



Worship...

is where life meets
Ultimate Reality...
A place where we sense
Eternal Significance
and realize that we were created
to "Live our lives to the full...
in the presence of the
God who loves us more
than we could ever imagine!

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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GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

The Lord's Day
SUNDAY, February 18, 2018

WELCOME

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

Call to Worship Psalm 108:1-5
Praise & Worship
Welcome & Announcements
Offering*
Scripture Reading Luke 18:9-14
Message John Luginbuhl
"A New Way of Living!"
(Part 6 of a Series, "Out With the Old, In With the New!")
Closing

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

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time
6:00 PM Youth Group (grades 6-12)
6:00 PM Edge (ages 18-25) meets

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.”

- I Chronicles 16:11

OUR THANKS to all who helped in any way to make this past Friday's Couples Valentine's Dinner a great success! 50 people were in attendance. A fun time was had by all!

THE AWANA GRAND PRIX is on Saturday, February 24! (Race registration starts at 9:00 AM - leaders come at 8:00 AM). Cars need to be turned in by Friday night at 6:30 PM so they can get the wheels put on. If you want to help with set up on Friday night or the race on Saturday, talk to Jeff Irving or just show up. Thank you!

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

IT'S TIME FOR MILITARY AND COLLEGE CARE PACKAGES!

See the insert in today's bulletin. Please mark your donations clearly and leave them on the island in the kitchen. Thank you!

This Week in Church History...

On February 23, 155 A.D., Polycarp, early church Father and Bishop of Smyrna, was martyred. A disciple of the Apostle John, Polycarp was placed under Roman arrest at the age of 86 and burned at the stake for refusing to deny his Christian faith.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK ...

"The one concern of the devil is to keep the saints from praying. He fears nothing from prayerless studies, prayerless work, prayerless religion. He laughs at our toil, he mocks at our wisdom, but he trembles when we pray."

~ Samuel Chadwick

Praise & Petition

“Praise Him for His mighty deeds. Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!”

- Psalm 105:2

Praise the Lord for.

1. The fact that our God is a wonderful God!
2. The suffering Jesus did in our place, to pay for our sins; eternal life and forgiveness of sins through Jesus, as we put our personal faith in Him!
3. The privilege of worshiping Him!
4. The wonderful work of the Holy Spirit of God - for giving us the ministry of reconciliation and restoration!
5. Entrusting us with the Gospel, opportunities to share it!

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. Continued growth in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ. (1 Peter 3:18)
3. Jessica Scarbro as she continues ministering in Asia.
4. Teddy Orr: hip surgery tomorrow in Albuquerque.
5. Matthew Knox & Courtney Paiva and Steve Terborg & Clarissa Johnson, as they prepare to be married later this year.
6. 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.
7. Those who need the Lord's healing touch:
 - Jeremy Richardson (recovering from back surgery)
 - Eliza Jonkman (Schells' granddaughter)
 - Linda Luginbuhl (chemo treatments)
 - Janice Weber (recovering from surgery)
 - Marilyn Bustamante (cancer)

“A New Way of Living!”

(Part 6 of a Series, “Out With the Old, In With the New!”)

Luke 18:9-14

A brand new year - 2018 - is well under way! New hopes, new dreams, new plans... The Bible also speaks about a number of new things! And we have looked at many of those things. Last Sunday, we took a look at the New Covenant and how that affects our lives in 2018. Today we'll look at a new way of living, from the lips of Jesus.

1. You Have Heard

2. Living Paradoxically



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Happy Valentine's Day!

A JOY-FILLED MARRIAGE

BY JIM DALY

AS CHRISTIANS, WE SPEND A LOT OF TIME TALKING ABOUT marriage in light of the commitment it requires and the sacrifices we must make as husbands and wives. That line of messaging is probably a response to the attitude the world too often takes toward marriage. To be certain, it's an issue we need to address.

Sure, marriage can be difficult. We can't ignore the reality that every marriage, including the healthy ones, will face seasons where marital satisfaction dips and where the journey becomes harder.

But I would also hope that—*especially* for Christians—marriage can also be full of joy and life.

Jesus laughed. He went to parties. As married couples, we can do the same.

So go ahead . . . *enjoy life*. Laugh together, have fun. Be silly.

It does the culture and the church a world of good when Christians mix joy and pleasure into the message of commitment and sacrifice in marriage.

So on this Valentine's Day, let's remember to show the singles in our churches, and a watching world, that Christian marriage is good. That we enjoy our spouses. That one of the reasons why we stick with it when the going gets tough is that marriage is *worth* it.


Tough
Questions
from Kids
How do I
make friends?


HANDLE WITH CARE

Take an uncooked egg for each of your children, and write his or her name on it. Then place the egg in its own Ziploc bag. Assign each child's egg to a sibling. Explain that these eggs are fragile and must be handled gently. The children should carry their assigned egg with them during the next hour or two. They can carry it in their hands, a shirt or coat pocket or in another way, but they must not set the egg down.

Let life go on as usual. Don't remind anyone about his or her egg. As the children carry the eggs, at first they will probably be careful, but they may eventually forget about their eggs and get careless. Even if the eggs do not crack, your children will find it difficult to be mindful of their eggs for the entire time.

