



Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk

Is it possible? Is it already time for school to start for the 2013 - 2014 school year? What happened to Summer? I am certain that we all (especially teachers and students!) think that the Summer of 2013 went by way too quickly! I trust that yours was good, and that you were able to fit in at least a little rest and relaxation!

This is a time for new beginnings! A brand new school year and thus the re-starting of a number of ministries of the church: AWANA, Ladies' Bible Study, Handbell Choir, Faith Bible Institute classes... I encourage you to pray for *all* of the ministries of Grace Bible Church as they start again (or continue) for the new school year.

The "fresh start" of the new school year reminds all of us that there is always a "fresh start", a "new beginning", in Jesus Christ. This is true whether we are putting our faith in Jesus as Saviour for the very first time or whether we are getting back into a right relationship with Him by repenting of our sins. OUR GOD IS THE GOD OF FRESH STARTS! It is *never* too late for you to make a fresh start. You can do this TODAY! There is *always* hope in Jesus Christ!

The speed with which the Summer zoomed by is also a reminder about how quickly our *lives* go by! James 4:14 compares our lives to a vapor - here one minute, gone the next. And so it is! The years quickly pass by! If indeed our lives are like a vapor, we should make the most of our time, asking the Lord for opportunities to serve Him, to minister in His Name. Once He gives us those opportunities, we should take full advantage of them!

These are exciting days in which to follow and serve Jesus Christ! And, there are many exciting days ahead! The re-starting of ministries, yes! Folks coming to Christ for the first time or growing in their already-established faith, yes! Baptisms, yes! Marriages, yes! Various other times of worship and fellowship, yes! But even more than all of these things, the fact that our Lord is going to continue to use us for His purposes and glory in the days ahead as Jesus tarries as we love, obey and serve Him! Let us all purpose to make a fresh start, a new beginning, for our faithful and wonderful Lord!

~Pastor John



Weddings

Please continue to pray for the following couples being married in 2013.

- Chris Piano and Sarah Luginbuhl (September 21st)
- Ryan Hamilton and Erica Sowers (October 5th)
- Lee Charles and Sarah Herington (October 12th)
- Lavar Peterson and Martina Muskett (December 7th)
- Dan Tom and Cheryl Walker (Date to be determined)



The deadline for September's newsletter is August 25th. Please send entries to either snixon@wildblue.net, john@gracebiblegallup.org or give to Susan or Pastor John.

Guys remember that there is...

1. Weekly Men's Prayer on Thursday nights (7:00) at church; and
2. Monthly (first Saturday of every month) Men's Breakfasts at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, Gallup, 8-9 AM



Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

What is the only sin that cannot be forgiven?

Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit. Mark 3:29

This month's question:

Who lied when he was asked to reveal the source of his great strength?

Send your answer to snixon@wildblue.net or see Susan Nixon. Please include your full name. We'll announce the winner in next month's newsletter.



