



JESUS IS ALIVE

**WELCOME HOME**

April 8, 2018

# GRACE

## BIBLE CHURCH

### WELCOME HOME ...

*where we live by faith in Christ, are a voice of hope for all, and are known by love.*

### 2018 YEAR VERSE:

SEEK THE LORD AND HIS STRENGTH. SEEK HIS FACE CONTINUALLY.

- 1 CHRONICLES 16:11

## GET CONNECTED

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#### ADULT CONNECT GROUP

Mondays | 7 PM

Luginbuhl Home (303 Cactus Road)

#### IMPACT CONNECT GROUP (20's - 30's Young Professionals)

Mondays | 7 PM

Yoder Home (3607 Chaco Drive)

#### LADIES CONNECT GROUP

Tuesdays | 9:30 AM

GBC (Nursery Available)

#### AWANA

Wednesdays | 6:30 PM

Ages 3 - Grade 8

#### YOUTH GROUP

Sundays | 6 - 8 PM

Grades 6 - 12

#### EDGE

Sundays | 6 PM

Ages 18 - 25

#### PRAYER TIME

Sundays | 6 PM

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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*what's happening at Grace Bible ...*

## **GBC DIRECTORY INFORMATION**

### **TODAY | FOYER**

Please check your family information for our new directory, on the table in the Foyer. TODAY is the last day to do this! Thank you!

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## **PIZZA WITH THE PASTORS/ELDERS & SPOUSES**

### **APRIL 22**

Did you start attending Grace Bible Church after March 1, 2017? If so ... you and your family are invited to "Pizza with the Pastors, Elders, and their Wives" on April 22 right after the morning worship service! The purpose of this time of fellowship is for you to get to know the Pastors and Elders and their families and for them to get to know you! You do not have to bring anything except your appetite! After the meal, there will be a brief "Question and Answer" time concerning the church and its ministries. Please sign up using your "Connect Card." Thanks!

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## **COMING SOON**

### **APRIL 30 | AFTER WORSHIP SERVICE**

Quarterly Business Meeting

### **MAY 5 | 9 AM**

All-Church Work Day (Details to come)

### **MAY 12 | 11 AM - 2 PM**

Ladies' Tea (Details to come)

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## **EASTER STATS**

Good Friday service had 100 people, Easter breakfast had 200 people, and Easter morning had 338 people. Praise the Lord!

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# WAYS TO GIVE

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Gallup, NM 87301



## ONLINE

Give online at our website.



## TEXT

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## RECURRING

Set-up recurring payments using your online account.

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## SERVICE TIMES:

**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
9 - 10 AM

**WEEKEND SERVICE**  
10:15 AM



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# SEEING MY SIN FOR WHAT IT IS!

Luke 15:11-32

So ... Easter is over. Or is it? When Jesus died on the cross, He said, "It is finished!" The verb in the Greek is in the perfect tense, meaning that the action happened in the past, but has continuing results. For the person who has put their faith in the risen Jesus Christ for salvation, there certainly *are* continuing results!

## 1. Why He Died and Rose Again

## 2. Straying, Seeing My Sin for What It Is

## 3. Returning, the Father's Joy







# Bulletin

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*He Is Risen!*

## PAID IN FULL


BY DR. TONY EVANS

THIS EASTER, YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILDREN BETTER UNDERSTAND the eternal significance of Christ's resurrection. Most likely, your kids are familiar with some basic economic principles. For instance, when they go shopping for something, they must pay for it. And when they pay, they get a receipt. This receipt is important because it validates the purchase. If there is ever a question about the item, the receipt proves that payment has already been made.

According to Scripture, Christ's resurrection serves as a sort of "receipt" from God to prove that our sins have been forgiven. When we confess our sin and ask Jesus to be the Lord of our lives, salvation itself is already secure. But our kids may succumb to periods of doubt. Maybe they'll feel guilty from this or that sin. *Does God really forgive me for that?*

Issuing a receipt was actually God's idea. Romans 4:25 says, "[Jesus] was delivered up for our trespasses and raised for our justification." Reassure your children that the Resurrection is God's proof that Christ's sacrifice was sufficient payment for our sins.

This side of heaven, we will always deal with the consequences of sin. But help your kids recognize, every day, that the eternal bill has been paid.



### Tough Questions from Kids

Did Jesus know that He would come to life again?



## LEARNING TO LET GO

It was time for Tyler's first Easter egg hunt, and I was excited. My 5-year-old with cerebral palsy had made great strides in maneuvering his walker and could now bend and pick things up.

But as the hunt began, I was heartbroken to see my son hobbling far behind the other children. Intent on rescuing Tyler, I rushed to his aid. But instead of tears, he greeted me with a bright smile and a basket full of eggs! The other children had run so fast that their eggs had spilled out of their baskets.



