



Grace Notes

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From the Pastor's Desk

"March" I like the name of this month! It speaks of activity, of *doing* something! In fact, as March rolls around each year, we start to get a bit more active as Spring begins to show up (March 20) and Winter fades into memory. We start doing a bit more activities outside as the colder weather moves out and the warmer weather moves in.

In military terms, the name of this month also speaks of a *command*, as in, "Forward, march!" Again, this is the commander telling his troops that they just can't sit around! Rather, they have to *move*, they have to *go*, they have to *do* something!

We are told in the Scriptures that all believers in Jesus are soldiers (2 Tim. 2:1-4) in the army of the Lord. We are to "put on the full armor of God" (Eph. 6:11) each day so that we can be used by the Lord and at the same time resist the schemes of the Devil.

I believe the Lord would remind us, as we think of the name of this month, that He - every day! - commands us to *move*, to *go*, to *do* something for Him! Check out what our Lord tells us in Hebrews 6:11&12: "And we desire that each one of you show the same diligence so as to realize the full assurance of hope until the end, so that you will not be sluggish, but imitators of those who through faith and patience inherit the promises." We are not to be "sluggish" or "slothful" in the work of the Lord. Rather we are to be diligent and make every effort to serve Him in a way that will bring glory to Him, will bring people into the Kingdom of God and will build up the Body of Christ. We are to stand on the promises of God, not sit on the sidelines and watch everyone else serve the Lord! What sort of soldier would it be who would sit around and watch everyone else do the work of the soldier?

So.... In this month of "March"... *move, go, do* something for the Lord! Be a soldier!

Minister to someone in Jesus' Name. Share the Gospel with someone. Help someone. Get involved in some sort of ministry. Ask the Lord what He wants you to do... then do it! It's time to MARCH!

~ Pastor John



"To cultivate unity, I strongly recommend that we all subscribe to the same online service."

DID YOU KNOW.....

1. That there are copies of previous weeks' bulletins right outside Pastor John's office?
2. That you can look at copies of the bulletins, as well as the church calendar and copies of the "GRACE NOTES" - as well as listen to sermons - from our church's website (www.gracebiblegallup.org)?



March 23rd Kitchen Shower & Potluck (watch for details).

Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

What happened to Elimelech in Moab?

He died. (Ruth 1:3)

This month's question:

When Jesus walked on water, what sea was it?

Send your answer to susanixon77@gmail.com or john@gracebiblegallup.org. Please include your full name and address. We'll announce the winner in next month's newsletter.

Oops! I put in the wrong email address last month. Please note the change and send in your answer!



Please continue to pray for the following military men and women:

Ricky Lee (Nellie Lee's son) and **Sean Begaye** all in Afghanistan.

Adam Sowers (Ft. Hood, Texas)

Kyle Pendergast (son of Ophelia Krupica) in Germany

Thank you so much for your service to our country!

YEAR VERSE FOR 2014!

"The Lord does not look at the things man looks at. Man looks at the outward appearance, but the Lord looks at the heart."

- 1 Samuel 16:7b





Puzzle Time

How many words can you get out of St Patrick's Day? No letter can be used twice in a word unless it has two letters that are the same, like peel.

St Patrick's Day



**PIZZA
PARTY**

Did you start attending Grace Bible Church after March 1, 2013? You and your family are invited to "Pizza with the Pastors, Elders and Their Wives" on March 16 right after the morning worship service! The purpose of this time of fellowship is for you to get to know the Pastors, Elders and their families and for them to get to know you! You do not have to bring anything except your appetite! After the meal, there will be a brief "Question and Answer" time concerning the church and its ministries. Please sign up on the sheet on the Welcome Desk.



MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

GUYS: Remember that there is....

1. Weekly Men's Prayer on Thursday nights (7:00) at church.
2. Monthly (usually first Saturday of the month) Men's Breakfasts at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, Gallup 8 AM – 9 AM
Next Men's Breakfast: April 5th and then May 3rd.
Join us!

UPcoming EVENTS

March 1st Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant (8AM-9AM).

March 4th Deacons' Meeting

March 16th Pizza with the Pastors, Elders, and spouses

March 18th Elders' Meeting

March 23rd Amy Shreve/Gary Wixtrom with us (AM Worship Service)

March 23rd Kitchen Shower and Potluck

PLEASE CHECK THE BULLETIN FOR OTHER EVENTS / ACTIVITIES!



Guys: We're going back to Promise Keepers! Put this on your calendar now: **July 25-27th** Loveland, CO. More details to come!

AMY SHREVE / GARY WIXTROM



COMING OUR WAY!

Harpist Amy Shreve, and her husband Gary Wixtrom (guitarist) will be leading us in worship on Sunday morning, **March 23rd**. You don't want to miss this! To learn more about Amy and Gary, go to amyshreve.com. Invite your friends.

