

GRACE BIBLE CHURCH

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Worship Service - 10:15 AM

Pulse (Youth Group) - 6:00 PM

Edge - 6:00 PM

Prayer Time - 6:00 PM

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Grace Bible Church
~ The Lord's Day ~
August 4, 2013

WELCOME

9:00 AM Sunday School for all ages
10:15 AM Worship Service

Call To Worship
Welcome/Announcements
Praise & Worship*
What the Lord is Doing in the FSR! Aaron Chavez
Special Music Bernie Comer

Scripture Reading Romans 14:13-23

Message John Luginbuhl

“Loving, Or Stumbling Block?”
(Part 31 of a Series, “The Righteousness of God!”)

The Lord's Table
Closing

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

SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:

Crawlers/Walkers Christina Nye & Madison Sutliff

SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:

Crawlers/Walkers Brenda Manning & Liz Helf

LATER TODAY...

2:30 PM Baby Shower for Autumn & Noah Peralto
 (see insert)

6:00 PM Prayer Time in 4th-6th grade Classroom

6:00 PM Pulse (entering 6th grade through entering 12th
 grade) meets

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



PRAISE & PETITION

“He only is my rock and my salvation, my Stronghold, I shall not be greatly shaken!”

~ Psalm 62:6

Praise the Lord for:

1. His being our rock, salvation, stronghold!
2. The Word of God in our own language!
3. His faithfulness to us as individuals, as families, as a church family.
4. A wonderful summer at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch, with many decisions for Jesus made!

Petition the Lord for:

1. More desire on our part to read God's Word, pray, and witness.
2. More walking after the Spirit and less after the flesh. More discernment!
3. Jack & Jan Becker's ministry in Greeley, CO!
4. Opportunities for all of us to share the Gospel this summer!
5. Phil and Tracy Addington, as they travel to NY this week. Pray that they would find a home to rent or purchase.
6. Doug & Dottie Mason, as they prepare to move to Arkansas.
7. Couples preparing for marriage: Chris Piano & Sarah Luginbuhl (Sept. 21, 2013); Ryan Hamilton & Erica Sowers (October 5, 2013); Lee Charles & Sarah Herington (Oct. 12, 2013); Lavar Peterson & Martina Muskett (Dec. 7, 2013); Dan Tom & Cheryl Walker (date to be determined)
8. Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son), Sean Begaye, and Jana Sheffield (Nixons' niece), all in Afghanistan; Adam Sowers (Ft. Eustis); Jesus Ubanda (Marines; on deployment)
9. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

“Loving, or Stumbling Block?”**(Part 31 of a Series in Romans, “The Righteousness of God!”)****Romans 14:13-23**

In Romans 14:1-12, we learned that we are not to judge, put down, look down upon, criticize one another in areas that are not specifically addressed in the Scriptures. Rather, we are to accept one another, and encourage one another in order to have unity in the Body of Christ ...all for the glory of the Lord! The “bottom line” question in today’s passage is this: Are you a loving Christian, one that loves other believers with the love of Jesus, or are you a “stumbling block”, one who causes others to question their faith? Are you “building up” or “tearing down”?

1. Affecting Each Other (vss. 13-15)**2. Having Proper Priorities (vss. 16-21)****3. Having Convictions Before God (vss. 22-23)**

This Week at Grace Bible...

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

Monday, August 5

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Life Group (Jonah) at the Luginbuhls' home (303 Cactus Rd.)

Tuesday, August 6

5:00 PM

Deacons' Meeting

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics (across from offices)

6:30 PM

FBI Test

Thursday, August 8

5:20 PM

Ladies' Aerobics (across from offices)

7:00 PM

Men's Prayer Time



(Also see other side of sheet for upcoming Youth activities.)

August 15-17

SWCBA Leadership Retreat

August 18

Quarterly Business Mtg. (Noon)

September 2

All-Church Labor Day Picnic @ BABR

September 4

AWANA resumes (6:30 PM)!