Afterward, check on the eggs. Explain that these fragile eggs are like people's feelings. Sometimes we can accidentally say something that hurts a sibling's feelings. Or we can be reckless with our words and crush others. Gentleness means treating each person with care, similar to how we needed to care for the eggs. Explain that when we get busy with everyday life, we may find it hard to be careful with our words all the time. But we can ask God to help us be gentle and mindful of others.

—Jeannie Vogel



PUTTING LOVE INTO ACTION

During February, my family looks for "love acts." When I see my 4-year-old do something well, I say, "Wesley, you obeyed the first time I asked. When we obey God the first time, that shows Him we love Him. Way to go!" This affirmation helps Wesley hear the connection between loving God and obeying Him.

These love acts can also be done toward each other. For example, I explain to my kids that doing chores demonstrates love for the rest of the family. When we describe love in actions, we help our children begin to understand how real love is shown by more than just our words.

—Lauren Osborne

TAKE TIME TO BE KIND

As parents, we can become so busy working and raising our children that we begin to neglect each other. We pass by each other in the kitchen without speaking. We greet one another with rote kisses. Complacency and routine push out those small, but important, acts of love. We still care about each other, but we don't take time to show it. And as the years go by for a married couple, the random, kind gestures may slowly fade away.

But it's not too late. You can start showing kindness to your husband or wife today.

Acts of kindness don't need to be elaborate or expensive. Make it your goal to find at least one kind act that you can practice for your spouse each day. The first step in acting kindly toward your spouse is to be observant. What needs to be done around the house? What does your spouse love to have done for him or her? Could you wash the dishes? Give a much-needed backrub after your spouse comes home from work? You probably know, more than almost anyone else, what your spouse would most appreciate.

If you don't know, it never hurts to ask. A great way to do this is to have your spouse finish the following statement: "I feel loved when you . . ."

Still looking for a little guidance? Here are just a few suggestions: Cook your spouse's favorite meal or fill up his or her car with gas. Watch your husband's favorite television show with him or participate in his favorite hobby. Surprise your wife at work or let her sleep in. Clean the bathroom or fold the laundry. You might even want to surprise your spouse with a special present one evening.



Good deeds are limited only by your imagination.

Most important, express gratefulness to your spouse. Show your appreciation for all he or she does and is. Sure, you may assume your spouse already knows how grateful you are. And maybe he or she does. But almost all people want and need to hear just how important and valued they are.

—Dr. Greg Smalley

FAMILY MATTERS

Answers to your questions . . .

My husband and I have been trying to have a child, with no results. I alternate between being sad and angry. Are those feelings wrong?

ANSWER:

Maybe you feel like Rachel when she cried, "Give me children, or I'll die!" (Genesis 30:1). If you've been trying unsuccessfully to have children, it's easy to have that outlook. You may also feel uncertain, wondering when you should begin to worry about the inability to conceive.

When you struggle with infertility, you face many emotional issues. Here are some of the feelings you and your spouse may encounter.

1. *Grief.* If you want to conceive but are unable to, you may experience grief over the loss of the dreams you've had for future children. Allow yourself to feel the grief and deal with the pain by admitting you're sad. Talk it through with someone you trust. Let yourself cry. It usually helps

to verbally express the immense hurt you feel.

2. *Anger.* This is a valid emotion when dealing with grief. You may wonder why God seems not to listen to your pleas for a child. You're mad that He hasn't intervened and answered your requests. This is a natural response, and God is aware of your anger. He's the One who created you with the desire for a child in the first place. Express your frustration to the Lord, to your spouse and to a counselor, if needed. Accept the comfort and support of others.

3. *Low self-esteem.* You may begin to feel that you're defective, that you're less of a woman because you can't conceive. Seek a proper perspective on your value in God's eyes. You might want to start by reading passages like Matthew 10:29-31 and Psalm 139:13-16.

4. *Loneliness.* If you don't want to be around pregnant women, go to baby showers or answer questions about why you and your spouse don't have children, you may find yourself

feeling isolated. Joining a support group for couples dealing with infertility and sharing your heartache with them can be a healing experience.

If it turns out that you and your spouse are unable to have a baby, it will take time to reach a point of acceptance. It will mean understanding that God is real, that He is there, that He understands and that He is not punishing you. If needed, a pastor or Christian counselor can help you on this leg of the journey.

You may have sad days and angry days along the way. But there is hope for joy and contentment again as you and your spouse learn to enjoy the life God has given you. It may mean making new plans—perhaps adoption, or redefining yourself as a family of two. Either way, deciding whether to believe that your heavenly Father truly wants the best for both of you is a choice that's in your hands.

(Adapted from *Complete Guide to the First Five Years of Marriage*, general editors Phillip J. Swihart and Wilford Wooten.)

TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

ANSWER:

The best way to make friends is to be friendly. You should be the kind of person that others will like to have as a friend. Think about what you like in a friend, and be that kind of person to others. Show interest in other people and be a good listener. To have a friend, be a friend!

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