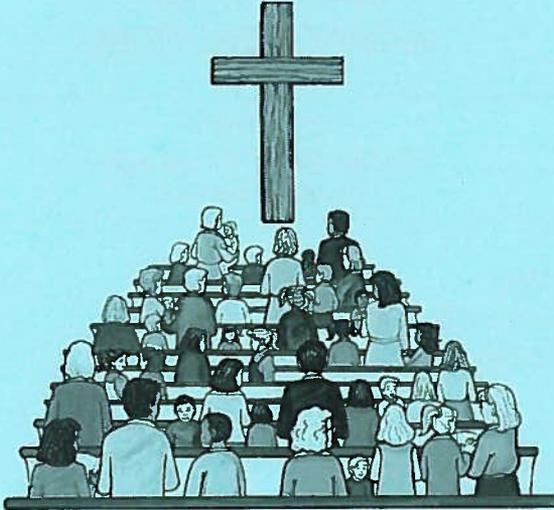


LET US NOT GIVE UP
MEETING TOGETHER ...



BUT LET US
ENCOURAGE ONE
ANOTHER ...

HEBREWS 10:25

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 ~
January 6, 2013
HAPPY NEW YEAR!

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

Message

Rob Sanchez

2013 Year Verse

Closing

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

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers/Walkers Charity Chavez & Amber Beard

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers/Walkers Kelly Stapp & Madison Sutliff

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time (Café)

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



PRAISE & PETITION

“The Lord’s lovingkindness indeed never ceases, for Him compassions never fail. They are new every morning. Great is Thy faithfulness!”

~ Lamentations 3:23-24

Praise the Lord for:

1. His faithfulness throughout 2012! His promise of guiding us faithfully in 2013 (Isa. 58:11a)!
2. Our redemption - Salvation - through Jesus Christ, as we trust in Him! What a blessing to **KNOW** our sins are forgiven and that we’re on our way to Heaven because we’ve trusted in His finished work on Calvary on our behalf!
3. A safe return home for our church folks who were traveling over the holidays!
4. A great winter retreat for our young people at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch!

Petition the Lord for:

1. Families in our church going through the rough waters of life at this time. (Isa. 43:1,2)
2. Opportunities to share our faith this week!
3. College students as they return to college soon.
4. The various church ministries as they start up again.
5. Couples preparing for marriage: Chris Piano & Sarah Luginbuhl (Sept. 21, 2013); Lee Charles & Sarah Herington (Oct. 12, 2013); Anders Berg & Jennifer Schell (no date set); Ryan Hamilton & Erica Sowers (no date set)
6. The families/friends in Newtown, CT, who lost loved ones.
7. Concerning the very tense situation in the Middle East.
8. Becky Bierly, Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee’s son) both in Afghanistan.
9. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
10. Ron Tallent (Carole Bertinetti’s brother): prostate and bone cancer; Staci Spolar’s uncle (cancer); Carol Reen (shingles)

2013 YEAR VERSE

Every year, a verse from God's word is chosen from your suggestions to be our church's "year verse." Prayerfully, this is a verse that will encourage and motivate us to trust the Lord more, to love, and to serve Him more! With that in mind, our year verse for 2012 is ...

_____ : _____

I. _____

II. _____

III. _____

Conclusion:

Year Verses For Grace Bible Church

1992 Year Verse: Acts 4:12 “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under Heaven that has been given among men, by which we must be saved!”

1993 Year Verse: Philippians 3:10 “That I may know Him, and the power of His resurrection, and the fellowship of His suffering, being made conformable unto His death.”

1994 Year Verse: Hebrews 13:8 “Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.”

1995 Year Verse: II Corinthians 2:14 “But thanks be to God, Who always leads us in triumphal procession in Christ and through us spreads every where the fragrance of the knowledge of Him.”

1996 Year Verse: Jeremiah 23:23 “Am I a God Who is near, declares the LORD, and not a God far off?”

2003 Year Verse: Deuteronomy 13:4 “You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.”

2004 Year Verse: Hebrews 4:12 “For the Word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

2005 Year Verse: Psalm 62:2 “He only is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold; I shall not be greatly shaken.”

