



## **GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

Worship Service - 10:15 AM

Edge - 6:00 PM

Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

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*Grace Bible Church*  
*~ The Lord's Day ~*  
*December 8, 2013*

**WELCOME**

9:00 AM  
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service

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Call to Worship	
Welcome/Announcements	
Praise Dance	Chidinma Kanu
Praise & Worship*	
Special Music	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 2:1-8
Message	John Luginbuhl
<b>“King of the Jews: Herod or Jesus?”</b>	
Closing	

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\*Offering will be received during the third song; children age 3 - grade 4 will be dismissed to Children's Church after the Special Music.

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**SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:**

*Crawlers/Walkers ..... Betsy Branson & Amanda Gaines*

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Crawlers/Walkers ..... Lorelee Tibboel & Madison Sutliff*

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**LATER TODAY...**

6:00 PM	Prayer Time in 3rd & 4th grade Classroom
6:00 PM	Youth Group (entering 6th grade through entering 12th grade) meets
6:00 PM	Edge Group (after High School) meets

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## PRAISE & PETITION



“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, for He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people.”

~ Luke 1:68

### Praise the Lord for:

1. Our redemption - Salvation - through Jesus Christ, Whose birth we celebrate!
2. Forgiveness of sins, a place in heaven reserved for us, deliverance from Hell - all through faith in Jesus Christ and His finished work for us at Calvary.
3. Opportunities for ministry during this Christmas season.
4. Family and friends, both “near and far”.
5. The Body of Christ!
6. Jesus Ubanda, back safely from deployment!
7. Lavar and Martina Peterson, as they have begun married life!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. Those who are lonely and/or depressed this holiday season.
2. Those who will be traveling to see family and friends.
3. Families in our church going through the rough waters of life at this time. (Isa. 43:1,2)
4. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
5. That many children around the world - and their families - will trust Christ as Savior because of the “Operation Christmas Child” Ministry!
6. Healing for Kelly Stapp (had ankle surgery).
7. Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee’s son), Sean Begaye, and Jana Sheffield (Nixons’ niece), all in Afghanistan; Adam Sowers (Ft. Hood); Kyle Prendergast (Ophelia Krupica’s son), stationed (Air Force) in Germany.
8. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

## **“King of the Jews: Herod or Jesus?”**

### **Matthew 2:1-8**

The “Grinch” wasn’t the first person to try to destroy Christmas! If Herod the great had gotten his way, there would not have *been* a Christmas!

#### **1. King of the Jews**

#### **2. Herod’s Sins, Our Sins**

#### **3. Jesus ... King?**

**This Week at Grace Bible...**

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

**Monday, December 9**

**7:00 PM** Life Group (I Peter) at the Luginbuhls' Home (303 Cactus Rd.)

**Tuesday, December 10**

**9:30 AM** Ladies' Bible Study  
(Study on the Women of the Bible)  
**4:00 PM** Decorating for Christmas!  
**5:00 PM** Deacons' Meeting  
**6:30 PM** FBI  
**7:00 PM** Life Group (Philippians) at Silvas' home  
(621 VandenBosch Parkway, Gallup)

**Wednesday, December 11**

**6:30 PM** AWANA (Don't forget your toys for "Toys For Tots")

**Saturday, December 14**

**5:30 PM** Ladies' Christmas Banquet @ BABR (see insert)



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**COMING SOON:**

**Dec. 16** All-Church Christmas Caroling (7 PM)  
**Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7 PM)





It is time for the  
Ladies'  
Christmas Banquet!

For all ladies, (High School age and above), a great time of fun and an opportunity to bring a friend! Sign up at the table in the foyer. Cost is \$7.00 (please pay when you sign up).

Deadline for sign-up is Sunday, December 8

Join us at  
Broken Arrow Bible Ranch on  
(Vanderwagen, NM)  
Saturday, December 14, 2013  
at 5:30pm

Bring a wrapped 5x7 picture frame for the gift exchange (\$10 or under). If you want to carpool (as a driver or rider), meet at the church at 4:45pm.

You will get your Secret Sister match at the party if you are participating.

# Secret Sisters

Secret Sisters are all about getting to know someone in the church a little better. The purpose is not to spend money on gifts but to pray for and give encouragement to one another. Secret Sisters are open for all ladies, college age and above. We will be doing this session of Secret Sisters for a whole year. Kick-off will be at the Christmas Banquet on December 14 and the reveal will be at next year's Christmas Banquet.

In order to participate, you must be willing to:

- ✿ *Pray for your Secret Sister regularly*
- ✿ *Communicate with your Secret Sister at least once a month through cards, notes or small gifts. (Cards or gifts can be home-made, and should cost no more than \$5 for the monthly gift and no more than \$10 for the final gift).*
- ✿ *Hide your identity until the big reveal.*
- ✿ *Have fun and see how you can make a difference in someone else's life.*
- ✿ *Fill out the form on the back and place it in the offering plate, in the basket on the registration table, or give it to a Deaconess (Betsy Branson, Kim Helfenbein, Staci Spolar, Debra Gill, or Alicia Yale)*

Deadline is  
December 8, 2013

(Yes, we tried doing this in February and it fell through - if you filled out a form then, those were discarded and we are starting over, please fill out a new form.)



