



# Grace Notes

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## From the Pastor's Desk

Let's see... by rapid calculation, nearly 70% of 2013 is already past! It doesn't seem possible! A new school year has begun, and "Fall ministries" have either begun or are on the verge of beginning.

What do we want to accomplish with all of these "ministries"? As we have learned in recent Sunday morning sermons, the Lord wants us to "minister" (serve) one another as well as those who still don't know Jesus Christ as their Saviour, in order to point them to Christ, no matter what their circumstances.

We also need to evaluate the various ministries of our church. Is the particular ministry helping people grow in their faith in Jesus? Are people being pointed to Jesus because of that particular ministry? Are people being motivated to love Jesus more and to serve others more because of that particular ministry? Are people being encouraged by that particular ministry? Is God being glorified by that particular ministry? These are good questions to ask as we all get involved in specific ministries this Fall!

You say you're *not* involved in any ministry at Grace Bible Church? There are certainly good reasons for not being involved in any ministry at church. Poor health would be one reason. I'm sure there are other good reasons. What you need to ask yourself, if you're not involved in any ministry at our church, is whether you have a good reason, or simply an excuse. Only you can answer that question. All I ask you to do is to prayerfully *ask* the question! Allow the Lord to answer the question for you. If the answer comes up, "excuse", then I urge you to get off the sidelines and get into the game!

We're all on the same team, and your participation is needed and desired! There are plenty of areas in which to minister at Grace Bible. Let me know if you'd be interested in being a part of a ministry at GBC! I'll be glad to try and "point you in the right direction"!

Being involved in a ministry is a wonderful thing! It helps you minister to others, causes your faith to grow, helps you to get to know others, helps you to please the Lord. There really is no "downside"!

Let's together minister to others this Fall, in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ! As we faithfully do so, the Lord will continue to bless!

~Pastor John



### **Congratulations Newlyweds!**

WE CONGRATULATE Michael Cordova and Theresa Diaz on their August 4<sup>th</sup> wedding! Let's pray for them as they have begun this wonderful new chapter in their lives!

Also please continue to pray for the following couples being married in 2013.

- Chris Piano and Sarah Luginbuhl (September 21<sup>st</sup>)
- Ryan Hamilton and Erica Sowers (October 5<sup>th</sup>)
- Lee Charles and Sarah Herington (October 12<sup>th</sup>)
- Lavar Peterson and Martina Muskett (December 7<sup>th</sup>)

... our old man was crucified with Him, that the body of sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves of sin - [Romans 6:6](#)

Pull yourself up, take some time alone with God, and make this important decision, saying, "Lord, identify me with Your death until I know that sin is dead in me." Make the moral decision that sin in you must be put to death.

--My Utmost For His Highest

Submitted by Caleb Chavez.



The deadline for October's newsletter is September 22<sup>nd</sup> Please send entries to [snixon@wildblue.net](mailto:snixon@wildblue.net) or give to Susan or Pastor John.

### Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

Who lied when he was asked to reveal the source of his great strength? **Samson – Judges 16:15**

This month's question:

Who wrote the letter to Philemon?

Send your answer to [snixon@wildblue.net](mailto:snixon@wildblue.net) or see Susan Nixon. Please include your full name. We'll announce the winner in next month's newsletter.



#### UPCOMING PULSE (ENTERING GRADES 6-12) EVENTS!

- Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9 AM at church
- Meeting of the Pulse every Sunday night at 6:00 at church
- Activities coming up! Watch for details!

GET IN ON THE FUN!

Contact Pastor Steve for more details!



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

**Ricky Lee** (Nellie Lee's son), **Sean Begaye** and **Jana Sheffield** (Susan Nixon's niece), all in Afghanistan

**Adam Sowers** (Ft. Eustis, Newport News, VA)

**Jesus Ubanda** (Mike & Christina Nye's son-in-law), in the Marines, on deployment

Thank you so much for your service to our country!





## Puzzle Time

### Categories

	School Supplies	Animals	Books	Trees
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### Did You Know?

The lizard called the "chameleon" has an amazing ability to blend in with its surroundings. It is probably that talent for camouflage, and not any other imagined resemblance to the king of beasts, that led the ancient Greeks to give it its name, which comes from the phrase meaning, "lion that is low to the ground."

A machine that doesn't quite work, and particularly an automobile, is often called a "clunker", meaning, presumably, that the car makes a clunking noise (although it *never* makes the noise when you take it to the mechanic! ☺). "Clunk" is an onomatopoeic word, and seems even noisier when spelled "klunk", which is how the word appeared when it was first spotted in print in 1930.





"Something tells me the party's over."



IT'S COMING!

ALL-CHURCH LABOR DAY PICNIC AT

BROKEN ARROW BIBLE RANCH!

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2 PM - ?

FOR EVERY FAMILY IN THE CHURCH... AND  
YOUR FRIENDS!

ALWAYS A FUN TIME!



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](mailto:john@gracebiblegallup.org). If you would like to be removed from the email list, please send a note to that same email address!



EXPLORE  
**THE BIBLE**  
WITH US

GET  
INVOLVED!

You are invited to get involved in the LifeGroup (small group Bible study and fellowship) that is currently meeting on Mondays nights (7 PM – 9 PM) at the Luginbuhls' home, 303 Cactus Rd, Gallup. A study in the book of 1 Peter!

