



**Y**OU ALSO, LIKE  
LIVING STONES,  
ARE BEING BUILT  
INTO A SPIRITUAL  
HOUSE TO BE A  
HOLY PRIESTHOOD,  
OFFERING SPIRITUAL  
SACRIFICES  
ACCEPTABLE TO GOD  
THROUGH JESUS  
CHRIST.

1 PETER 2:5

**GRACE BIBLE CHURCH**

222 Boulder Drive, Gallup, NM 87301

Sunday School - 9:00 AM

Youth Group - 6:00 PM

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 ~*  
*November 3, 2013*

**WELCOME**

9:00 AM  
10:15 AM

Sunday School for all ages  
Worship Service

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Call to Worship

Welcome/Announcements

Praise & Worship\*

Special Music

Handbell Choir

Scripture Reading

I Thessalonians 4:1-8

Message

John Luginbuhl

**“Immorality: Beneath Our Calling!”**  
**(Part 4 of a Series, “Overcoming the Hindrances**  
**To a Fruitful Christian Life!”**

Closing

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

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**SERVING IN THE NURSERY TODAY:**

*Crawlers/Walkers ..... Brenda Manning & Amber Beard*

**SERVING IN THE NURSERY NEXT SUNDAY:**

*Crawlers/Walkers ..... Marji Campbell & Liz Helf*

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**LATER TODAY...**

Noon Brief Quarterly Business Meeting

6:00 PM Prayer Time in 3rd & 4th grade Classroom

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

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

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## PRAISE & PETITION

“Let the heart of those who seek the Lord  
be glad! Seek the Lord and His  
strength; seek His face continually.”

~ Psalm 105:3

### Praise the Lord for:

1. So great a salvation in and through Jesus Christ! Praise the Lord that salvation is a free gift, gained by putting our faith in Jesus Christ!
2. His precious blood of Jesus!
3. A great Halloween Outreach last Wednesday night at the Helfenbeins'!
4. The ministry of the Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center.
5. The Lord's work in our lives!

### Petition the Lord for:

1. A deeper love for Jesus, more willingness to share the Gospel with the unsaved during these wonderful holiday seasons!
2. More desire to live holy lives.
3. That some of the children (and their parents) who receive Gospel Tracts Thursday night will trust in Jesus as their Savior!
4. Healing for Caleb Butler's arm.
5. Couples preparing for marriage: Lavar Peterson & Martina Muskett (Dec. 7, 2013)
6. Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son), Sean Begaye, and Jana Sheffield (Nixons' niece), all in Afghanistan; Adam Sowers (Ft. Hood); Jesus Ubanda (Marines; on deployment)
7. Our President, military advisors, military men and women.
8. The situation in the Middle East.

**“Immorality : Beneath Our Calling!”**  
**(Part 4 of a Series, “Overcoming the Hindrances**  
**to a fruitful Christian Life!”)**  
**I Thessalonians 4:1-8**

It would be a strange Christian indeed who would say, “No, I *don't* want to live a fruitful Christian life - a life of being the follower of Jesus God wants me to be, a life of being used by God, a life that is glorifying to God.” But Satan, who is a schemer and who wants to take advantage of us believers in Jesus (2 Cor. 2:11) keeps putting hindrances, road-blocks, in our way. Or, we *allow* these hindrances to persist in our lives! How do we overcome these hindrances? Let's see what the Bible says about immorality.

[“Immorality”: not limited to sexual impurity; Gal. 5:19; any evil, defined by Scripture]

**1. The Lies**

**2. The Truth**

**3. The Steps to Overcoming**

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

(Here at the church unless otherwise noted.)