September 7

Men's Breakfast

September 8

Baby Shower for Natalia & Addison Pete

Youth Group Activities

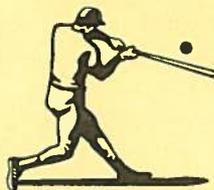
Grades 6-12

Weekly events:

Sunday school at 9:00 with Jeff Irving in High school room upstairs

Pulse group Sunday nights at 6:00 -7:15

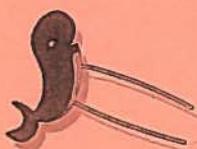
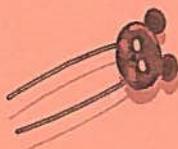
UPCOMING YOUTH EVENTS



Sat. August 10: Edge group and pulse group are going to Albuquerque to see the Isotopes baseball game. Bring \$15 for food and tickets in to the field. Limited seats available so PLEASE confirm with Pastor Steve or with Jeff Irving if you want to go. Meet at the church at 2:00

Sat. August 17: Bring your new classmates or friends to a ***Back to school Bash*** at the church!! At 12:00 there will be a Cookout at the church with food, drinks, games and more fun than one person can handle including a **FIVE GALLON MILK SHAKE!!!!!!**

Fri. August 23: Night at the movies. The youth and their families are invited to meet at the movie theater to watch either Percy Jackson: Sea of Monsters or Pixar's: planes. Must buy your own tickets. Times and movie will be announced Sunday 8/18/13 during service.



Ladies..You Are Invited To A

Baby Shower

for

Autumn Peralto

and Baby Noah



Sunday, August 4th

at

2:30pm

at

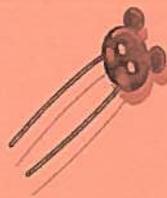
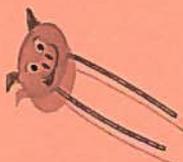
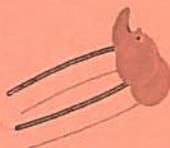
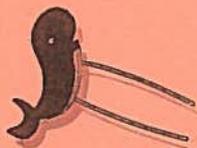
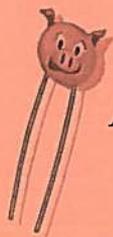


Linda Luginbuhl's Home

303 Cactus Road

Autumn is registered at Walmart,

Babies R Us and Target



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 UK Government has set out a strategy for the 21st century (Department of Health 1999). The strategy is based on the principle of 'active ageing', which is defined as 'the process of optimising opportunities for health, participation in society, and security in old age' (Department of Health 1999, p. 1).

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significant news for christians

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

THE Church Around the WORLD

August 2013



Country in Focus: Madagascar (1)

Madagascar, situated 600 miles off the coast of the African nation of Mozambique, is the world's fourth-largest island. While rich in natural diversity, Madagascar is the 11th-poorest nation in the world, and much of the population lives in poverty. The country has also suffered because of political instability and upheaval. While there is religious freedom in Madagascar, the Malagasy folk religion is still pervasive. The government and traditional churches remain suspicious of the emergence of younger, more charismatic churches. Pray for:

- the people of Madagascar, who are locked in a battle with poverty—the majority of the population lives on less than \$1 US per day;
- democratic reforms to address the political troubles and conflicts that continue to plague the country;
- revival in Madagascar's large churches, which have survived despite much persecution in the past;
- a new spiritual hunger to blossom in the youth, who make up a large portion of the population.

Countries Cited for Religious Freedom Violations

The US Commission on International Religious Freedom (USCIRF) recently released its annual report, which counts 15 nations where abuse of religious liberty is “systemic, egregious, and ongoing.” But for the first time, the report also includes a section to highlight the crimes of non-nations.

“USCIRF added special emphases on non-state actors, as their violent actions are a growing threat to religious freedom,” said Knox Thames, the commission's director of policy and research. “Violence perpetrated by non-state actors against religious minorities and others who conflict with their worldview is increasingly common, with incidents occurring in places as diverse as Pakistan and Nigeria.”

