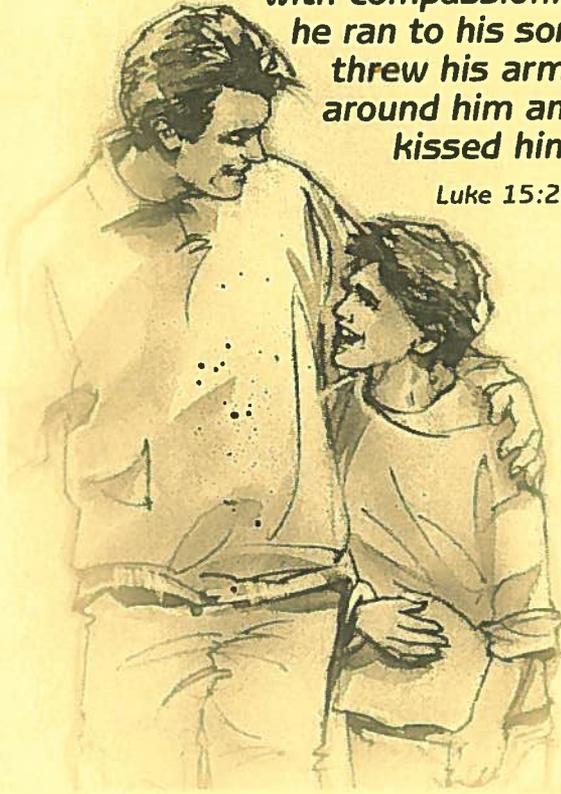


***His father saw him and was filled
with compassion...
he ran to his son,
threw his arms
around him and
kissed him.***

Luke 15:20



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 ~
April 7, 2013

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call To Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship
What God is Doing in Mozambique! Lynne Schmidt
Prayer
Offering
Praise & Worship*

Scripture Reading Luke 15:11-32

Message John Luginbuhl

“Coming to My Senses!”

The Lord's Table
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 Kelly Stapp & Willie Helf

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time in Café
6:00 PM Edge Group (after High School) meets

PRAISE & PETITION



“Do not be afraid, for I know you are looking for Jesus, Who has been crucified. He is not here, for He has risen, just as He said!”

~ The angel in Matthew 28:5,6

Praise the Lord for:

1. The FACT of the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ! We serve a RISEN, LIVING SAVIOR! Praise Him!
2. The Biblical truth that the resurrection of Jesus is essential for salvation!
3. His faithfulness! He never lets us down. He never leaves us or forsakes us!
4. That we can KNOW we are going to Heaven (1 John 5:13) if we trust Jesus as our Savior.
5. For this wonderful Easter season, with its many opportunities to praise and witness!
6. A wonderful Easter weekend last weekend!

Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus and more of a desire to obey and serve Him!
2. Rodger & Lynne Schmidt and family and their ministry in Mozambique.
3. Pastor Rob, Liesl, and family as they prepare to move to the Denver area in June.
4. Couples preparing for marriage: Anders Berg & Jennifer Schell (June 15, 2013); Robert Scarbro & Heather DenBleyker (June 29, 2013); Chris Piano & Sarah Luginbuhl (Sept. 21, 2013); Ryan Hamilton & Erica Sowers (October 5, 2013); Lee Charles & Sarah Herington (Oct. 12, 2013)
5. Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son) in Afghanistan.
6. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
7. Staci Spolar's uncle (cancer); Val Peywa (Francine Salazar's mother): recovering from knee surgery; Lenore Chavez (recovering from surgery); Jim Hathaway (recovering from heart attack)

“Coming to My Senses!”

Luke 15:11-32

So...Easter is over. Or is it? When Jesus died on the cross, He said, “It is finished!” The verb in the Greek is in the perfect tense, meaning that the action happened in the past, but has continuing results. For the person who has put their faith in the risen Jesus Christ for salvation, there certainly *are* continuing results!

