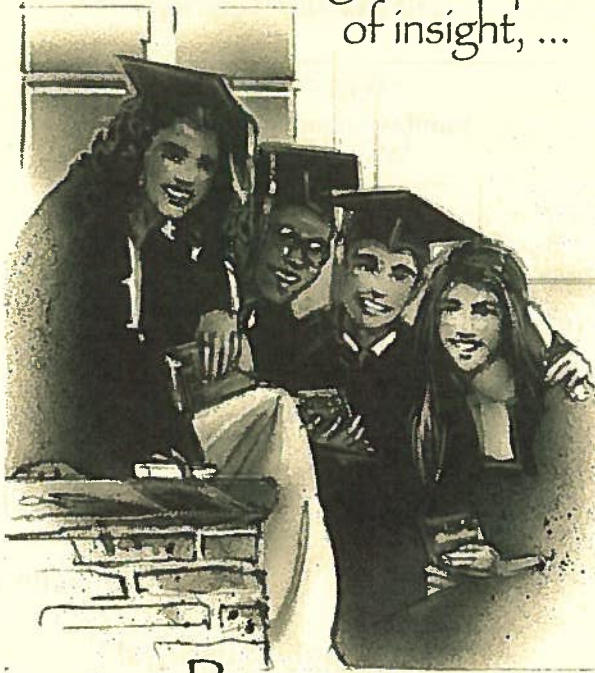


This is my prayer: that your
love may abound more and
more in knowledge and depth
of insight, ...



Philippians 1:9

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 ~
May 5, 2013
"Graduation Sunday!"

WELCOME

9:00 AM
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages
Worship Service

Call To Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship
Recognition of Graduates
Prayer
Offering
Praise & Worship*

Scripture Reading

Romans 9:30-33

Message

John Luginbuhl

"Which Righteousness!"
(Part 20 of Series, "The Righteousness of God!")

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 Marji Campbell & Liz Helf

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers/Walkers Brenda Manning & Madison Sutliff

LATER TODAY...

6:00 PM Prayer Time in Café

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



PRAISE & PETITION

“Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to Thy name
give glory because of Thy lovingkindness,
because of Thy truth.”

~ Psalm 115:1

Praise the Lord for:

1. Jesus Christ, Our Savior, Lord, Rock, Fortress. We believers are complete in Him (Col. 2:10). Praise God for salvation in Christ!
2. All of our graduates, who have worked so hard to get to this point!
3. A Christ-honoring AWANA “Grand Finale Night” this past Wednesday night! A HUGE crowd!
4. A wonderful Women’s Conference at our church this past Friday night and yesterday!

Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus and the things that count for eternity; a deeper desire to share the Gospel, worship, pray, read/study the Bible.
2. All our graduates: for God’s leading and provision in their lives.
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); Emilio Esparza & Kimberly Mans (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) and Sean Begaye, both in Afghanistan; Adam Sowers (Ft. Jackson)
6. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
7. The upcoming Promise Keepers Conference (Phoenix, May 17/18)

“Which Righteousness?”

**(Part 20 of a Series in Romans, “The Righteousness of God!”)
Romans 9:30-33**

A good bit of what we have already studied in the great book of Romans concerns God’s righteousness as well as salvation through faith in Jesus Christ. In these four verses, we see a contrast - righteousness by the Law and righteousness by faith in Christ. This is foundational teaching and is what the Lord’s Table, which we will “observe” in a few minutes, is all about!

1. Righteousness by the Law (vss. 31,32)

2. Righteousness by Faith in Jesus Christ (vs. 30)

3. Never Disappointed (vs. 33)

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, May 6

6:30 PM-8:00 PM

NO Life Group (OT Survey) at Marshalls' home (1419 Elva Drive)

7:00 PM-9:00 PM

Life Group (1,2,3 John) at the Luginbuhls' home (303 Cactus Rd.)

Tuesday, May 7

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 (Obadiah) at DenBleykers' home (615 VandenBosh)

Thursday, May 9

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics

(classroom across from offices)

7:00 PM

Bridal Shower for Heather DenBleyker at Silvas' (see insert)

Saturday, May 11

11:00 AM

Ladies' Tea (see insert)

Sunday, May 12

Mother's Day!