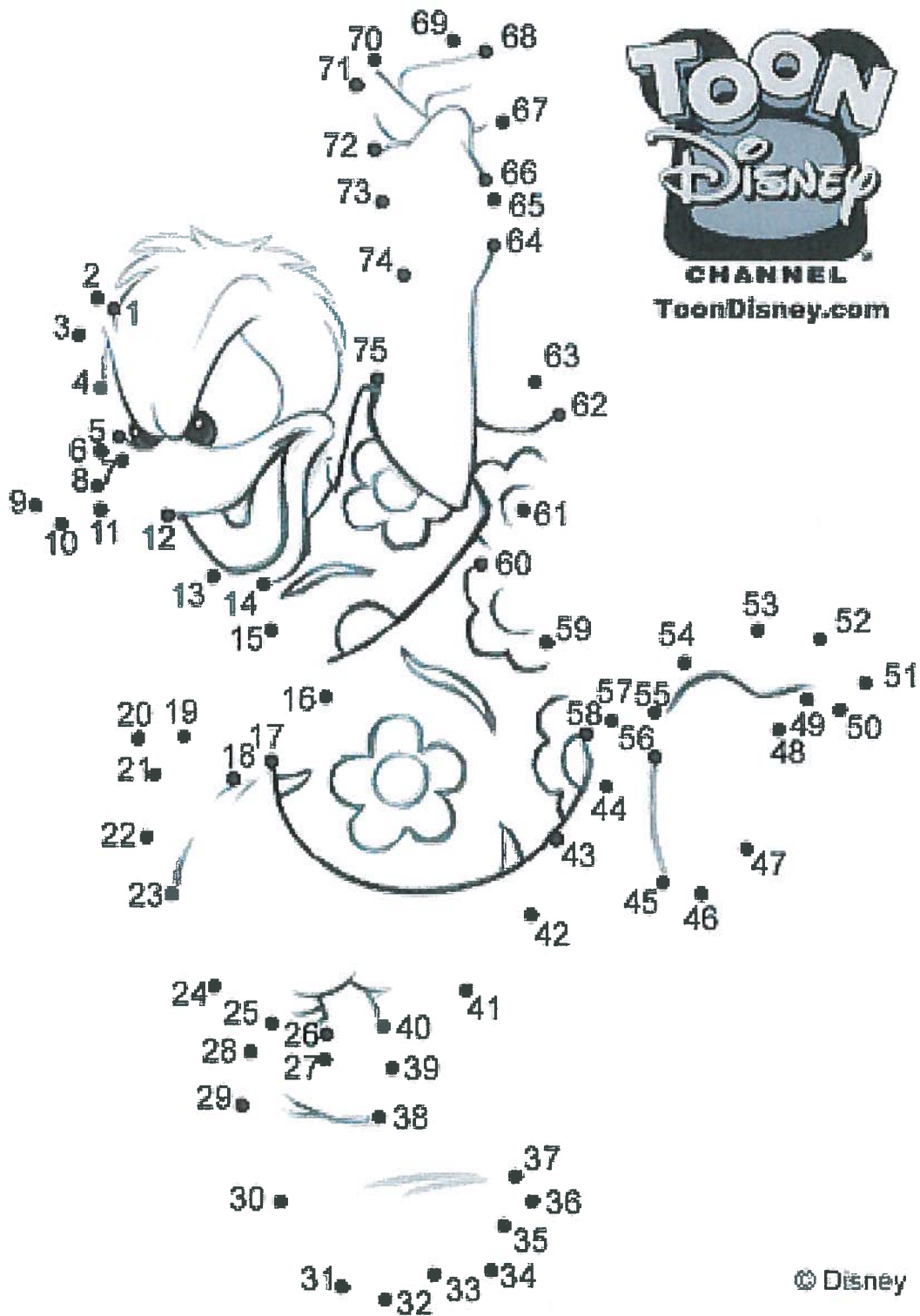
It's Coming!

All-Church Labor Day Picnic at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch! Monday, September 2nd, 2 PM -?

For every family in the church... and your friends.

Always a fun time!

Watch for details in upcoming bulletins!





Puzzle Time

B E E R S H E B A S I S J E R I C O R J
 A E I J A U D A H I Z C A N S N A I O E
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Israel	Sinai	Bethlehem	Dothan	Megiddo
Judah	Mt. Seir	Jerusalem	Gaza	Masada
Jordan	Edom	Bethel	Red Sea	Jerico
Jordan River	Ammon	Beersheba	Jezreel	Nazareth
Dead Sea	Lebanon	Mt. Sinai	Hebron	Cana



A little boy opened the big family Bible. He was fascinated as he fingered through the old pages. Suddenly, something fell out of the Bible. He picked up the object and looked at it. What he saw was an old leaf that had been pressed in between the pages.

'Mama, look what I found,' the boy called out.