1. Why He Died and Rose Again

2. Straying, Coming to My Senses

3. The Father’s Joy

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, April 8

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

Life Group (OT Survey) at Marshalls' home
(1419 Elva Drive)

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

No Life Group (1,2,3 John) at the Luginbuhls'
home (303 Cactus Rd.) Resumes 4/15.

Tuesday, April 9

9:30 AM

Ladies' Bible Study (nursery available)

5:00 PM

Handbell Rehearsal

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

(classroom across from offices)

6:30 PM

FBI Class

7:00 PM

Life Group (Galatians) at DenBleykers' home
(615 VandenBosch)

Wednesday, April 10

6:30 PM

No AWANA; Resumes 4/17

Thursday, April 11

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

(classroom across from offices)

COMING SOON:

April 20

Memorial Service for Ron Tallent, 11AM

April 24

Last "Regular Night" of AWANA for school year

April 27

All-Church Work Day (9 AM - ?)

April 28

Quarterly Business Meeting

May 1

AWANA "Grand Finale Night"

May 3,4

Multi-Church Ladies' Conference here at GBC

May 5

"Graduation Sunday"

May 11

Ladies' Tea (watch for details)

May 17/18

2013 Promise Keepers Conference

significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

April 2013



Country in Focus: Gabon (1)

Gabon is a coastal central African state on the equator, rich in natural resources such as oil, wood, and minerals, making it one of Africa's wealthier nations. But little of that wealth trickles down to the average citizen; many people get by on very limited income. Evangelical growth in Gabon has been steady and sustained. The number of evangelicals rose from 2 percent of the population in 1960 to 13 percent in 2010. The people in the interior of the country, once largely unreached, are now hearing the gospel and have been quite receptive.

Pray for:

- more equitable distribution of the country's wealth as most people still live in poverty;
- spiritist beliefs and practices to lose their power and that people would recognize the truth of the Bible;
- the least-reached peoples in Gabon to have strong Christian witnesses among them.

Religion on Capitol Hill: Faith Backgrounds of the 113th Congress (2)

The religious and faith backgrounds of the 113th Congress are more diverse now than at any time in the nation's history, with the addition of America's first Buddhist senator and the first Hindu in the House of Representatives.

According to the Pew Forum on Religion and Public Life, there are 299 Protestants in Congress, making up 56.1 percent of the Senate and the House. (In comparison, 48 percent of Americans are Protestant.) Of those, 14 percent are Baptist, 11 percent are unspecified/other, 9 percent are Methodist, 8 percent are Presbyterian, 7 percent are Anglican/Episcopal, and 4 percent are Lutheran. The remaining 3 percent belong to nondenominational churches or are Congregationalist and Christian Scientist.

One hundred sixty-three, or 30.6 percent of the body, are Catholic; 6.2 percent are Jewish; and 2.8 percent are Mormon. All of these percentages are near or slightly higher than the national average.

By comparison, when the 87th Congress took office in 1961, 75 percent of the members were Protestant, 19 percent were Catholic, 2 percent were Jewish, and 1 percent were Mormon. At that time there were no Buddhist, Hindu, or Muslim members of Congress.

Atheist “Church” Hosts Godless Sunday Gatherings in London (3)

Two British comedians have succeeded in their plan to start an atheist “church,” known as the Sunday Assembly, which began offering free once-a-month meetings in London this past January.



“We thought it would be a shame not to enjoy the good stuff about religion, like the sense of community, just because of a theological disagreement,” said Sanderson Jones, a stand-up comedian who hatched the idea for the “church” with fellow comedian Pippa Evans.

The monthly morning meeting, held at a former church, is described as a “godless gathering for people who want to hear funny and interesting people talk, sing songs, and

celebrate life.” The group’s motto is to “live better, help often, and wonder more,” and meetings will include an array of inspirational speakers touching on a new theme each month.

