

Greater  
**LOVE**  
has no one  
than this,  
that he  
lay down his  
**LIFE** for  
his friends.

JOHN 15:13

## **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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## PRAISE & PETITION

“To Him Who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, blessing and honor and glory and Dominion forever and ever.”

~ Revelation 5:13b

### Praise the Lord for:

1. Who He is - the One, True, Living God, Who alone deserves the honor and glory!
2. The salvation that is ours in Jesus Christ, by faith! What a blessing to KNOW that you're on your way to Heaven because of a personal faith in Jesus' finished work on Calvary!
3. Our young people and children and all who minister to them!
4. The wonderful AWANA ministry! A wonderful Leaders' Conference yesterday in Albuquerque!
5. A fun time of fellowship at our Labor Day Picnic!
6. Our great nation and the freedoms we enjoy here!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus Christ and for the things and people He loves.
2. A commitment to read God's Word daily! A commitment to apply it to our lives!
3. 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)
4. 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)
5. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.

**“Good to Have Friends!”****(Part 36 of a Series in Romans, “The Righteousness of God!”)****Romans 16:1-27**

God did not create us to be alone. Rather, He wants us to interact with others! He also doesn't want Christians to be “secluded saints.” We need each other! What happens when one sheep wanders off from the other sheep? Usually nothing good! God wants us believers in Jesus to make friends and be a friend, so we can help each other personally as well as in ministry. This was certainly the Apostle Paul's case! In our passage, he greets over 25 people by name, two unnamed Christians and several house churches. As he closes, he sends greetings from nine believers who were with him in Corinth when he wrote the letter. It's wonderful to have Christian friends (and non-Christian ones!) Let's see what we can learn ...

**1. Friends (vss. 1-16)****2. Not So Much (vss. 17-20)****3. All for God's Glory (vss. 21-27)**

## **This Week at Grace Bible...**

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, September 9**

7:00 PM Life Group (I Peter) at the Luginbuhls' Home (303 Cactus Rd.)

### **Tuesday, September 10**

5:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics (across from offices)  
6:30 PM FBI

### **Wednesday, September 11**

6:30 PM AWANA

### **Thursday, September 12**

5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics (across from offices)  
7:00 PM Men's Prayer Time