That's when I sensed God say, *Trust Me with your son, and I will teach you both how to walk in faith.*

I tended to be a helicopter mom, so handing over my son to anyone else wasn't easy to do. I wanted to protect him—physically and emotionally—but I learned that wasn't always possible.

What I *could* do was encourage Tyler's independence a little bit every day, helping build his character and relationship with the Lord. As I allowed him to handle situations or tasks on his own, I reassured him that I was there to offer advice and help when needed.

The process of letting go didn't mean I cared for Tyler any less; my heart still ached when other kids made fun of him. But bit by bit, God showed me how to walk in faith and hand my son over to Him. And bit by bit, I learned how to stop hovering and watch my son become the man God created him to be.

—Lisa Sexton

## THE DUSTING GAME

Since dusting is my least favorite chore, teaching my young daughters to dust proved challenging. I didn't want to pass along my dislike of the job, so I tried to find a way to make it fun. By hiding coins for them to find in not-too-obvious places, I turned the chore into a game. The girls got to keep the coins they found after they completed dusting their assigned areas. "It's like an Easter egg hunt!" they shouted. They soon began to look forward to Dusting Day.

—Carol Boley



## COMPETITORS OR TEAMMATES?

Do you and your spouse ever feel like you're on opposing sides of a competition? Perhaps you nitpick one another. Maybe you feel you're stuck watching the kids when your spouse has all the fun. If you're regularly competing with your spouse, you might feel discouraged and weary. It may even lead to wanting off your team. Here are some tips for breaking that competitive cycle:

- **Remember that you are on the same team.** Commit to playing cooperatively versus competitively. Truth is, if you go looking for evidence that your spouse is your opponent, you will find it. However, if you want to see your marriage as a team, then start looking for evidence that it could be.
- **Embrace differences and let them be growth opportunities.** Are you willing to see your spouse as a creature to whom God gave unique gifts, talents and experiences? Would you be willing to embrace the way that person differs from you? You might experience your spouse in a whole new way if you do.
- **Act more like teammates and less like opponents.** Teammates work tirelessly to hone their skills individually while also learning how to fit into



the team. Are you willing to put the effort into running the race (marathon) of your marriage to the best of your ability regardless of how the other runner shows up?

And what happens when you're convinced there's no hope? That your spouse is too distant or too controlling? Recognize that we cannot be great teammates on our own, but we serve a God who is bigger than the problems we face. That means that we keep our focus on where our true strength lies.

Yes, there will be difficult moments as you pursue a teammate approach, but there also could be great rewards. Let me offer you the first words of encouragement, as any good fan would do: "Go Team!"

—Brett Sparks

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# FAMILY MATTERS

Answers to your questions . . .

**My wife and I often experience misunderstandings and frustration with each other. How can we improve our communication?**

**ANSWER:**

Effective communication is a complex business. If you go into it expecting things to flow easily and without a lot of effort, you're just kidding yourself. Try adjusting your expectations in three key areas:

1. *Expect problems and misunderstandings.* Even the best communicators sometimes fail to understand others, or they fall short of making themselves understood. Often we don't even know for sure why we act or feel a certain way. Effective communicators prepare themselves to work through the storms to reach the sunny

skies waiting on the other side of the rain clouds.

2. *Expect that you'll need a lot of patience.* Effective communication takes time. You and your spouse may not connect or get on the same wavelength on the first or second (or third or even fourth) attempt. Impatience can doom the goal of genuine understanding. How can you genuinely care for someone while you're tapping your feet and reaching for the door?

Instead, relax. Be careful. Recognize that effective communication deserves patience and a deliberate attempt to understand not only the words being said but also the emotions behind the words.

3. *Expect a lot of trial and error.* People have different ways of communicating. While all of us can master and use a powerful set of

tools for effective communication, the way we use those tools varies from person to person. We get the best use out of them by adapting them for our own style and personal bent—and that requires trial and error. You didn't give up on driving a car just because you felt a little intimidated the first time you sat behind the wheel, did you? Of course not. It takes practice to get good at any skill—and that includes the skill of communicating effectively.

Effective communication is a complex business. But you grease the skids for its success when you start out from the right position.

(Adapted from *The DNA of Relationships* by Gary Smalley, Dr. Greg Smalley, Dr. Robert S. Paul, and Michael Smalley.)

## TOUGH QUESTIONS FROM KIDS

**ANSWER:**

Jesus knew that He would come to life again and even told His disciples about it. But the disciples didn't seem to understand. When they saw Jesus after the Resurrection, they didn't recognize Him at first. But when Jesus came up close and talked with them, they knew Him.

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