2006 Year Verse: Psalm 71:15 “My mouth will tell of your righteousness, of your salvation all day long, though I know not its measure.”

2007 Year Verse: I Peter 2:19 “But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God’s own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light.”

2008 Year Verse: Jeremiah 29:11 “‘For I know the plans I have for you’, declares the LORD, ‘plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’”

2009 Year Verse: Hebrews 10:23 “Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without

1997 Year Verse: Ephesians 5:27 "Than He might present to Himself the Church in all her glory, having no spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and blameless."

1998 Year Verse: II Peter 3:18 "But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To Him be glory both now and forever. Amen."

1999 Year Verse: Acts 5:42 "And daily in the temple, and in every house, they did not cease to teach and preach Jesus Christ."

2000 Year Verse: Hebrews 13:8 "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, and today, and forever."

2001 Year Verse: Psalm 46:10 "Be still and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."

2002 Year Verse: Proverbs 18:10 "The name of the Lord is a strong tower. The righteous runs into it and is safe."

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2010 Year Verse: Isaiah 54:10 "Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet My unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor My covenant of peace be removed, says the Lord, Who has compassion on you."

2011 Year Verse: Acts 20:24 "But I do not consider my life of any account as dear to myself, in order that I may finish my course, and the ministry which I received from the Lord Jesus to testify solemnly of the gospel of the grace of God."

2012 Year Verse: Psalm 18:30 "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."

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, January 7

- 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.)

Tuesday, January 8

- 7:00 PM** [AM Ladies' Bible Study resumes 1/15]
[FBI Class resumes 1/22]
Life Group at DenBleykers' home (615 VandenBosch)

Wednesday, January 9

- 6:30 PM** AWANA resumes!

Saturday, January 12

- 1 PM & 5:30 PM** Showing of "October Baby" at El Morro Theater, 207 W. Coal Ave., Gallup
Admission: \$5 (donation to Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center)
5:00 PM Graduation Dinner for Clarissa Johnson at GBC. You must RSVP: (505) 409-9393
Dress is "business casual" ("Teacher" gifts are appreciated.)

Sunday, January 13

- (AM)** The Lord's Table Observed
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COMING SOON:

- January 15 (AM)** Tuesday Ladies' Bible Study resumes
January 22 FBI resumes
January 25 FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT! (7 PM)
January 27 Annual Business Mtg. (Noon)
February 15 African Children's Choir with us

significant news for christians

Some news that's encouraging—some disturbing. Read with discernment. Watch and pray.

THE Church Around the WORLD

January 2013



Costa Rica



Kenya

Country in Focus: Costa Rica (1)

Costa Rica has a long history of a stable, multiparty, democratic government, which has been a stabilizing influence on surrounding nations. The country has experienced a recent increase in technology businesses and ecotourism, though poverty still affects at least 20 percent of the population. Since 1970, the percentage of evangelical believers has grown from 2 percent to 15 percent. Pray for:

- pastors who are underresourced and face the challenges of minimal incomes and no strong support teams;
- ethnic minorities—such as the 100,000-plus English speakers (most of them affluent and unconnected)—many of whom are unreachd by any local evangelical church;
- the two-thirds of Costa Ricans who are under 30, and many in the younger generation, who are plagued with substance abuse and immorality.

Kenyan Churches Demand Action on Strikes and Ethnic Clashes (2)

In a rare show of unity, Roman Catholic and Protestant churches in Kenya are demanding decisive action from the government on industrial strikes that have paralyzed schools and hospitals and on ethnic clashes that have left many dead.

A joint news conference was held, for the first time, by Anglican archbishop Eliud Wabukala, Roman Catholic cardinal John Njue, Methodist Church presiding bishop Stephen Kanyaru, and representatives from the National Council of Christian Churches in Kenya. The leaders spoke in Nairobi as 260,000 teachers in public schools rejected an announcement by the government that it had no money to raise their pay. The teachers are demanding a 300 percent pay raise and were joined by university lecturers and doctors. “We add our voices to the many Kenyans asking for [a] lasting solution to the teachers’, lecturers’, and doctors’ strikes through equality-based dialogue from all stakeholders,” said the archbishop.