COMING SOON:

May 17/18

2013 Promise Keepers Conference

June 2

Farewell Reception (Lunch) in honor of Pastor Rob, Liesl, and family



OUR GRADUATES!

WE CONGRATULATE all of our graduates!
We're proud of you and are praying for you! Keep trusting
the Lord in all you do!

COLLEGE

Clarissa Johnson (B.S. in Elementary Education, UNM, Albq.,
Dec. 2012)

Natalia Pete (Assoc. of Arts in Elementary Education, UNM,
Gallup)

GALLUP HIGH SCHOOL

Rae-Lynn Cosens

T.J. Sowers

Stephanie Walker

HILLTOP CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Beka Lewis

HOME SCHOOL

Katelyn Hilderman

Justin Wynne

MIDDLE COLLEGE HIGH SCHOOL

Matthew Knox

MIYAMURA HIGH SCHOOL

Daniel Daugherty

Tabitha Hallock

Matthew Viekman

Did we miss anyone? Please let us know as soon as possible!



Ladies Tea *Spice of Life!*

"You are the salt of the earth"

Matthew 5:13a

Saturday, May 11, 2013

11:00am

Grace Bible Church

Sign up at the table in the foyer to bring finger food, fruit, vegetable or tea cookies or sign up to decorate a table.

If you have vintage looking cooking utensils, table cloths, aprons, etc. we would love to use them in our decorating.

Deadline to sign up is Sunday, May 5, 2012

For more information, contact Betsy Branson, Kim Helfenbein, Debra Gill, Staci Spolar or Alicia Yale.



Bridal Shower
For Heather DenBleyker
Thursday, May 9, at 7:00pm
At the home of Angela Silva
621 Vanden Bosch Pkwy.

Robert Scarbro & Heather DenBleyker
will be married on June 29, 2013.

Ladies, you are invited to come and enjoy this
time of fellowship and fun while celebrating with
Heather on her upcoming wedding.

Heather's "personal" favorite color is blue.
The kitchen is being done in green, red, & yellow.

Robert & Heather are
registered at Wal-Mart, Target,
and Kohls.

Please see Betsy Branson for
more information
(505-778-5936).

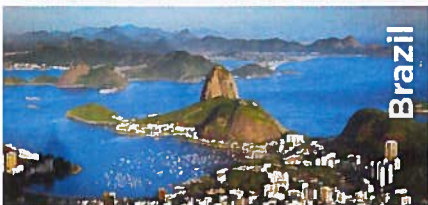


significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

May 2013



Brazil



Iran

Country in Focus: Brazil (1)

Brazil is a melting pot of nations, with much intermarriage between and blending of the many immigrant ethnicities. Most Brazilians have at least some mixed ethnic heritage. As a country, Brazil is an emerging economic superpower with vast natural resources and a huge labor force. One major challenge the country faces is to increase agricultural productivity without damaging the Amazon and Pantanal ecosystems—to practice stewardship versus exploitation.

There has been sustained growth in the evangelical church—from 2 million in 1960 to 52 million in 2010—meaning that Brazil has one of the largest evangelical populations in the world.

Pray for:

- an end to corruption in the Brazilian government;
- an end to poverty that still affects millions in Brazil;
- the development of strong, mature leadership within the church;
- Brazil's indigenous people group, the Amerindians, to no longer suffer prejudice and oppression.

Iran Convicts and Sentences American Pastor (2)

The American Center for Law and Justice (ACLJ) says the recent action by an Iranian court convicting and sentencing American pastor Saeed Abedini for his Christian faith is a travesty that underscores Iran's violation of international law and a reminder that Iran is one of the world's worst offenders in religious persecution.

A judge of the Iranian Revolutionary Court verbally convicted and sentenced Pastor Saeed to eight years in prison for threatening the national security of Iran through his leadership in Christian house churches.

"This is a real travesty—a mockery of justice," said Jordan Sekulow, executive director of the ACLJ, who represents Pastor Saeed's wife and children living in the US. "From the very beginning, Iranian authorities have lied about all aspects of this case, even releasing rumors of his expected release. Iran has not only abused its own laws, it has trampled on the fundamentals of human rights. We call on the citizens of the world to rise up in protest. We call on governments around the world to stand and defend Pastor Saeed."