For example, Somalia—a nation that doesn't make the list—is home to al-Shabaab, a US-designated foreign terrorist organization that has brutally suppressed Christians and Sufi Muslims who do not subscribe to its radical interpretation of Islam. According to the report, “Somalis accused of committing crimes or who al-Shabaab deems to have deviated from accepted behaviors are punished through stoning, amputation, flogging, and/or detention.”

On its 15-nation list of the worst offenders, USCIRF includes eight that the US State Department also considers “Countries of Particular Concern”: Burma, China, Eritrea, Iran, North Korea, Saudi Arabia, Sudan, and Uzbekistan.

Church Shelled in Central African Republic (2)

A weekend of violence in the Central African Republic included three artillery shells that crashed into a church and killed seven people, according to a pastor. The victims were attending services in the Evangelical Federation of Brothers church.

During the same weekend, at least 20 people were reported dead after gun battles in sectors of Bangui, capital of the republic, where an alliance of rebel groups recently took power. Various independent news reports said clashes erupted after members of the rebel forces known as Séléka began a

formed National Transition Council, said the weapons had been handed out by the ousted Central African Republican president, François Bozizé.

Accounts by witnesses and local media say small- and heavy-arms fire ripped through Boy-Rabe, an area considered supportive of the deposed president. Reported death tolls, some citing the local Red Cross, ranged from 13 to more than 20.

There has been no official confirmation about whether the church was targeted or simply caught in the cross fire, but since the Séléka coalition formed in December 2012, elements have attacked Christian clerics and laypeople, as well as their homes and churches.

Saudi Arabia Reaffirms Ban on Non-Muslim Places of Worship (3)

Bishops from several European countries are criticizing Saudi Minister of Justice Mohamed el-Eissi after he insisted that “the cradle of the Muslim sanctities will not allow the establishment of any other places of worship.” The statement reflects the Saudi government’s intention to resume its ban on the building of



sweep through parts of Bangui to round up weapons. The Chinese news agency Xinhua, citing an unnamed source within the recently

This month you can... Prepare Your College-Bound Students

College, whether at a Christian or a secular school, offers young people tremendous challenges and temptations—some of which will be new and scary. There are a number of resources available to help new students find their way and maintain their faith while on campus. An Internet search will turn up hundreds or even thousands of books and resources to

help parents, students, and church groups.

Here’s one idea for your church that is both simple and appealing: A few weeks before students begin to leave for college campuses, host a dinner with those students. Match each one with a person or people who have committed to pray for that student every day while he or she is at school. Exchange e-mail

addresses. Tell the soon-to-depart students that you care for them and that you as a church body have made the commitment to uphold them in daily prayer. Nothing speaks louder to a student than a silent prayer from people he or she may not even know. Let them know that the church is standing behind them and with them as they move into the world of college life.





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non-Muslim places of worship within Saudi territories, or even the observance of non-Islamic religious rituals.

The minister reaffirmed the nation's commitment to the exclusion of other religions in Saudi Arabia during a meeting with a number of European parliamentarians and members of the Foreign Relations Committee. "My country will not allow the establishment of places of worship for non-Muslims," he said in response to a question the parliamentarians raised on the matter.

Saudi Arabia has long faced criticism due to its position of limiting religious freedom within the country. The banning of other religious houses of worship comes from a Salafi tradition that prohibits the existence of two religions in the Arabian Peninsula.

Iraqi Christians Reflect on Life after Saddam (4)

Bombings, kidnappings, and generalized violence unleashed by the 2003 US-led invasion of Iraq that toppled Saddam Hussein caused hundreds of thousands of Christians to flee their homeland. While there is no centralized source of information on the number of Christians who have left Iraq, it is estimated that there were 2 million in the country in the 1990s. That number has fallen to between 200,000 and 500,000 today, according to church leaders.