2013 Year Verse

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

Hebrews 10:24



## A FRESH START FOR AWANA!

AWANA, an international ministry ([awana.org](http://awana.org)) which our church is involved in to reach boys and girls - and their families - for Jesus Christ, starts up again on Wednesday night, September 4 (the Wednesday after Labor Day) at 6:30 PM. "AWANA", an acronym for "Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed" (2 Timothy 2;15) is a Bible-based ministry for girls and boys. Grace Bible Church has been involved in this ministry since 1980.

Our AWANA ministry is for girls and boys age 2 to grade 8. Those in grades 9-12 are able to participate (and we have many young people that do!) in the ministry as "Leaders in Training" ("LITs"). The ages and grades are separated appropriately so that each group has their own game time, handbook time and "Council" (devotional) time. The AWANA ministry "runs" throughout the school year (essentially beginning of September through the first week of May) each Wednesday night from 6:30 to 8:15. When Public School is cancelled because of bad weather or holidays, AWANA is also cancelled.

Many *adults* are also needed each Wednesday night to make the ministry "run"! If you would like to help this school year and/or need more information, please contact Nate Yale, who is the "Commander" of our AWANA ministry. We would love to have you be part of the AWANA ministry! What a thrill to be able to reach boys and girls for Jesus and/or help them grow in their faith!

Please watch for more details, in our church's weekly bulletins, concerning our AWANA ministry!

Let's pray together for a *wonderful*, Christ-honoring AWANA year!



★ EXTRA! EXTRA! ★

# Men's News

GUYS: Remember that there is....

1. Weekly Men's Prayer on Thursday nights (7:00) at church; and
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: September 14 (instead of the 7<sup>th</sup>)! Join us!



Handbell Choir is resuming practice on Tuesdays from 4 pm to 5 pm.

If you want to be a part of the handbell choir or have any questions, please contact Sharon Wilkins.



Sept 1: AWANA Staff Potluck/Meeting (Noon)

Sept 2: All-Church Labor Day Picnic at BABR (2 PM)

Sept 4: AWANA begins for the 2013-2014 School Year (6:30 PM)

Sept 7: AWANA Leaders' Conference (Albq.)

Sept 8: Baby Shower for Natlia and Addison Pete

Sept 14: Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, (8-9 AM)

Sept 15: Praise & Celebration Sunday!

Sept 17: Tuesday Morning Ladies Bible Study resumes

Sept 21: Sarah Luginbuhl/Chris Piano Wedding 3 PM

Sept 22: Bridal Shower for Erica Sowers



## Recipe of the Month: Blueberry Loaf

### Ingredients

Original recipe makes 1 loaf

- 1 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 3/4 cup white sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 cup milk
  
- 1/4 cup vegetable oil
- 1 egg
- 1/2 teaspoon vanilla extract
- 1 1/2 cups blueberries , fresh or frozen

### Directions

1. Preheat oven to 350 degrees F (175 degrees C). Grease a loaf pan.
2. Mix flour, sugar, baking powder, and salt in a large bowl. Stir milk, oil, egg, and vanilla extract into flour mixture until batter is just blended. Gently fold blueberries into batter; pour into prepared loaf pan.
3. Bake in the preheated oven until a toothpick inserted into the center comes out clean, 60 to 70 minutes.





## Special Days in September

2 Labor Day

5 Teacher's Day

8 National Grandparents Day

11 Patriot Day

15 Engineers Day

16 Collect Rocks Day

17 Constitution Day and Citizenship Day

20 POW/MIA Recognition Day

21 World Alzheimer's Day

23 Family Day and Autumnal Equinox

24 World Heart Day

28 Read a Child a Book You Like Day



*We've Lost a Friend*

IN LOVING MEMORY

Andrew Marlowe Kontz

December 14, 1995 – August 3, 2013

# Grace Bible Church September 2013

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>1</b> S.S. 9:00 Worship 10:15 <b>AWANA Potluck</b> The Edge 6:00 Prayer Time 6:00 The Pulse 6:00	<b>2</b> All Church Labor Day Picnic at BARR 2 pm	<b>3</b> Handbell 5:00 pm Aerobics 5:20 pm 6:30 FBI	<b>4</b> AWANA 6:30	<b>5</b> Aerobics 5:20 pm Men's Prayer Time 7 pm	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> AWANA Leaders' Conference (Albq)
<b>8</b> S.S. 9:00 Worship 10:15 <b>Pete Baby Shower</b> The Edge 6:00 Prayer Time 6:00 The Pulse 6:00	<b>9</b> 7:00 Life group @ Luginbuhl's	<b>10</b> Handbell 5:00 pm Aerobics 5:20 pm 6:30 FBI	<b>11</b> AWANA 6:30	<b>12</b> Aerobics 5:20 pm Men's Prayer Time 7 pm	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 8:00 Men's Breakfast
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<b>29</b> S.S. 9:00 Worship 10:15 <b>E. Sower's Bridal Shower</b> The Edge 6:00 Prayer Time 6:00 The Pulse 6:00	<b>30</b> 7:00 Life group @ Luginbuhl's	<b>October 1</b> Morning Ladies Bible Study 9:30 AM Handbell 5:00 pm Aerobics 5:20 pm 6:30 FBI	<b>October 2</b> AWANA 6:30	<b>October 3</b> Aerobics 5:20 pm Men's Prayer Time 7 pm	<b>October 4</b>	<b>October 5</b> 8:00 Men's Brkfst Erica Sowers and Ryan Hamilton Wedding (Albq) Ladies Progressive Dinner 5:30 PM