# Secret Sisters

Please fill out as much information as possible. This is what will be given to the "sister" that will have your name.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday: \_\_\_\_\_

Anniversary: \_\_\_\_\_

Prayer Request: \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_

Hobby: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Color: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Treat: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Scent: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Flower: \_\_\_\_\_

Favorite Food: \_\_\_\_\_

# Better LIFE!

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## Marriage Masterpiece

To have a heroic marriage, you must become a heroic spouse, whether or not your mate does likewise. There are no shortcuts, simple steps, or easy gimmicks. It requires the courage to overcome pride and selfishness in order to lay down your life for another. Not because your spouse deserves it; he or she may not. Not because it will improve your relationship; it might not. You do it because you are part of something much bigger than yourself, and because you are called to reflect the Masterpiece of God.

*Al Janssen, THE MARRIAGE MASTERPIECE*

## Family Life

The family is a crucial unit of growth, instruction, and discipline—a warm, secure incubator for producing wise adults. And yes, some parents do a better job than others at this important task. But you can always learn something from your parents if you listen to them and honor them with your obedience. More important, when you listen and obey, you'll be practicing the very wisdom you want to have as an adult. Then, when you become a parent, you can live out that wisdom as you raise your own children in a warm, secure, home.

*Bob Barnes, WALKING TOGETHER IN WISDOM*



## It's A Fact

Recycle your real Christmas Trees. Recycled Christmas trees have been used to make everything from sand and soil erosion barriers to being placed in ponds for fish shelter. At the very least use it a fire and enjoy the lovely smell of pine!

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*The Nutcracker* is the name of the ballet performed around Christmas each year. *The Nutcracker Suite* is the title of the music Tchaikovsky wrote.

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## The Gift

Unto us a child is born,  
Unto us a Son is given.  
And the government shall be upon His shoulder, and His name shall be called Wonderful Counselor, the Mighty God, Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.

Of the greatness of His government and peace there will be no end. He will reign on David's throne and over his kingdom, establishing and upholding it with justice and righteousness from that time on, forever. The Lord Almighty will accomplish this.

ISAIAH 9:6-7

## Chosen Memories

**M**y most poignant holiday remembrance is hard to describe. It's a combined feeling of excitement, happiness, and contentment I experienced when grandparents, aunts, uncles, and cousins arrived to share Christmas dinner. Everyone was hugging and talking at once. The house was snug, festive, and bright with holiday decorations. Wonderful smells drifted from the kitchen throughout the house, and we were all together. It was the feeling that things couldn't get much better than this. I've always found it interesting that I can recall less than a handful of the childhood presents I received. Instead, it's the gifts of love and family that figure prominently in my memories. Now I know that my parents intentionally tried to build memorable times into our lives (my mother and sister told me they did), and of course, I remember some of them. But that's the funny thing about memories—you don't choose them; they choose you.

There have been many times with my own children that I've wanted to say, "This is it! These are the kinds of memories you should have. Quick! Take a mental snapshot to remember." Only time will tell what they've decided to keep in their own mental memory albums.

*Cindy Sumner, MOMSENSE*

## Christmas Joy

**C**hristians have a tremendous advantage over the world when it comes to Christmas. We know what we are celebrating and most importantly, Who we are celebrating—the guest of honor, Jesus Christ. I always feel badly for those who don't know Jesus, especially at Christmas (and Easter).

I would dread all the trouble of planning, shopping and setting up a birthday party and then not know the guest of honor and what is being celebrated. Not only that, after the celebration you would be left empty and resentful while cleaning up. That is exactly what happens for non-believers.

This Christmas, make every effort to share the real celebration with non-believers and at least let them know what it is we are so excited about! Share the joy. And, make sure you let them know that it is not at all about the presents and decorations or even the tree and lights but about the greatest day in the history of mankind—the day our Savior was born. The day God chose to fulfill His promise to reconcile Himself to mankind.

*Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas!*

*Jorrie L. Muniz, THE RRG*



## Life Lesson

*It is of no use to walk anywhere to preach unless we preach as we walk. ~ Francis of Assisi*

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## 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!

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The mission of our church is to prayerfully  
prepare believers for worshiping God, serving  
Christ, loving one another, and  
reaching out to others!

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### 2013 YEAR VERSE

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

- Hebrews 10:24

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YOU ARE ENCOURAGED to begin thinking about and praying about a “Year Verse” for our church for 2014! Suggestions can be written out (please include which version of the Bible) and given to Pastor John or placed in the offering plate.

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LADIES' CHRISTMAS BANQUET!  
December 14, 5:30 PM  
(see insert)

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WE ARE DECORATING OUR CHURCH for Christmas this Tuesday, December 10, beginning at 4 PM! This will take several hours, so please come join the fun (even if you can't arrive until 6 PM!)



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THE ELDERS are considering Richard Matzke for appointment to the Deacon Board. If you have any concerns, please contact Mike Nye or Pastor John.

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ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING! Dec. 16, 7:00 PM



- Meet at church and dress warmly!
  - Bring the whole family!
  - Refreshments after caroling.
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CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE  
Tuesday, December 24, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM  
For the whole family! Invite your friends!

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A list of December 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!

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### **This Week in Church History...**

On December 13, 1835, Phillips Brooks, American Episcopal clergyman, was born in Boston, Massachusetts. In 1859, he was ordained and began his first pastorate in Philadelphia. He transferred to Trinity Episcopal church in Boston in 1869 and remained there until 1891. Brooks became famous as a preacher of exceptional personality, charm, and spiritual force. He produced five volumes of sermons; and five more were published after his death in 1893. He also wrote the Christmas Carol, "O Little Town of Bethlehem" for the children of his Sunday School, after a visit to the Holy Land in 1868.

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### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

*"Tomorrow's history has already been written  
... at the name of Jesus every knee must bow."*

*~ Paul E. Kauffman*