Plans for organized atheist worship have been disparaged in the past by atheists who argue that a communal gathering of praise and worship is contrary to the central atheist belief that there is no higher power.

China’s Christians Seize Internet Opportunities (4)

Chinese Christians are sharing their faith on Weibo, China’s giant, state-regulated social network—and some are beginning to challenge the censor by speaking out against religious persecution.

When the Christian band Rainbow Come appeared on China’s equivalent of *The X Factor*, Christians turned to social networking to drum up votes for the band so their music could reach more Chinese. Within a few days, thousands of votes had been posted for the band, according to China’s *Gospel Times*—enough to propel them to a leading position on the show.



This month you can... Help Address an “Epidemic”: Human Trafficking



FREE FOR LIFE

Free for Life International works with other groups to rescue and help restore girls throughout the world who have been victimized by sex trafficking. Founder Colette Bercu says her organization has two interception monitoring stations on Nepal’s border with India that provide both rescue and preventative measures. “Border monitoring is among the most effective things in that part of the world,” she reported. “Basically, this

year we have rescued 150 girls from sex trafficking, and we have brought 17 traffickers to justice as a result.”

In Nepal, more than 12,000 girls are trafficked out of the country per year—which works out to about 1,000 a month. “This is an epidemic in the world,” Bercu asserted. “Upwards of 27 million people—now that includes labor trafficking as well—are being sold right at the moment into slavery.” She suggests that the church

could take a leadership role in combatting the problem, especially in reducing demand, and hopes there will be a great awakening in that regard.

Free for Life International’s facilities care for the rescued girls and provide them with education, vocational training, and an introduction to Christianity. For more information on this organization or to get involved, please visit www.freeforlifeintl.org.



Church Around the **WORLD**

In the place of established but unregulated sites like Facebook and Twitter, which have been officially banned, Chinese authorities have permitted Weibos, or microblogs. Forty percent of China's population are now Internet users, and most of these are microbloggers. To put that in perspective, there are more microbloggers in China than the populations of Britain, Germany, France, and the United States combined, by some margin.

One of the leading faith bloggers in China is Pan Shiy, a real estate billionaire who "frequently shares prayers on Sundays with his six million plus followers," according to the website Christians in China. The site claims that "China's microblog has become the new frontier of China's Christian movement." Another Weibo blog displays a map giving the location of churches across China, showing the eastern part of the country thick with them. Beside the map, the posting says, "Western missionaries . . . through much suffering, gave their lives to irrigate this hard and rocky soil. Every Christian should think about this."

Russia Makes Religious Education Mandatory in Schools (5)

Russian president Vladimir Putin has signed a new bill into law that makes religious education mandatory for all schools in the country. The legislation concerns a course on the fundamentals of religion that will be taught in all

schools, although it does not specify which religions will be discussed in classrooms.

Putin, an Orthodox Christian, has enjoyed a good relationship with the Russian Orthodox Church, the dominant religious body in the country. In 2012, while still prime minister, Putin pledged that he would defend



Christianity around the world, especially among those facing persecution and the threat of civil war, such as believers in Syria.

Christians Becoming Extinct in Middle East? (6)

There might be a "war on terror" currently going on in the West, but according to a recent report, there's been a war on Christianity brewing in the Middle East for more than 100 years.

A report released by the London-based think tank Civitas warns that Christianity is on the verge of extinction in an area commonly known as the "biblical heartlands" of the Middle East. According to the report, titled "Christianophobia," Christian persecution by militant Islamists is by far the greatest threat, aided and abetted

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by the political maneuvering of governments turning a blind eye to the atrocities. It asserts that such oppression and intolerance is ignored in Muslim nations, due to an underlying fear that criticism of such abuse will be construed as racism.

The Middle East isn't the only region where such violence prevails, as other parts of Asia, as well as Africa, are also hotspots for the persecution of Christians, who the study warns are the recipients of the greatest amount of hostility suffered by any religious group on the planet. Even though Christians aren't the only religious group targeted for its faith, persecution of Christians is by far the least publicized.