### **Monday, November 4**

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

### **Tuesday, November 5**

9:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study  
(Study on the Women of the Bible)  
5:00 PM Handbell Choir Rehearsal  
5:20 PM Ladies' Aerobics (across from offices)  
6:30 PM FBI  
7:00 PM Life Group (Philippians) at Silvas' home  
(621 VandenBosch Parkway, Gallup)

### **Wednesday, November 6**

6:30 PM AWANA

### **Thursday, November 7**

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

### **Saturday, November 9**

5:00 PM Youth Group: Video Scavenger Hunt/  
Pizza Party

### **Sunday, November 10**

(During AM Service) The Lord's Table Observed

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## **COMING SOON:**

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

- Nov. 15** Hands of Hope Evening @ GBC  
("Caring For Our Community")
- Nov. 17** Baby Shower for McGraw & Noggle Twins (2:30 PM)
- Nov. 23** Craft Sale @ GBC (9 AM - 4 PM)
- Nov. 27** Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service ( 7 PM - 8 PM)

# GBC Youth Group Upcoming Fall Events



## October

Saturday, October 19 – McCall's Pumpkin Patch in ABQ (Details TBA @Youth Group)

## November

Saturday, November 9 – Video Scavenger Hunt/Pizza 5pm @GBC

Monday, November 11 – Pie-making for Fundraising, 8am @GBC

Friday, November 22 – "Put-the-Giving-in-Thanksgiving" Community Outreach – TBA

## significant news for christians

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

# THE Church Around the WORLD

November 2013



## Country in Focus: French Guiana (1)

French Guiana, for years the site of a French penal colony, is a sparsely inhabited territory in northeast South America. The coast along the Atlantic Ocean is somewhat developed while the interior is largely undeveloped jungle with over 400,000 species of flora and fauna. The country is subsidized by France, and the European Space Agency launch facility at Kourou is a major source of income. Illegal gold mining draws in many immigrant workers but has led to major ecological damage. The growth of the evangelical population has been steady over the last 20 years, and Pentecostal and independent house churches have flourished. A number of tribal groups in the country's interior have barely been touched by the gospel.

Pray for:

- the largely animistic Maroon tribes who live in the interior and the tribal Christians from Suriname who have been reaching out to those groups;
- a change in the high rate of illegitimate births and the growth of single-parent families.

## Algeria's Protestants Want Their Churches Back (2)

The Protestant Church of Algeria (EPA) has reaffirmed its desire to regain control of several former churches. Christians are the distinct minority in Algeria, representing less than one percent of Algeria's 38 million inhabitants, and often face restrictions when seeking to build new churches.

The presence of Protestant Christians in Algeria dates back to the French colonial era, when a number of churches were built. However, after the country gained independence in 1962, many of these buildings were given to other purposes. Now the congregations are attempting to regain the use of their church buildings. After completing all the administrative procedures necessary for the recovery of the churches, the EPA brought the case to court, but there have been no tangible results thus far.

Algeria is ranked number 29 on the 2013 World Watch List of the 50 countries where Christians are most under pressure for their faith. The creator of the list, Open Doors International, claims pressure on Christians in Algeria is increasing, due primarily to the Islamization of the region in the wake of the Arab Spring.

## Sect Builds Temple in "Hidden Jerusalem" (3)

On a ridge that forms the western boundary of Aizawal, the capital of the state of Mizoram in India,

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a marble structure rises above the lush green surroundings. Under development for the past two decades, the building is spread over 3,025 square meters. It has four towers topped with crowns and four pillars emblazoned with seven Stars of David.

A Christian religious sect calling itself The Holy Church is building here what it calls “Solomon’s Temple”—a successor to the original Temple in Jerusalem mentioned in the Old Testament, built by Solomon, the son of ancient Israel’s warrior-king David, and destroyed by successive invaders. The Muslim shrine the Dome of the Rock now stands on that site.

The sect believes Mizoram is the biblical “city in the East,” the “hidden Jerusalem” where, according to prophecy, the resurrected Jesus Christ will dwell before establishing an “eternal kingdom” in present-day Jerusalem.

By the time of its expected completion in 2016, exactly 20 years after the foundation stone was laid on Christmas Day in 1996, the temple will have cost \$3 million, most of it generated by donations from members and anyone else willing to make offerings.