NewsLetter DEADLINE The deadline for April's newsletter is March 23rd. Please submit your articles to susanixon77@gmail.com or john@gracebiblegallup.org.



Recipe of the Month:

Slow Cooker Chicken Cacciatore



INGREDIENTS: 6 skinless, boneless chicken breast halves
1 (28 ounce) jar spaghetti sauce
2 green bell pepper, seeded and cubed
8 ounces fresh mushrooms, sliced
1 onion, finely diced
2 tablespoons minced garlic

DIRECTIONS:

1. Put the chicken in the slow cooker. Top with the spaghetti sauce, green bell peppers, mushrooms, onion, and garlic.
2. Cover, and cook on Low for 7 to 9 hours.

Submit
Your
Recipes





Special Days in March

2nd -9th National Sleep Awareness Week

6th Dentist Day

9th Barbie Day

10th Pack Your Lunch Day

11th Organize Your Home Office Day

14th Potato Chip Day; National Children's Craft Day

17th St Patrick's Day; Submarine Day;

17th -23rd National Wildlife Week

18th Awkward Moments Day

20th Vernal Equinox

21st Memory Day

22nd Goof Off Day

30th Doctor's Day



“Get close to God first before getting close to anyone else.

God without a man is still God, but a man without God is nothing.”

Submitted by Dena



Upcoming Youth (Grades 6-12) Events



Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM at the church.
Meeting of the Youth every Sunday night at 6:00 PM at the church.

Check with Pastor Steve for upcoming events!



DO YOU WANT TO BE added to our church's email list? You will receive prayer requests and updates, reminders of upcoming events of the church, missionary letters, etc., etc. If

you would like to be added, simply send a brief note to Pastor John at john@gracebiblegallup.org. If you would like to be removed from the email list, please send a note to that same email address!

IT'S TIME TO "SPRING FORWARD"!!



GBC folks who live in NM: Don't forget to turn your clocks "forward"

1 hour on the evening of March 8. Yes... you lose an hour of sleep!

GBC folks who live in AZ and on the Navajo Reservation: Same as above!

GBC folks who live in AZ but NOT on the Navajo Reservation: Leave your clocks alone! :-)



EXPLORE THE BIBLE WITH US

GET INVOLVED!

You are invited to get involved in one of two LifeGroups (small group Bible study and fellowship):

- Mondays nights (7 PM – 9 PM) at the Luginbuhls' home, 303 Cactus Rd, Gallup. A study in the book of 2 Peter!
- Tuesday nights (7 PM) at the Silvas' home, 621 Vanden Bosch Pkwy, Gallup



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES:

Duane Atkinson (Hard Hats for Christ, USA) - assisting Christian ministries with construction / maintenance projects; evangelism

Jack & Jan Becker (Integrity Missions, Greeley, CO) - Bible studies, evangelism, church planting among Hispanics

Donnie & Renee Begay (Campus Crusade for Christ, Las Cruces, NM) - Evangelism, discipleship among young people on the college campus

Abe & Lizzie Chavez (Navigators, Albq.) - Teaching, discipleship among Roman Catholics

Jim & Barb Choury (Haven Ministries, Aurora, CO) - Evangelism and apologetics teaching and training

Randy & Marlene Green (Mission Mobilization International, Colorado Springs, CO) - Evangelism, training among police officers, military, prisoners, prison guards in many Latin American countries

Laura Hansen (Crossworld, Sibiu, Romania) - Evangelism, children's ministries, discipleship

Paul & Sarah Kontz (AIMI [American Indian Missions, Inc.]) – Pastor of Native Bible Fellowship, Gallup

Wes & Jennifer Miller (AWANA) – NM & Texas AWANA Clubs

John & Joyce Roper (WorldVenture, Oklahoma) – Evangelism / discipleship among international students

Roger & Kathy Scarbro (AIMI [American Indian Missions, Inc.], Globe, AZ) - Church development, Gallup & Zuni, NM, leadership & discipleship training, Youth Bible Quizzing League

Roger & Lynne Schmidt (WorldVenture, Mozambique) – church planting, working with Mozambican churches

Sam & Becky Trommler (Missions Door, Phoenix) - College campus ministry

Sharlene Turner (Lampas International Ministry, a ministry of ACI [Assisting Christian Individuals, Inc.], Mexico City, Mexico) – working among street children of Mexico City

Ben & Tillie Yazzie (Missions Door, Albq.) - Ministry Specialist leading Native Ministry Team; church planting

Staff/Ministry of Broken Arrow Bible Ranch

Hands of Hope Pregnancy Center (Gallup)

We also support CBAmerica, SWCBA, Gallup Transient Fund, and Radio Bible Class



MARCH 17th IS ST. PATRICK'S DAY!

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW?

