Church

In a recent article for *Relevant* magazine, Ethan Renoe claims that many Americans have lost perspective on the notion of Christian persecution. Renoe says, "It's important for us to look to both history and global events and continue to tell the stories of our brothers and sisters who actually are facing daily persecution and even intentionally putting their lives in danger for the gospel of Jesus Christ. . . . Today there are thousands of Christians facing persecution by their own government and other religious extremist groups around the world. As American Christians, it is important for us to not become so wrapped up in our own country's issues that we lose sight of the global Body of Christ facing real danger."

Renoe offers four ways American Christians can help their persecuted brothers and sisters around the world:

1. Educate and raise awareness. Renoe suggests, "Subscribe to resources such as The Voice of the Martyrs' free newsletter and learn more

about the present-day persecution of believers. Then share these things with others. Grow a heart for those brothers and sisters who are making the ultimate sacrifice for the sake of Christ."

2. Pray. "Pray for the global church, and specifically for those on the front lines of countries such as North Korea, India, China, and dozens more where thousands of Christians are breaking the law simply by clinging to the name of Jesus," Renoe says. "Pray that Jesus would deliver them from harm as well as constantly remind them of His presence with them. That the Holy Spirit would comfort them in their brief moment of trial and they would remember the promise of eternity with Christ."

3. Give. Renoe says, "Set aside some of the money you spend on first-world comforts such as tasty treats, expensive clothes and entertainment in order to send aid to the mission of the gospel around the world. Support missionaries who are taking the gospel to places where it has never been heard before,

where their very lives may be at risk."

4. Go. "Perhaps you are called to join the beautiful ranks of those who have forsaken home, family and safety to take the Word to those who have never heard it before," Renoe challenges. "You may not come back, but you will never lose your reward (Mark 10:28-31)."

Finally, next time you attend church or chat with other believers over morning coffee, take a moment to thank God for the spiritual and personal freedom you enjoy. As Americans, we're blessed to live in a country where we can openly follow our beliefs, but this freedom also comes with a responsibility. There are many around the world who have lost home, friends, and much more to follow Christ. These men and women are part of our Christian family, and we cannot abandon them. God is calling us to be his hands and feet, so let us hurry forward and reach out to those in need.



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the Middle East. Iraq might very well have lost 80 percent of their native Christian people,” said Edward Clancy, director of outreach for Aid to the Church in Need. “Syria might have lost 50 percent. This is compounded by the fact that Christian families have not been secure enough to have many children. The loss of population and the very low birth rate will put great pressure on the Christian communities. If we do not help these ancient Christian communities, ISIS might very well have lost the battles but won the war.”

Clancy continued, “Our solace is knowing that whenever Christians have faced terrible odds, great miracles have happened. Christianity has survived and endured, but we needn’t wait for miracles. We can act. We can help. We should do both.”

Apologist’s Wife Vows to Continue Husband’s Ministry (4)

The wife of Muslim–turned–Christian apologist Nabeel Qureshi has said she is committed to continuing her late husband’s ministry. Qureshi passed away on September 16, 2017, at the age of only 34, after battling stomach cancer.

Qureshi was a well-known advocate for Christianity. He had thousands of followers on social media through his online ministry. He was also the author of several books on Islam, Christianity, and the case for believing in Jesus.

Michelle Qureshi has said she is encouraged

that her husband is now free from pain and the stresses of life, but she knows there is still work to be done here on earth. “I am committed to ensuring the continuation of Nabeel’s ministry,” she said. “I don’t know exactly what that is going to look like but we are going to take his resources and put those online in video form and share them through the social media and the websites that he had opened previously.”

Study: Kids Who Read the Bible Continue in Faith

A recent study by LifeWay Research revealed that kids who read the Bible growing up are more likely to continue in the faith as adults. The study, called “Nothing Less: Engaging Kids in a Lifetime of Faith,” found that the biggest factor in predicting whether or not a child raised in a Christian home would continue in the faith as an adult was whether or not the child read the Bible regularly growing up. Other influential factors were whether the child spent time in prayer, whether they served in church, whether they listened to Christian music, and whether they participated in mission trips or projects.

Researchers surveyed 2,000 Protestant and nondenominational churchgoers for the study, which aimed to learn what parents can do to encourage their children in the faith so that they will remain faithful as adults.

Chinese Pastor Arrested ⁽⁵⁾

A Chinese house church pastor, her daughter, and her grandson have been arrested after being accused of overstepping the country's newly tightened religious restrictions. Xu Shizhen, pastor of Zion Church, and her daughter were transferred to other facilities while her three-year-old grandson was held at the station. Christian advocates in China report that their exact whereabouts remain unknown.

Xu and her congregation broke Chinese law by singing, dancing, and preaching in the parks and public spaces of Xianning, Hubei province. Religious restrictions confining most faith activities to the walls of registered churches were toughened up just two weeks before Xu's arrest.

"The new religion regulations are sweeping in scope and, if fully enforced, could mean major changes for China's unregistered church, not only in its worship and meeting practices, but also engagement in areas such as Christian education, media, and interaction with the global church," wrote ChinaSource president Brent Fulton. "Yet the nature of these activities and, indeed, of much religious practice throughout China, makes enforcement extremely problematic."

JESUS Film Reaches Iranian People Groups ⁽⁶⁾

Nearly 90 percent of the people groups in Iran are considered unreached with the gospel, according to the Joshua Project. New JESUS film translations have recently been completed for two of these unreached language groups,

Qashqai and Kurmanji. Each language has around one million speakers.

The JESUS film is a popular tool for reaching unreached, unengaged people around the world—especially those in oral cultures—with the story of Jesus Christ and the hope he provides. Until recently, at least 20 voice actors were needed to do a full translation of the JESUS film. But the ministry behind the film, Jesus Film Project, came out with a new process called single-voice narration.

Jennifer Richardson with Jesus Film Project explained, "There are a lot of languages on the unreached, unengaged people group list where it would be really hard to find 20 voice actors. . . . And this especially works great in the oral cultures where they are used to storytelling anyway. So all we need is one person to do the translation of this single-voice narration script and they actually narrate the film."

Jesus Film Project decided to test a single-voice narration film with the Qashqai language and received positive feedback. Now Qashqai speakers have access to the truth of the gospel for the first time.

There are still 14 Iranian languages on Jesus Film Project's hold list. These language projects are fully funded but need safe recording locations and contacts for the translations and voice acting.

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

Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

PHILIPPIANS 4:6

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