Sekulow added, "Here's the troubling reality: we have a US citizen, who has been beaten and tortured since his imprisonment last fall [and] is now facing eight years in Evin Prison, one of the most brutal prisons in Iran. A harsh sentence in a notorious prison—likely facing life-threatening torture

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and abuse at the hands of the Iranian regime. Simply because of his Christian faith.”

The ACLJ has been working with the US government and at the United Nations to generate support for Pastor Saeed. Both the White House and the US State Department have condemned Iran and called for Pastor Saeed’s release.

US Church Giving Falls despite Rise in Charitable Giving (3)

Americans are giving more to charity, but the church is increasingly getting less of that



goodwill—at least \$1 billion less this year alone, according to the Atlas of Giving. And while religion remains the largest giving sector

in America, its share of the pie will decline from 36 percent to 35 percent this year despite overall increases in charitable giving.

Tom Hampson, director of constituent engagement at Church World Service, says that although his organization projected meeting its fund-raising goal for 2013, they are currently weathering a decline in church giving. “We are seeing a decline in congregation giving for us,” he said in an interview with *The Christian Post*. “While the recession seems to be receding, the experience of lots of non-profits is still a daunting environment.”

Major Ron Busroe says that in the last five years, the Salvation Army has enjoyed an increase in giving every year. Last year, however, they posted the smallest increase of the period. And while he acknowledges that significant election spending played a role in the cramped giving, he says the drop in giving is an indication of a more telling issue in the church. “We are observing more and more people identifying themselves as ‘no religion,’ so consequently, if they have no religion, then they are not going to give to the church, the synagogue, or the temple. That group of people is going to start having some impact on charitable giving,” Busroe said.

This month you can... Write to Your Government Representatives



Many Christians complain that their voices are not heard by their elected officials but don’t take the time to write them. In the age of e-mail, contacting your elected officials has never been easier.

Not sure who your elected officials are? Start by visiting www.usa.gov. The website provides lists of all senators and representatives, as well

as a list of state governors and state legislators, plus a list of governmental agencies, and gives their mailing addresses as well as their e-mail addresses.

One congressional representative from Illinois confirmed that e-mail is the best way to get in touch. He said that his staff does a very thorough job of reading each and every e-mail—and that

he reads many of them as well. He suggested that using “form e-mails” was not an effective method of communication, saying that it is more effective to write short, personal e-mails. “They do get read,” he stated.

Take a moment today and write to your representatives. Tell them how you feel about upcoming legislation. And tell them you are praying for them.



Europeans Launch Campaign: Life Starts at Conception (4)

Pro-life groups from 20 different countries have launched a petition to ask the European Parliament to recognize that life begins at conception. The “One of Us” initiative is the first of its kind in Europe and represents a larger effort to forge a cohesive continental pro-life movement. According to the petition’s website, “One of Us” has “greater political potential than any other initiative that has been undertaken so far to protect the dignity of the person and life from conception at a European scale.”

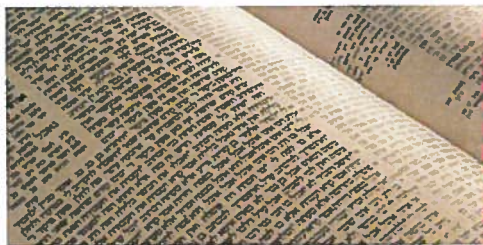
The petition aims to collect one million signatures in at least 7 of the 27 countries of the European Union by November, forcing the Strasbourg, France–based European Parliament to schedule a debate on the issue. Still, pro-life groups recognize that the European Union doesn’t have the power to address abortion issues, which are regulated by each member state. In most European countries, with the exception of Ireland and Malta, abortion within the first trimester is generally legal.

Scientists Strive to Save Dying Spoken Language of Jesus (5)

British scientists are attempting to preserve

the Aramaic language, which was most likely spoken by Jesus. The language, tied to Hebrew and Arabic, was used in Israel from 539 BC to 70 AD.

University of Cambridge professor of linguistics Geoffrey Khan began the quest to record the ancient language before it finally disappears. Professor Khan decided to record the language after speaking to a Jew from Erbil in northern Iraq. “To discover a living language through the lips of a living person, it was just incredibly exhilarating,” he said.