[Answers will be in the April '14 issue of "GRACE NOTES"]

1. St. Patrick was born, possibly in Scotland, about the year
 - a. 400 B.C.
 - b. 1742
 - c. 120
 - d. 389
 - e. 1150

2. St. Patrick was the man who
 - a. found the first four-leaf clover
 - b. brought Christianity to Ireland
 - c. coined the phrase, "Erin go bragh"
 - d. nailed his theses to the doors of the Catholic church

3. What were the circumstances of St. Patrick getting from his home to Ireland?
 - a. no one really knows
 - b. he just decided to visit Ireland
 - c. he was kidnapped
 - d. his family moved there when he was a boy

4. Our chief source of information about St. Patrick is
 - a. tradition
 - b. Irish historians
 - c. the Bible
 - d. his own writings

5. Name the four countries that "make up" the United Kingdom:

6. Northern Ireland makes up, land-area wise, approximately what portion of the whole island?
 - a. 1/6
 - b. 1/2
 - c. 1/10
 - d. 3/4
 - e. 1/4



7. What does "Erin go Bragh" mean?

- a. Rolling meadows
- b. For Ireland we stand
- c. Ireland forever
- d. May it go well with you
- e. God bless Ireland

8. "Ulster" is another name for

- a. Northern Ireland
- b. Dublin
- c. Southern Wales
- d. the Republic of Ireland
- e. none of the above

9. Circle the two official languages of Ireland

- a. Gaelic
- b. French
- c. Spanish
- d. German
- e. English

10. Ireland's flag is made up of three solid "bands" of color, as described below. What does the white stand for?

- a. purity
- b. nothing in particular
- c. strength
- d. unity
- e. peace

green white orange

11. When did Ireland become an independent republic?

- a. it *still* is not an independent republic
- b. 1841
- c. 448
- d. 1610
- e. 1949



12. Ireland is also known as the “emerald isle” because

- a. its people believe that their land is a real jewel**
- b. of its beautiful green countryside**
- c. of the green algae evident on the rock formations along the shore**
- d. the first ruler was known for his wearing of emeralds**

13. The color orange came to be associated with Protestants in Ireland

because of

- a. no one knows**
- b. the orange-tinted cross atop the first Protestant church in Ireland**
- c. in the color scheme, it is the exact opposite of green, which is associated with the Catholics**
- d. William of Orange’s defeat of James II for the English throne**



DID YOU KNOW?

According to the decision of the Council of Nicea in AD 325, Easter is observed on the first Sunday following the first full moon after the spring equinox. This reckoning places Easter between March 22 and April 25 on any given year (this year, April 20; last year, March 31; in 2012, April 8; next year, April 5!). The last time Easter fell on April 20 was 2003.



TO EXERCISE OR NOT TO EXERCISE....

[From "The Land Magazine", March 2009, page 1]

1. My grandmother started walking 5 miles a day when she was 60. Now she's 97 and we have no idea where she is!
2. I joined a health club last year. Spent about \$400. Haven't lost a pound. Apparently you have to show up.
3. I have to exercise early in the morning before my brain figures out what I am doing!
4. I don't exercise at all. If God meant us to touch our toes, he would have put them further up on our body!
5. If you are going to try cross country skiing, start with a small country!



WE CONGRATULATE the following people, who were baptized at the end of our worship service on Sunday morning, February 9: Frank Amankonah, Dennis Cosens, Whitney Cosens, Dandro Fralinger, Jackson Fralinger, Arthur Rascon, Carlos Silva (by his father), Graciela Silva, and Michael Silva! Let's pray for each one, as they continue to follow our Lord Jesus!



Get ready for AWANA Grand Prix!

Here's the schedule:

March 8th Work on cars

April 5th Work on cars

April 26th Grand Prix

**PANCAKE
BREAKFAST**



Hands of Hope
Pancake Breakfast

It will be held at Pee Wee's Kitchen, 1644 S. 2nd Street, Gallup, **Saturday March 8th**, from 7:00AM-9:00AM. Tickets (\$5.00 each) are available from a volunteer or at the door.

Hope you can come!

It Is Well With My Soul

Text: Horatio G. Spafford Music: Philip P. Bliss

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll; Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate, and hath shed his own blood for my soul.

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! My sin, not in part but the whole is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!

And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll; the trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.



Grace Bible Church March 2014

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 8:00 Men's Breakfast @Don Diego's
2 S.S. 9:00 Worship 10:15 Communion The Edge 6:00 Prayer Time 6:00 Youth Group 6:00	3 7:00 LifeGroup @ Luginbuhls'	4 9:30 Ladies Bible 5:20 Aerobics 6:30 FBI 5:15 Deacons' Mtg 7:00 LifeGrp @ Silvas'	5 AWANA 6:30	6 Ladies Aerobics 5:20 Men's Prayer 7:00	7	8 Hands of Hope Pancake Breakfast (7am-9am) @ Peewee's Kitchen (PM) Clocks "ahead" 1 hour!
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