The report states that one out of 10 Christians worldwide (approximately 200 million of two billion) are “socially disadvantaged, harassed, or actively oppressed for their beliefs.” The study also says that in countries such as Saudi Arabia, Iran, and Mauritania, those converting from Islam face death, while severe legal prosecution awaits converts in other Middle Eastern nations. It adds that the US invasion of Iraq in 2003 made Iraqi Christians “more vulnerable than ever,” mentioning the beheading of an Orthodox priest three years later, as well as incidents in Iraq from 2006 to 2010 in which 17 priests and two bishops were kidnapped.

16,000 Students Attend Urbana Missions Conference (2)

In St. Louis, 16,000 Christian youth attended Urbana 2012, a triennial student missions conference. InterVarsity Christian Fellowship organizers, who hosted the event, hoped that students who attended would come to a decision about serving God locally or globally.

“Surrender your plans and allow God to surprise you,” said Tom Lin, Urbana conference director and InterVarsity’s vice president. “God’s invitation may be unexpected. You and I are called to share God’s Kingdom news not just for our campuses, not just for our cities, but also for the ends of the earth—the unfamiliar places, the unfamiliar cultures, and for unfamiliar friends.”

Organizers said that conferences such as Urbana are more important than ever. A recent study done in Canada about young adults and the church showed that of the 2,000 adults surveyed, all of whom had some connection to the church as children, many no longer claimed any connection to faith. Statistics from the study, called “Hemorrhaging Faith,” show that only one in three young adults who attended church as a child still do so today. Out of those who are no longer in church, 50 percent no longer identify themselves as Christian.

The study also found that young adults who had gone on a short-term mission or attended a Christian summer camp were most likely to be still committed to their faith. More than half of the young adults who were no longer engaged with faith said they were open to studying the Bible if a friend invited them.

Pray that the Lord's message will spread rapidly and be honored wherever it goes, just as when it came to you. 2 THESSALONIANS 3:1

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!

WE EXTEND A SPECIAL WELCOME to Lynne Schmidt! Rodger and Lynne, along with sons Andrew and Stephen, are our missionaries to Mozambique. We look forward to hearing Lynne's report this morning!



WE INVITE YOU TO PARTAKE of the Lord's Table this morning - whether you are a visitor or regular-attender - if you are trusting Jesus Christ alone for salvation and if there is no known unconfessed sin in your life.

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

2013 YEAR VERSE

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

- Hebrews 10:24

PASTOR JOHN AND LINDA will be on vacation this week. Please pray for them as they travel. In the event of an emergency, please contact Pastor Rob or one of our Elders (Caleb Chavez, Steve Knox, Glenn Marshall, and Mike Nye). Thank you!



CALLING ALL GRADUATES: Are you graduating soon from high school, college, grad school, nursing school (etc.)? Please contact Pastor John or Pastor Rob as soon as possible so that we can recognize you on "Graduation Sunday" (May 5)!

IN CASE YOU WERE WONDERING...

- approximately 150 people attended our Good Friday Worship Service;
 - approximately 220 people attended the Easter morning breakfast;
 - 338 people attended our Easter morning Worship Service!
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DIDN'T RECEIVE YOUR COPY of the new (April) issue of our "in-house" newsletter, "Grace Notes"? A copy is available for you at the Welcome Desk.



A list of April 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!

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Sunday, April 28, Noon

Please come!

This Week in Church History...

On April 11, 1855, Boston Sunday-school teacher Edward Kimball led 18-year-old shoe clerk, Dwight L. Moody, to a saving faith in Jesus Christ, at the Holton Shoe Store in Boston. A year and a half later, Moody moved to Chicago where he embarked on a preaching career, eventually becoming the most successful Gospel evangelist in his day.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"The Christian who has stopped repenting has stopped growing."

~ John Blanchard