'What have you got there, dear?'
With astonishment in the young boy's voice, he answered, 'I think it's Adam's underwear!'



Did You Know?

Originally, a "tour" meant a military assignment or expedition, which gives us the phrase, "tour of duty" today. In the 1600s, it came to mean any kind of travel, and by the late 1700s, the kind of travel one does for pleasure. The word, "tourism", referring to people traveling to a particular destination, was coined in about 1800.

The word "souvenir" comes from a French verb, spelled very similarly, which means, "to remember" (bring to mind)!



DO YOU WANT TO BE added to our church's email list? You will receive prayer requests and updates, reminders of upcoming events of the church, missionary letters, etc., etc. If you would like to be added, simply send a brief note to Pastor John at john@gracebiblegallup.org. If you would like to be removed from the email list, please send a note to that same email address!

GET INVOLVED!



EXPLORE
THE BIBLE
WITH US

You are invited to get involved in the LifeGroup (small group Bible study and fellowship) that is currently meeting on Mondays nights (7 PM – 9 PM) at the Luginbuhls' home, 303 Cactus Rd, Gallup. A study in the book of Jonah!



Please continue to pray for the following military people:

Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son), **Sean Begaye**, and **Jana Sheffield** (Susan Nixon's niece) all in Afghanistan.

Adam Sowers (Ft. Eustis, Newport News, VA)

Jesus Ubanda (Mike & Christina Nye's son-in-law), in the Marines, on deployment.

Thank you so much for your service to our country!



August 3 Men's breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, 8-9 AM

August 4 Baby Shower for Autumn and Noah Peralto

August 15-17 SWCBA Leadership Retreat, Scottsdale

August 18 Quarterly Business Mtg (Noon)

September 2 All-Church Labor Day Picnic at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch

September 4 AWANA begins for the 2013-2014 School Year

September 7 Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's

September 8 Baby Shower for Natalia and Addison Pete



UPCOMING PULSE (ENTERING GRADES 6-12) EVENTS!

- Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 AM at church
- Meeting of the Pulse every Sunday night at 6:00 at church
- August 10: Isotopes Game in Albq.
- August 17: Back-to-School Bash!
- August 30: Night at the Movies: "Planes"

GET IN ON THE FUN!

Contact Pastor Steve for more details!



And may the Lord
make you increase
and abound in love
for one another
and for all ...

1 Thessalonians 3:12

2013 Year Verse

“Let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.”

Hebrews 10:24



Recipe of the Month: Watermelon Strawberry Shake and Frozen Smoothie Pops

Watermelon Strawberry Shake

2 cups cubed, seedless watermelon
1 container (8 ounces) lemon nonfat yogurt
1 pint fresh strawberries, cleaned and hulled
1 banana medium, peeled and sliced
In blender or food processor, process yogurt, watermelon, strawberries and banana until smooth and frothy.

Frozen Smoothie Pops

Strawberry Shake
Small paper cups
Popsicle sticks
Pour prepared Watermelon Strawberry Shake into small paper cups. Freeze, inserting popsicle sticks or plastic spoons when mixture is partially frozen. Or, pour Watermelon Strawberry Shake into ice cream machine. Set and enjoy



Did you know?

The first recorded watermelon harvest occurred nearly 5,000 years ago in Egypt and is depicted in Egyptian hieroglyphics on walls of their ancient buildings.

FOLLOWING THE LORD!



Please pray for these folks, who were publicly baptized on Sunday, July 28, during our morning worship service: Kaytlin Addington, Michael Cordova, Joel Hillis and Justin Wynne. Let's pray that they all love, serve, follow and obey our Lord in the days ahead! CONGRATULATIONS to each of you!



