

*"...they will call him
Immanuel"
— which means,
"God with us."*



Matthew 1:23

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM
Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

Worship Service - 10:15 AM
Edge - 6:00 PM

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Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
December 23, 2012

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call To Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship
Prayer
Offering
Praise & Worship*

Scripture Reading Isaiah 9:2-6; Mt. 1:21-25; Luke 1:76-79

Message John Luginbuhl

“Christmas Carol Theology!”
(Part 3: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”)

Closing

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

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers/Walkers EJ Charles & Moriah Yale

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers/Walkers Brenda Manning & Liz Helf

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time (Café)

6:00 PM Edge Group (after High School) meets

PRAISE & PETITION



“And you shall call His Name Jesus, for it is
He Who will save His people from their sins.”

~ Matthew 1:21

Praise the Lord for:

1. Jesus' mission: to save people from their sins! Praise the Lord for salvation through Jesus, as we trust in Him!
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. The privilege of worship and prayer!
5. His sovereignty!
6. Family and friends, both “near and far”.

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. College students “home for the holidays”. Pray for a refreshing time with family and friends.
5. Opportunities during the Christmas season to share our faith in Jesus with family and friends.
6. Couples preparing for marriage: Chris Piano & Sarah Luginbuhl (Sept. 21, 2013); Anders Berg & Jennifer Schell (no date set); Ryan Hamilton & Erica Sowers (no date set)
7. The families/friends in Newtown, CT, who lost loved ones.
8. Concerning the very tense situation in the Middle East.
9. Becky Bierly, Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son) both in Afghanistan.
10. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
11. Ron Tallent (Carole Bertinetti's brother): prostate and bone cancer; Staci Spolar's uncle (cancer); Carol Reen (shingles)

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(Part 3: “O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”)
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We continue, this morning, our look at Christmas carols/songs and their theology. The carol we are looking at dates to medieval times. One writer has described it as a carol with a tune that is “slow and majestic and ‘haunting’ and thrilling.” He adds, “The theology of the words is impeccable.”

I. Background

II. Theology

III. Response

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, December 24

7 PM - 8 PM

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service
(see announcement)

Tuesday, December 25 CHRISTMAS! Matthew 1:21!

Wednesday, December 26

(NO AWANA on 12/26 or 1/2)



COMING SOON:

January 5

Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant,
801 W. Hwy. 66 (8 AM - 9 AM)

January 13

The Lord's Table Observed

February 15

African Children's Choir with us

the 1990s, the number of people in the UK who are aged 65 and over has increased from 10.5 million to 13.5 million, and the number of people aged 75 and over has increased from 4.5 million to 6.5 million (Office for National Statistics 2000).

There is a growing awareness of the need to address the needs of older people, and the need to ensure that the health care system is able to meet the needs of older people. The Department of Health (2000) has published a strategy for older people, which sets out the government's commitment to older people and the need to ensure that the health care system is able to meet the needs of older people.

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[IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES WHO WENT HOME TO BE WITH THE LORD IN 2012]

**“I’M SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH
JESUS CHRIST THIS YEAR”**

- Author Unknown

I see the countless Christmas trees around the world below,
With tiny lights, like Heaven’s stars, reflecting on the snow.

The sight is so spectacular, please wipe away that tear,
For I’m spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I hear the many Christmas songs that people hold so dear,
But the sounds of music can’t compare with the Christmas choir up here.

For I have no words to tell you the joy their voices bring,
For it is beyond description to hear as angels sing.



I know how much you miss me, I see the pain inside your heart,
For I'm spending Christmas with Jesus Christ this year.

I can't tell you of the splendor or the peace here in this place,
Can you just imagine Christmas with our Savior face to face?

I'll ask Him to light your spirit as I tell Him of your love,
So then pray for one another as you lift your eyes above.

So please let you hearts be joyful, and let your spirit sing,
For I'm spending Christmas in Heaven and I'm walking with the King!

For the believer in Jesus Christ, "To be absent from the body [is] to be
present with the Lord!" 2 Corinthians 5:8 ☺

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 worshipping 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

YOU ARE RUNNING OUT OF TIME to suggest a "Year Verse" for our church for 2013! Suggestions can be written out (please include which version of the Bible) and given to Pastor John or placed in the offering plate.



LAST OPPORTUNITY! Today is the last day to check the information for your family on the roster for our new church directory! Roster is on a table in the foyer.

Please make changes or additions right on the roster. Thank you!

THE ELDERS are prayerfully considering Glen and Valerie Shell for "official" church membership. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Bernie Comer or Pastor John. Thank you!



CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT SERVICE
Monday, December 24, 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM
For the whole family!
Invite your friends!

CHECK OUT the Christmas greetings to all of us, on the door on the south side of the gym!

FROM OUR FINANCIAL SECRETARY:

“Notice to donors: Donors are advised not to file their federal income tax return before they receive their contributions receipt from the church. Also, donors wishing to ‘catch up’ on their financial commitments to the church must deliver such contributions before Jan. 1, 2013, to be credited to 2012, (mailed-in contributions must be post-marked by Dec. 31). Backdating is not allowed by the IRS. See Paul Schell for advice.”

This Week in Church History...

On December 29, 1876, popular American hymnwriter Philip P. Bliss (b.1838) died in a tragic railroad accident near Astabula, Ohio. The train in which Bliss and his wife were riding plunged off a bridge into a ravine 60 feet below and burned. Bliss survived the fall, but returned to the wreckage to rescue his wife. He perished with her in the fire. Bliss was only 38 years old. He had written and composed many hymns, including “Almost Persuaded,” “Hallelujah, What a Savior,” “I Will Sing of My Redeemer,” “The Light of the World Is Jesus,” “Wonderful Words of Life,” “I Gave My Life for Thee”, and “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning.”

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

“He took the form of a servant while He retained the form of God! It is exactly that which makes our salvation possible and achieves it.”

~ William Hedriksen