Meanwhile, Kenya’s paramilitary, the General Service Unit, was tracking down community militias in Tana Delta in the Coast Province, where more than 100 people have been killed and more than 13,000 displaced by ethnic clashes. Since June, the Pokomo, a farming tribe, have been warring with the Orma, a pastoralist community, over water and pasture.

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“We urge the government to put in place mechanisms to ensure that no other Kenyan is killed, hurt, displaced, abused, or mistreated or discriminated upon or loses his property or feels insecure on the basis of religion or any other basis,” said Cardinal Njue.

Australian Lawmakers Affirm Traditional Marriage in House Vote ⁽³⁾

Australian lawmakers have overwhelmingly chosen to preserve the traditional definition of marriage as a union between one man and one woman by voting against a bill that

promote and protect marriage,” a statement by Cardinal George Pell of Sydney, along with other notable Christian leaders of Australia, said ahead of the vote.

Those in favor of same-sex marriage, however, have said that support among Australians for gay marriage is strong and shared their hope that eventually the laws will reflect that sentiment. Senior government minister Anthony Albanese commented, “I think at some future time our Parliament will catch up with community opinion, just as it has on other issues. When marriage equality occurs, people will wonder what the fuss was about.”

Restrictions on Religion Rise in United States ⁽⁴⁾

The Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life documented a disturbing rise in restrictions on religion in the United States between mid-2009 and mid-2010. The US was one of only 16 countries to record a rise in both government restrictions and social hostility toward religion. This was the first time in the history of Pew’s research that the US saw a rise in both measures.

Unsurprisingly, Islamic governments and governments in heavily Muslim nations were found to impose the most restrictions on religion. Egypt, Indonesia, Maldives, Saudi Arabia, and Afghanistan were the five most

sought to amend the definition to include same-sex couples. The House of Representatives voted 98–42 against the legislation, although a separate bill on gay marriage was also to be debated in the Senate, the Associated Press reported.

“As Christian leaders representing different denominations or churches, we join together and affirm our shared commitment to



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restrictive nations in the Pew survey. Iran (6th) and China (10th) also severely impeded citizens from freely exercising faith.

Caribbean nations, Latin American countries, and governments in the South Pacific generally scored low in religious restriction, though some African and European countries also allowed expansive religious freedom, according to Pew. The United States moved up from the “low” restrictions category to the “moderate” category for the first time since Pew began the research.

Perhaps more disturbingly, the US moved within a mere tenth of a point of the “high” social hostilities category. Pew said their “Social Hostilities Index” measures “acts of religious hostility by private individuals, organizations and social groups. This includes mob or sectarian violence, harassment over attire for religious reasons, and other religion-related intimidation or abuse.”

Pakistan, India, Sri Lanka, Iraq, and Bangladesh scored highest in social hostilities, while Russia ranked toward the top in both government restrictions and social hostilities. Social hostilities toward religion were lowest in Australia, Denmark, Spain, Burundi, and Haiti, according to Pew.

Survey Finds Eastern Germany Is the Least Religious (5)

A recent survey examining the religious beliefs of citizens from different countries over

time showed that the least religious of all regions is eastern Germany. The report cited data collected during the same survey of 18 countries in 1991, 30 countries in 1998, and 42 countries in 2008. For this particular project, only countries that had responses in each of the previous three surveys were used.



The survey found that 52.1 percent of respondents from eastern Germany said they had no faith in God or any religious dogma, compared to only 10.3 percent of their western German counterparts who claim to be atheists. Experts cite a number of factors that could have brought on the current lack of faith within this particular area. The most often cited reason points to the fact that for nearly 50 years, the region was under the influence of the Communist party, known for being hostile toward religion of any type. It is thought that much of the faith in God of eastern German residents was crushed during the party’s rule from 1945 until 1990.

