It is good to praise the Lord and make music to your name, O Most High.

Psalm 92:1
Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
November 11, 2012
International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church

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

Call To Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship
Big Brothers Big Sisters  Sarah Luginbuhl
Prayer for the Persecuted Church
Offering
Praise & Worship*

Scripture Reading  Romans 3:1-20
Message  John Luginbuhl

“Guilty As Charged!”
(Par 5 of a Series in Romans, “The Righteousness of God!”)

Closing

*After this, children age 3 - grade 4 will be dismissed to Children's Church.

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:
Crawlers/Walkers .......  Brenda Manning & Liz Helf

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:
Crawlers/Walkers .......  Kelly Stapp & Amber Beard

LATER TODAY...
6:00 PM  Prayer Time (Gathering Room) Join us!
6:00 PM  Edge Group (after High School)
This Week at Grace Bible...
(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, November 12
6:30 PM  Ladies' Bible Study ("The Pursuit of Holiness")
6:30 PM-8:00 PM  Life Group (Colossians) at Marshalls' home
(1419 Elva Drive)
7:00 PM-9:00 PM  Life Group (James) at the Luginbuhls' home
(303 Cactus Rd.)
7:00 PM  Men's Prayer Time

Tuesday, November 13
9:30 AM  Ladies' Bible Study ("The Life of Christ")
          (nursery available)
5:00 PM  Handbell Rehearsal
6:30 PM  FBI Class
7:00 PM  Life Group at DenBleykers' home
          (615 VandenBosch)

Wednesday, November 14
6:30 PM  AWANA (No AWANA on 11/21)

Thursday, November 15
6:45 PM  Visitation

Saturday, November 17
6:00 PM - 8:30 PM  Movie Night (Youth Group only)

COMING SOON:
November 21  Thanksgiving Eve Service (7 PM)
December 8  Ladies' Christmas Banquet
December 17  All-Church Christmas Caroling (PM)
December 24  Christmas Eve Service (7 PM)
LADIES’ CHRISTMAS BANQUET
AT
BROKEN ARROW BIBLE RANCH
(high school age and above only)

Saturday,
December 8th - 5:00 pm
(Meet at the church at 4:15 PM if you would like to carpool.)

Sign up starting Nov. 18
at the Welcome Center

Cost is $7.00
(Please pay when you sign up.)

Ladies, this is a great time of fellowship, fun, and an opportunity to bring a friend! Secret Sisters, please bring your “reveal” gift. If you were not a secret sister, bring a $10 or up gift to exchange.
The Power of a Simple Gift

Touch the heart of a needy child this Christmas with a gift-filled shoe box and the Good News of Jesus Christ.
LET'S REACH 100 Million CHILDREN FOR CHRIST!

2012 marks an important milestone for Operation Christmas Child as we surpass reaching 100 million children with God's love since the start of the project in 1993. Through gift-filled shoe boxes and evangelistic materials, hurting children across the globe are hearing the Good News of Jesus Christ. Here are some ways you can get involved:

**PRAY.** Pray that God will touch the heart of every child who receives a shoe box gift, and that He will bring many children and families to faith in Jesus Christ.

**PACK A GIFT.** A shoe box filled with small toys and other gifts can open hurting hearts to God's love. Instructional brochures may be available at your church, or you can find everything you need online at samaritanspurse.org/occ.

**INCLUDE $7 DONATION.** Delivering shoe box gifts overseas is costly. Give $7 per box to cover shipping and other project expenses. Donate online to follow your box (see below).

**VOLUNTEER.** Make an eternal impact on the lives of children through volunteer opportunities ranging from short-term service at a drop-off location or Processing Center to seasonal involvement as a project leader to year-round roles on an Area Team. Go to our website to learn more.

Jesus said, “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” —Matthew 19:14, NIV

EVERY SHOE BOX GIFT IS AN OPPORTUNITY TO TOUCH A CHILD'S HEART WITH THE LOVE OF JESUS CHRIST.

FRANKLIN GRAHAM
PRESIDENT, SAMARITAN'S PURSE

**Give Online to FOLLOW YOUR BOX around the world**

Scan the QR code above to donate online at samaritanspurse.org/occ. You will receive an email informing you of the destination country of your box.

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Big Brothers Big Sisters

Needs Caring Adult Mentors

Kids in McKinley County need mentors. Our churches have faithful men and women who can mentor. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Northern New Mexico connects caring adult mentors with local children facing adversity and professionally supports the one-to-one mentoring relationship, changing childrens’ lives for the better, forever.

Our Mentoring Programs Work

Studies prove when youth are matched with a Big Brother or Big Sister for at least one year, the youth is:

- 46% less likely to begin using illicit drugs
- 27% less likely to begin using alcohol
- 52% less likely to skip school
- 33% less likely to hit someone

Help a youth in your community reach their potential and fulfill their dreams. Become a Big Brother or Big Sister! For details call Sarah at 505-728-8356, email sarah.luginbuhl@bbbs-nnm.org. or visit www.bbbsnorthernnm.org for info.
PRAYER FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH

Instead of our regular “Praise & Petition” sheet today, we want to focus our attention on our brothers and sisters in Christ around the world who are being persecuted - tortured, raped, imprisoned, sold into slavery - for their faith in Jesus Christ.