## “Blasphemous” Texts Earn Christian Life Sentence in Pakistani Prison (4)

A Christian man in Pakistan has been sentenced to life in prison for sending “blasphemous” text messages to Muslim clerics. Sajjad Masih was also given a fine of 200,000 rupees (about \$2,000).

Masih was arrested in 2011 for allegedly sending blasphemous text messages to Muslim clerics. According to attorney Javen Sahotra, the conviction came even though court prosecutors could not produce evidence that Masih had committed blasphemy. Sahotra reports that under cross-examination, one of the clerics admitted he had not received any blasphemous text messages as he originally claimed.

Pakistan’s widely condemned blasphemy laws call for death or life in prison for anyone found guilty. Masih is one of many Christians who have been falsely accused of blasphemy in Pakistan, which is nearly 96 percent Muslim. Christians make up just 2.45 percent of the population.

## This month you can... Prepare for Christmas Visitors



Whatever your plans for upcoming Christmas services are, it’s time to start thinking about how a visitor feels while attending your church over the holidays. There are a number of great websites that offer checklists and ideas on how to welcome visitors. Here are a few things to consider:

- Make sure your church has enough extra seating so no one has to stand.

- Have a friend who doesn’t go to your church visit one Sunday—and get their honest, unbiased feedback. Are the entrances and facilities well marked? Is your narthex or lobby confusing to a stranger? Will there be greeters on hand?

- Make sure your website is current.

- Start on time. End on time. Your church may be used to a 15-minute late-start,

late-finish window, but a visitor may have to get home promptly. Don’t make them leave in the middle of the service.

- Encourage your members to be guides, not pointers. Escort visitors when asked for directions.

- Finally, and perhaps most important, fast and pray for the upcoming services and all those who will attend.



## Church Around the WORLD

### Sudanese Christian Flees amid Death Threats <sup>(5)</sup>

A Sudanese Christian has fled the country after authorities in Khartoum threatened to kill him for refusing to provide names of converts from Islam, sources say. The Christian, a native of Sudan's Juba Mountains area, left the country after officials from the National Intelligence and Security Service (NISS) raided his home and then forced him to report to their offices nearly every day. The NISS threatened to kill him if he did not cooperate and reveal the names of Muslim converts to Christianity in Sudan.

Freedom of religion is a key provision of the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, to which Sudan is a signatory. But apostasy, or leaving Islam, is punishable by death in Sudan. Although Sudan has not executed anyone for apostasy in almost two decades, in 2011 and 2012 nearly 170 people were imprisoned and/or charged.

Due to its treatment of Christians and other human rights violations, Sudan has been designated a Country of Particular Concern by the US State Department since 1999.

### American Street Preacher Arrested in London for “Hate Speech” <sup>(6)</sup>

As crowds swelled in the streets of Wimbledon, London, to watch the famed

tennis tournament, Tony Miano stood preaching from his worn Bible to anyone who would listen. A former Los Angeles County deputy sheriff, Miano now spends his time evangelizing outside of abortion centers and on the street while carrying a cross. Miano, who had been preaching for a week already, was teaching on 1 Thessalonians 4:1-12 the day he was arrested, calling on people who have engaged in sexually immoral lifestyles—lust, premarital sex, and homosexuality—to repent. After 25 minutes, local police took Miano into custody because an offended woman had called to complain about the preaching.



While street preaching is not illegal, according to London law, anyone who engages in “homophobic” speech that offends others can be arrested. After questioning the woman, police arrested Miano for breaking Public Order Act Section 5, which prohibits “threatening, abusive or insulting words or behavior . . . within the hearing or sight of a person likely to be caused harassment, alarm or distress thereby.” Miano was later released without any further action.

## New Coalition Defends Religious Freedom in Military (7)

Reports of religious discrimination in the US military have prompted a response: a coalition has organized to ensure military members can express their faith. More than a dozen conservative and pro-family organizations have teamed up to form “Restore Military Religious Freedom.”