By recording some of the remaining native Aramaic speakers, the linguist hopes to preserve the 3,000-year-old language on the verge of extinction. Speakers can be found in different parts of the world, from America to Iraq. Khan is working on a Web-based database of text and audio recordings that allows word-by-word comparisons across dozens of Aramaic dialects.

Aramaic, which belongs to the Semitic family of languages, is known for its use in large sections of the biblical books of Daniel

and Ezra. It is also the main language of Rabbinic Judaism's key text, the Talmud, and parts of the ancient Dead Sea Scrolls were written in Aramaic.

Africa Rises, China Falls on Christian Persecution List

The persecution of Christians “vastly rose” in 2012 as radical Islamists consolidated power in Africa, according to Open Doors, a Christian missionary organization that publishes the World Watch List, an annual list of offending nations.



Increasing threats to African Christians can be seen in focused attacks, such as the killings of Christians in Nigerian churches by the radical Muslim group Boko Haram, but also in the greater prevalence of radical Muslims in government. In Mali, for example, which made the biggest leap on the World Watch List from unranked in 2011 to number seven in 2012, a coup in the north brought fundamentalist Muslims to power. Christians there are in grave danger.

North Korea topped the Open Doors list for the 11th year in a row, followed by Saudi Arabia, Afghanistan, Iraq, and Somalia. The group

estimates that as many as 70,000 Christians are imprisoned in North Korea simply for being Christian, and the act of carrying a Bible can result in execution. In neighboring China, the picture for Christians continues to improve, as that country slid from 21 in 2011 to 37 in 2012—a stark difference from its top-10 ranking five years ago.

Syria, now in the throes of a bloody revolution, became a country of particular concern for the group, which pegged it at number 11 in 2012 and number 36 the previous year, the report's second-biggest jump. Open Doors reports that under President Bashar al-Assad, who is now waging a ruthless campaign against Syrian rebels, “Christians were allowed the freedom to worship but not evangelize.”

Unbelief is World's Third-Largest “Religion”

A new report on global religious identity shows that while Christians and Muslims make up the two largest groups, those with no religious affiliation—including atheists and agnostics—are now the third-largest “religious” group in the world. The study by the Pew Forum on Religion found that more than 8 in 10 (84 percent) of the world's 7 billion people adhere to some form of religion. Christians make up the largest group with 2.2 billion adherents, or 32 percent worldwide, followed by Muslims with 1.6 billion adherents, or 23 percent. Close behind are the “nones”—those who say they have no religious affiliation or say they do not believe in God—at 1.1 billion, or 16 percent.

I urge you, first of all, to pray for all people. Ask God to help them; intercede on their behalf, and give thanks for them. 1 TIMOTHY 2:1

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!

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



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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES!

We are praying for you!

LADIES!

Don't forget to sign up (right after service today)
For the May 11 Ladies' & Girls' Tea!
(see today's insert)



A list of May 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!

DID YOU KNOW? On May 9, 1914, President Woodrow Wilson officially proclaimed the second Sunday in May to be "Mother's Day"!

WE ARE CONSIDERING splitting the 1st - 6th grade Sunday School into 3 groups instead of 2. We need a teacher! Please contact Bernie Comer if you can help. Thank you!

We are thinking about having a garage sale here at the church on June 1 to raise money to buy some new equipment for the church playground. If you can help with this sale on Friday evening, May 31 or Sat., June 1, please let Linda Luginbuhl know as soon as possible. Thanks!

INFO concerning Aaron Chavez' Summer trip to Former Soviet Republic
Blog site (updated weekly): fsrwhitechallenge.blogspot.com
To donate: nmsuchristianchallenge.org "Give online" button on the right side
Send email to janeandnotarzan@qwestoffice.net with your name, donation amount, and Aaron's name or send check to:

BSU

1313 E. University
Las Cruces, NM 88001

Checks payable to BSU (Aaron's name should not appear on the check!)
Insert note with my name and "FSR white"

This Week in Church History...

On May 11, 1825, the American Tract Society was organized in New York City, the first national tract Society in America. It was formed by the merger of 50 smaller societies.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"God is too great to be knocked off course by the malpractice of wicked men.

~ J.A. Motyer