Certainly, we have much to praise the Lord for! But, we also need to intercede for the persecuted church. How should we pray?

Pray for imprisoned Christians to be comforted in their loneliness and despair by the presence of the Holy Spirit (Ps. 139:7-12).

Pray for Christians who are beaten and tortured. Pray that this physical violence will stop. Pray that their bodies will be healed. Pray that these brothers and sisters, like Jesus (Luke 23:24) and Stephen (Acts 7:60) will forgive their tormentors.

Pray for Christians who are made slaves. Pray that their conduct as slaves will glorify God (Titus 2:9-10). Pray that they may escape or gain their freedom and return to their families.

Pray for Christians who have lost homes, farms, food, sources of water, income, and have no means of providing shelter and sustenance for their families. Pray that God will provide all that His children need and will alleviate their worry. (Matt. 6:32-34).

Pray that Christians in persecuted churches and communities will support each other and band together in the face of fear (I Peter 4:7-11).

Pray that Christians who are currently enjoying religious freedom, including yourself, will understand how to suffer with other members of God’s family (Heb. 13:3). Pray that the Holy Spirit will lead these Christians, including yourself, will respond to the Holy Spirit’s leading.

Pray for the provision of Bibles (Ps. 119:105-112).

Pray for the oppressors of Christians, that they may experience repentance and salvation. Read the story of Saul in Acts 7:58, 8:1, and 9:1-19.

Pray that leaders of democratic countries will speak out regarding the violation of human rights. God has established governments to do justice (I Peter 2:13-14).

Pray for God to raise up more leaders among the persecuted church. Pray for these leaders to be strengthened by God. Pray for their courage. Pray for their wisdom. Pray for the leaders of the persecuted church, that they may be faithful to their God-given responsibilities (I Peter 5:1-4, I Tim. 3:1-10).
"Guilty As Charged!"
(Part 5 of a Series in Romans, "The Righteousness of God!")
Romans 3:1-20

The courtroom grows silent. The jurors return from their deliberations. The Judge asks, "Have you reached a verdict?" The verdict is read: "We find the defendant guilty as charged." According to our passage today, all of us, in God's courtroom, stand guilty as charged, because of our sin. No jury is needed. God - the Judge - decides this.

I. God's Faithfulness (vss. 1-8)

II. Guilty As Charged (vss. 9-18)

III. Gaining Salvation Through Works? (vss. 19-20)
WE WELCOME YOU!
There are many good reasons for coming to church, but we hope that your joining us this Sunday 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 place it in the offering plate, so that we can have a record of your visit. 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!

2012 YEAR VERSE:
“As for God, His way is perfect. The Word of the LORD is flawless. He is a shield for all who take refuge in Him.”
~Psalm 18:30

TIME TO FILL UP THOSE SHOEBOXES for our “Operation Christmas Child” ministry! When you take a shoebox (or two!) please also take an “Operation Christmas Child” pamphlet before you pack the box(es). Please be sure to follow all instructions about packing the shoebox(es). “Completed” shoeboxes need to be brought to the church no later than Sunday, November 18, 6 PM! Thank you!

The “PASTOR APPRECIATION” love offering is still “open”. Please mark your checks clearly. Thank you!

A HUGE “THANK YOU!” goes to the members of the Pumpkin Patch Committee for all of their hard work: Betsy Branson, Dena Hamilton, Linda Luginbuhl, Sarah Luginbuhl, Autumn Peralto, Liesl Sanchez, Rob Sanchez, and Karen Schell. Thanks again, too, to all of the many volunteers!

A list of November birthdays and anniversaries of regular-attenders of Grace Bible is on the kitchen door. Please make (legible) corrections/additions right on the list. Thank you!
Early enrollment with tuition discount for Faith Bible Institute Spring 2013 semester is now open through November 15! FBI brochures are available in our foyer. See Doug or Dottie Mason today for more information!

DIDN'T GET YOUR PHOTO TAKEN for our new church directory? We will be taking family photos after church today and next Sunday. Come to front of the Sanctuary to be photographed. Note: Your picture must be in the directory in order for you to receive a directory.

This Week in Church History...
On November 12, 1615, Richard Baxter, English Puritan clergyman, was born at Rowton, England. Sick much of his life, he was self-educated through private study, self-instruction and introspection. Ordained an Anglican in 1638, he began a 20-year pastorate in 1640 near Birmingham. In 1662, passage of the Act of Uniformity forced him out of the Church of England. Baxter was known for a lifelong non-partisan stance, which placed him in the unenviable middle ground between monarchy and the commonwealth, between the Episcopalians, and the Presbyterians, between Calvinism and Arminianism. Baxter left nearly 200 writings when he died in 1691, including his great devotional work The Saints’ Everlasting Rest (1650).

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...
“It was well worth standing a while in the fire, for such an opportunity of experiencing and exhibiting the power and faithfulness of God’s promises.”

~ John Newton