Colonel Ron Crews, who served as a US Army chaplain for 28 years, says the coalition has launched a campaign to inform military personnel about their religious liberties, using thousands of printed palm cards. The purpose of the cards is “to say these are what your God-given and constitutionally protected religious liberties are,” Crews said.



Military members can contact “Restore” at [militaryfreedom.org](http://militaryfreedom.org) if they believe their religious freedom has been violated. “They can submit a form that can remain anonymous,” Crews explained. “That would then put them in contact with experienced chaplains and counselors as well as attorneys, if need be, to help them make sure that they can enjoy the religious liberties that they have.”

Crews says the new coalition is also launching an education campaign to let service members know about their constitutionally protected right to religious freedom.

## British TV Channel's Call to Prayer Stirs Controversy (6)

Britain's best-known TV company, Channel 4, has made efforts to justify its live daily broadcast of the *adhan*—the early-hour Muslim call to prayer—which has sparked applause as well as anger. The broadcasts aired each morning at 3 a.m. Greenwich mean time throughout the Muslim holy month of Ramadan.

“We are focusing on the positive aspects of Islam and hoping to explain to a broader public what Ramadan is, and what it means for the 2.8 million Muslims who take part in the UK and provide a platform for different views and different voices,” said Ralph Lee, the network's head of programming. Lee described the decision as an act of “provocation” aimed at viewers who associate Islam with terrorism and extremism.

*To check out more church resources and read the editor's thoughts, please visit us at [www.tyndaleperiodicals.com](http://www.tyndaleperiodicals.com).*

**Give thanks to the Lord and proclaim his greatness.  
Let the whole world know what he has done.** 1 CHRONICLES 16:8

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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 worshipping 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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**"CHANGE FOR CHANGE!"** The 5th & 6th grade Sunday School class wants to change lives! A container is at the Welcome Desk for your spare change! The Haines family in Tucson (Blake Haines Injured in trampoline accident) will be receiving the money.

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Thank you so much for all of your prayers, words of encouragement, gifts, cards, dinner (etc.!) during the Pastors Appreciation month of October! We thank you, too, for the very wonderful "special offering" love gift to us! We are awed at God's love for us, shown through you! We most definitely feel loved, appreciated and encouraged! We appreciate YOU and thank the Lord for you! It is a privilege and blessing to serve alongside of you in the cause of Jesus Christ here at Grace Bible! Thanks again for all you have done for us! We love you!  
- Pastor John and Linda, and Pastor Steve

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Early enrollment with tuition discount for Faith Bible Institute Spring 2013 semester is now open through November 15! FBI brochures are available in our foyer. See Bernie or Connie Comer for more information!

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**TIME TO FILL UP THOSE SHOEBOXES** for our "Operation Christmas Child" ministry! When you take a shoebox (or two!) please also take an "Operation Christmas Child" pamphlet before you pack the box(es). Please be sure to follow all instructions about packing the shoebox(es). "Completed" shoeboxes need to be brought to the church no later than November 24 at noon! Thank you!

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**WEDDING BELLS!** We congratulate CJ Landmann and Savanna Johnson on their recent engagement! Congratulations to Nate & Alicia Yale & family as well! No date has been set yet. Please pray for CJ and Savanna as the Lord prepares them for marriage.

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A list of November 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 November 7, 680 A.D., the Third Council of Constantinople opened under Pope Leo II. The sixth of the church's 21 ecumenical councils, Constantinople III was attended by 165 bishops. During its 18 sessions (held until Sept. 681), the Council condemned Monothelism (a heresy which taught that Christ's will was only divine and not human). Constantinople III is sometimes called the Trullian Council because its sessions were held in the domed hall, Trullos, of Constantinople's Imperial Palace.

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

*"A holy life will produce the deepest impression. Lighthouses blow no horns; they only shine."*

*~ D.L. Moody*