"I didn't like Saddam Hussein, but he didn't bother the Christians," said Rana, a

29-year-old who fled Baghdad in 2006 and now lives in London. "He was a dictator. When he went, the gangs came from everywhere."



Rana, like others interviewed, would not give her last name, fearing for the safety of relatives still in Iraq. She is now part of a congregation that worships at Holy Trinity Brook Green, a Roman Catholic church in West London. The congregants, Syriac Catholics whose services are conducted in Aramaic (the language spoken by Jesus), are part of the estimated 2,500 Iraqi Christians thought to live in the UK.

Takeaways from Pew Study on Islam

A recent Pew Research Center study took an in-depth look at Islam, including questions of how Muslims around the world view extremism, *sharia* law, and the meeting of religion and politics. The study is a four-year effort by Pew, which conducted 38,000 face-to-face interviews in 80-plus languages for the survey.

In total, 39 countries and territories were included, all of which had over 10 million Muslims living there. Here are the report's major takeaways:

1.) *Differences between US and international Muslims are vast.* While Muslims in the United States share a belief system with Muslims abroad, the survey reveals wide differences between the two groups. An overwhelming number of Muslims outside the United States said that "Islam is the only religion that leads to eternal life in heaven." When all Muslims outside the United States were considered, only 18 percent said many religions can lead to heaven. In the United



States, that number was 56 percent, according to the survey. Additionally, about half of all US Muslims say they have close friends who are not Muslim. By contrast, 95 percent of Muslims outside the United States who were surveyed said "most or all of their friends are Muslims."

2.) *Sharia law is favored, especially by more devout Muslims.* Analysis of the survey found "most Muslims believe *sharia* is the revealed word of God rather than a body of law developed by men based on the word of God." Those who approve *sharia* becoming

the law of the land generally pray more than other Muslims.

3.) *Most Muslims believe religion and politics should be intertwined.* "Devout Muslims tend to be more supportive of religious leaders playing a role in politics," the survey reads.

4.) *Around the world, Muslims welcome religious freedom.* Despite views that Islam should influence politics and law, an overwhelming number of Muslims told Pew that religious freedom was a good thing. "Overall, Muslims broadly support the idea of religious freedom," the study states. "Among Muslims who say people of different religions are very free to practice their faith, three-quarters or more in each country say this is a good thing."

5.) *Islamic extremism is widely rejected but still a concern.* Carrying out violent acts in the name of Islam is strongly rejected by Muslims around the world, according to the survey. While a majority of Muslims in all countries surveyed said "suicide bombing in defense of Islam" was rarely or never justified, "there are some countries in which substantial minorities think violence against civilians is at least sometimes justified."

To check out more church resources and read the editor's thoughts, please visit us at www.tyndaleperiodicals.com.

Keep on asking, and you will receive what you ask for. Keep on seeking, and you will find. Keep on knocking, and the door will be opened to you. LUKE 11:9

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 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 worshiping 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

DOUG & DOTTIE MASON are moving to Arkansas on August 17. Today is Dottie's last Sunday with us; next Sunday will be Doug's last Sunday. You will be greatly missed! We have appreciated your friendship and ministry over the years. We are praying for you!

FOLLOWING THE LORD! The following people were publicly baptized last Sunday morning during our worship service: Kaytlin Addington, Michael Cordova, Joel Hillis, and Justin Wynne. Let's pray for each one as they continue to follow the Lord!



A list of August 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!



AWANA resumes September 4! We need more leaders! Can you help? Please pray about this! If you can help, please contact Nate Yale. Thank you!

This Week in Church History...

On August 6, 1774, religious leader Ann Lee and her small band of followers first arrived at New York City, from Liverpool, England. The sect called itself the United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Coming, but its followers were more popularly known as the "Shaking Quakers" or Shakers." They established their headquarters at New Lebanon, New York.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...

"There is such a danger of our being so occupied with the things that are to come more than with who is to come."

~ Andrew Murray