### **Saturday, September 14**

8 AM - 9 AM Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant

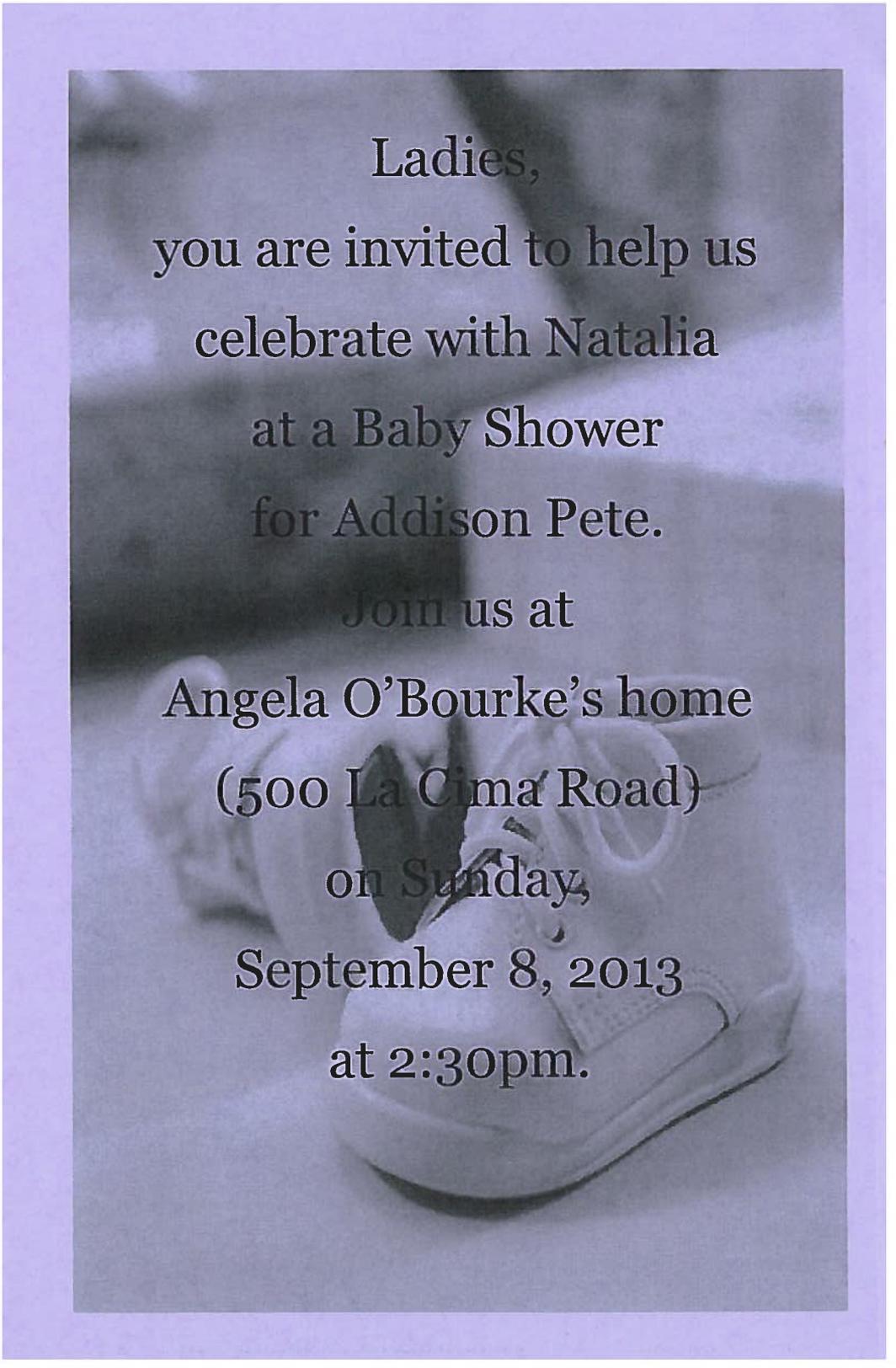
### **Sunday, September 15**

Praise & Celebration Sunday!  
(see announcement)



<b>September 17</b>	Tuesday morning Ladies' Bible Study resumes
<b>September 21</b>	Sarah Luginbuhl/Chris Piano Wedding (3 PM)
<b>September 22</b>	Bridal Shower for Erica Sowers
<b>October 5 (8 AM)</b>	Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant
<b>October 5</b>	Erica Sowers/Ryan Hamilton Wedding (Albq.)
<b>October 5</b>	Ladies' Progressive Dinner (5 PM)
<b>October 12</b>	Sarah Herington/Lee Charles Wedding (Denver)





Ladies,  
you are invited to help us  
celebrate with Natalia  
at a Baby Shower  
for Addison Pete.

Join us at  
Angela O'Bourke's home  
(500 La Cima Road)  
on Sunday,  
September 8, 2013  
at 2:30pm.



Ladies..You Are Invited To A  
Wedding Shower  
for  
Erica Sowers

Sunday, September 22, 2013

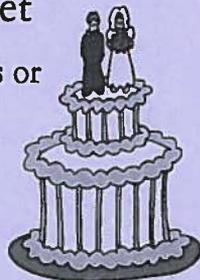
at

1:30pm

at

Paul & Jody Sowers' Home  
1608 Kit Carson, Gallup

Erica & Ryan are registered at Bed,  
Bath & Beyond and Target  
Just reference either Erica Sowers or  
Ryan Hamilton



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## Commitment

Commitment has two pleasurable aspects to it. One is the joy of loving the other person. The other is the joy of giving up your ambivalence. Now one aspect of your life is “nailed down.” The feeling of complete certainty is the feeling of commitment, and that certainty is a great pleasure to experience—especially when it is shared with another who is equally certain.

Commitment does bring a kind of security with it. But when you commit yourself to something, it does not stop changing. What two people commit themselves to, is a process of discovery, a journey, and the adventure of exploring life’s road together. They may discover lions on the road, but as Peter Matthiessen warns in *The Snow Leopard*, “the lions never get out of the road of the person who waits to see the way clear before starting to walk.”

*Susan Page*

NOW THAT I'M MARRIED, WHY ISN'T EVERYTHING PERFECT

## Engaging Differences

Men and women engage differently with the world. The male views life as a contest while the female views it as community. In conversation, men negotiate for status while women negotiate for closeness. Men want to preserve independence while women want to preserve intimacy. Failure is the thing that men want to avoid; women want to avoid isolation.