Special Days in August

- 2 National Ice Cream Sandwich Day
- 3. National Watermelon Day
- 4 Friendship Day
- 5 Work Like a Dog Day
- 6 Wiggle Your Toes Day
- 9 Book Lover's Day
- 10 National S'mores Day
- 11 Son and Daughter Day
- 12 Middle Child's Day
- 13 Left Hander's Day
- 14 V-J Day
- 15 Relaxation Day
- 16 National Tell a Joke Day
- 17 National Thrift Shop Day
- 19 Aviation Day
- 20 National Radio Day
- 21 Senior Citizen Day
- 22 National Tooth Fairy Day
- 25 Kiss and Make Up Day
- 26 National Dog Day
- 27 Just Because Day
- 30 Toasted Marshmallow Day
- 31 National Trail Mix Day



A FRESH START FOR AWANA!

AWANA, an international ministry (awana.org) which our church is involved in to reach boys and girls - and their families - for Jesus Christ, starts up again on Wednesday night, September 4 (the Wednesday after Labor Day) at 6:30 PM. "AWANA", an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" (2 Timothy 2;15) is a Bible-based ministry for girls and boys. Grace Bible Church has been involved in this ministry since 1980.

Our AWANA ministry is for girls and boys age 2 to grade 8. Those in grades 9-12 are able to participate (and we have many young people that do!) in the ministry as "Leaders in Training" ("LITs"). The ages and grades are separated appropriately so that each group has their own game time, handbook time and "Council" (devotional) time. The AWANA ministry "runs" throughout the school year (essentially beginning of September through the first week of May) each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:15. When Public School is cancelled because of bad weather or holidays, AWANA is also cancelled.

Many *adults* are also needed each Wednesday night to make the ministry "run"! If you would like to help this school year and/or need more information, please contact Nate Yale, who is the "Commander" of our AWANA ministry. We would love to have you be part of the AWANA ministry! What a thrill to be able to reach boys and girls for Jesus and/or help them grow in their faith!

Please watch for more details, in our church's weekly bulletins, concerning our AWANA ministry!

Let's together pray for a *wonderful*, Christ-honoring AWANA year!

AEROBICS CLASS



Ladies Aerobics Classes

Tuesdays and Thursday at 5:20 PM

At the Church, across from the offices.



Faith

By Ella Wheeler Wilcox

I will not doubt, though all my ships at sea
Come drifting home with broken masts and sails;
I shall believe the Hand which never fails,
From seeming evil worketh good for me;
And though I weep because those sails are battered,
Still will I cry, while my best hopes lie shattered,
I trust in Thee.

I will not doubt, though all my prayers return
Unanswered from the still white Realm above;
I shall believe it is an all-wise Love
Which has refused those things for which I yearn;
And though at times I cannot keep from grieving,
Yet the pure ardour of my fixed believing
Undimmed shall burn.

I will not doubt though sorrows fall like rain,
And troubles swarm like bees about a hive;
I shall believe the heights for which I strive
Are only reached by anguish and by pain;
And though I groan and tremble with my crosses,
I yet shall see, through my severest losses,
The greater gain.

I will not doubt; well-anchored in the faith,
Like some staunch ship, my soul braves every gale;
So strong its courage that it will not fail
To breast the mighty unknown sea of Death.
Oh, may I cry when body parts with spirit,
I do not doubt, so listening worlds may hear it,
With my last breath.

Source:

Poems of Pleasure

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In loving memory of our elder son,
James C. Hathaway, DVM
May 9, 1962 - August 14, 2011

Submitted by Dr. Jim and Marilyn Hathaway

Grace Bible Church August 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Coming in September...						
2 nd Labor Day Picnic						
4 th AWANA						
7 th Men's Breakfast						
8 th Pete Baby Shower						
4 Reg. Services Communion Peralto Baby Shower 2:30 PM 6:00 Pulse 6:00 The Edge 6:00 Prayer	5 7:00 Life group @ Luginbuhls'	6 5:00 Deacons Mtg 6:30 FBI Test	7	8 7:00 Men's Prayer	9	10 <u>Pulse/Edge Event</u> Isotopes Game in Albq.
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