“If the modest, general trend away from belief in God continues uninterrupted, it will accumulate to larger proportions, and the atheism that is now prominent mainly

in northwest Europe and some ex-Socialist states may spread more widely," the survey concluded.

Bishop Calls Attention to Humanitarian Crisis in Congo ⁽⁶⁾

An Anglican bishop from the Democratic Republic of Congo is urging the world to focus its attention on the "neglected" humanitarian crisis in northeastern Congo, where nearly half a million people have been displaced by armed conflict.



Bishop Bahati Bali-Busane Sylvestre recently visited refugees from North Kivu and described their situation as "pitiful." Thousands of refugees have sought temporary shelter at a refugee camp and in Anglican schools and church buildings. Sylvestre called for prayers for the refugees, who were forced to flee their homes to escape killing, rape, looting, and the recruitment of children as soldiers.

Pakistani Police Absolve Christian Girl of Blasphemy Charges ⁽⁷⁾

A police investigator in Pakistan recently told a trial court there was no evidence that a Christian girl, believed to be mentally

disabled, had desecrated Islam's holy book as her accusers had alleged in an effort to expel Christians from the area. According to local media, the investigator told the court in Islamabad that his final report shows there is no evidence against Rimshah Masih and that it is possible the cleric of a nearby mosque tampered with evidence by putting pages of the Koran into a bag the girl had been carrying. Four witnesses said they saw the cleric adding pages carrying Koranic verses to ashes that were handed to him as evidence against the girl. The witnesses urged the cleric not to interfere with the papers. But the cleric reportedly told them, "You know this is the only way to expel the Christians from this area."

The cleric himself was later arrested under Pakistan's blasphemy law. "By putting these pages in the ashes he also committed desecration of the Holy Koran, and he is being charged with blasphemy," an investigator explained. At the bail hearing, three of the four witnesses recanted their statements, according to the cleric's lawyer. The fourth witness stood by his initial statement.

The recanted statements are a setback to Masih's case, since the witnesses are a critical part of the police investigation that had determined that the cleric framed the teen. But based on that investigation and a lack of witnesses, the girl's lawyers are still appealing to have the blasphemy charges dismissed. One lawyer told AFP news agency that Masih "should be acquitted immediately," as it has been "fully proven that it was a conspiracy."

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**This means that anyone who belongs to Christ has become a new person.
The old life is gone; a new life has begun!** ^{2 CORINTHIANS 5:17}

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 bring it to our Welcome Center in the foyer and receive a free gift. 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!

2013 YEAR VERSE (Thank you for all your suggestions!):

PASTOR JOHN & LINDA are in Las Cruces this morning (Pastor John officiated Christopher and Naomi (Oliver) Yee's wedding yesterday afternoon). They are scheduled to return to Gallup early this evening. Please keep them in prayer as they travel. Thank you!

IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

1. 27 of us went Christmas caroling on the evening of December 17!
 2. Our attendance on Sunday, December 23, was 297!
 3. Approximately 70 folks attended the Christmas Eve Service.
 4. Our attendance on December 30 was 175.
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A list of January 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!



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

Thursday, January 10, 4 PM - 7 PM, we will be taking down the Christmas decorations. It would be wonderful to get your help with this! Just show up anytime during those hours. For more info., see Linda Luginbuhl or Betsy Branson.



INTERESTED IN PLAYING HANDBELLS? The Handbell Choir will begin rehearsal in a few weeks! If you are interested in being in the Handbell Choir, please contact Sharon Wilkins. You must be in 8th grade or older to participate.

This Week in Church History...

On January 6, 1850, famed English Baptist preacher, Charles Haddon Spurgeon, at the age of 16, was converted to Christ. Spurgeon had walked into a Methodist chapel to warm himself during a snowstorm. Less than 15 people were present and even the minister did not appear. A layman preached on the text in Isaiah 45:22: "Look unto me, and be ye saved...." Spurgeon did, and his life touched off a new era of evangelism in London.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

*"Many love at their tongue's end, but the
godly love at their fingers' end."*

~ Anonymous