These basic differences are behind the seemingly insurmountable barriers to understanding that we encounter in our workplace, our marriages, our friendships and our small groups.

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## It's A Fact

Vinita is the oldest incorporated town on Oklahoma Route 66, being established in 1871. Vinita was the first town in Oklahoma to enjoy electricity. Originally named Downingville, the town’s name was later changed to Vinita, in honor of Vinnie Ream, the sculptress who created the life-size statue of Lincoln at the United States Capital.

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## Holy Calling

Our children are masterpieces, created in the image of God, entrusted to us for a time. How they move from children to adulthood depends on our parenting—a holy calling. We better prepare them to meet the world as we coach them to continually become God’s masterpieces, helping them walk into a future that God has prepared for them.



*Mary E. DeMuth*

AUTHENTIC PARENTING IN A  
POSTMODERN CULTURE

## Better Choices

If pleasing the crowd has been our life to this point, then doing the opposite is the right thing to do. Trying to live by God's moral choices is doing the opposite of our sinful instincts. It's what C.S. Lewis calls building up the "real central man," the part of us that will live in eternity. Lewis writes: "People often think of Christian morality as a kind of bargain in which God says, "If you keep a lot of rules I'll reward you, and if you don't I'll do the other thing." I do not think that is the best way of looking at it. I would much rather say that every time you make a choice you are turning the central part of you, the part of you that chooses, into something a little different from what it was before. And taking your life as a whole, with all your innumerable choices, all your life you are slowly turning this central thing either into a heavenly creature or into a hellish creature.

The only way transformation takes place is by beginning to make choices. When we interpret life as a choice between morality and deception and choose morality, we are submitting our soul to the scrutiny of the light that may not be fully understood until eternity. So when we begin to make moral choices such as choosing to tell the truth when it'd be easier to lie, then "real central man" is built up.

*Robert Stofel, God, ARE WE THERE YET?*



## By His Spirit

Have you cried out to God from a broken place? Are you still trying to manipulate circumstances and people to get what you want out of life or have you come to the place of having a heart of faith and trust? Place your dreams and the key to your life before God and ask God to prepare you to be the kind of person who could walk in those dreams if

He wills them for you. You can achieve with integrity if you know it is, 'Not by might, not by power, but by My Spirit,' says the Lord. (Zech 4:6)

*Pam Farrel*

WOMEN OF CONFIDENCE

## Life Lesson

The doorstep to the temple of wisdom is the knowledge of our own ignorance.

*~ Charles H. Spurgeon*

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## 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!

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

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### 2013 YEAR VERSE

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

- Hebrews 10:24

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OUR THANKS to all the staff at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch for helping to make our Annual Labor Day Picnic a wonderful success! There were approximately 120 of us in attendance, and it was a great day of fellowship! Photos of the Picnic are on the board next to Pastor John's office.

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WE PRAISE GOD for answered prayer, as AWANA got off to a GREAT start this past Wednesday! 84 children came to the first night! Keep praying! Adults: If you can help on any Wednesday night, just “show up” at 6:30 PM - we'll put you to work!

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Pastor John and Linda cordially invite you to the wedding ceremony of their daughter Sarah and Chris Piano, Saturday, September 21, 3 PM at Grace Bible Church. Due to space limitations, the reception is by invitation only.

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THE ELDERS are considering Richard & Helen Matzke and Carol Parpart for “official” church membership. If you have any questions or concerns about this, please contact Mike Nye or Pastor John.

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## NEXT LORD'S DAY MORNING!

9:00 AM - Sunday School for all ages

10:15 AM - "Praise & Celebration" Worship Service

- ~ Singing, Testimonies, Brief Devotionals!
- ~ Special "Praise Offering" to help pay some of the Promissory Notes associated with our new Sanctuary
- ~ Service followed by all-church potluck (each family brings main dish, salad (or vegetable), and dessert to share).



A list of September 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!

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### **This Week in Church History...**

On September 13, 1635, the Massachusetts General Court ordered Separatist preacher Roger Williams into exile. He was banished for his criticism of the Massachusetts Bay Company charter and for repeatedly advocating the separation of church and state.

### **THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK...**

*"Worship is giving to the Lord the glory that is due in response to what He has revealed to us and done to us in Jesus Christ His Son.*

*~ Oswald B. Milligan*