



Grace Notes

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Anticipation.... It's what Christmas is about for most people! Anticipating school being out for a while, anticipating snow, anticipating receiving Christmas cards from folks we haven't heard from for a while, anticipating going on a trip for the "holidays" to see loved ones or friends (or having them come see us!), anticipating Christmas morning, anticipating Christmas get-togethers....

There was also great *anticipation* at the time of Jesus' birth... anticipation of a Messiah to be born who would release the Jews from Roman slavery! How that anticipation must have grown when the magi showed up at Jerusalem (Matthew 2:1, 2) asking, "Where is He Who has been born King of the Jews?" Verse 3 tells us that King Herod, as well as all of Jerusalem, was troubled by this question! The Old Testament prophets had for centuries prophesied about the coming Messiah. Could that time have arrived? One can only imagine the excitement in the air!

The people were half right... the Messiah had been born! But He was born for a far more important reason than to merely release folks from governmental bondage! He was born to "save His people from their sins" (Matthew 1:21). He was born to die, so that you and I might have eternal life as we trust in Him as our personal Savior! Have you trusted in Him? Do you know Christ personally? I am praying that you do!

As we all *anticipate* Christmas Day of 2018, the start of a brand new year, the return of our Lord Jesus, and Heaven, let us never forget why Jesus was born. Let us never forget the "love that drew salvation's plan", the "grace that brought it down to man", the "mighty gulf that God did span at Calvary!" And while we are remembering, let us also take advantage of opportunities to tell others about why Jesus came!

Merry Christmas! ☺

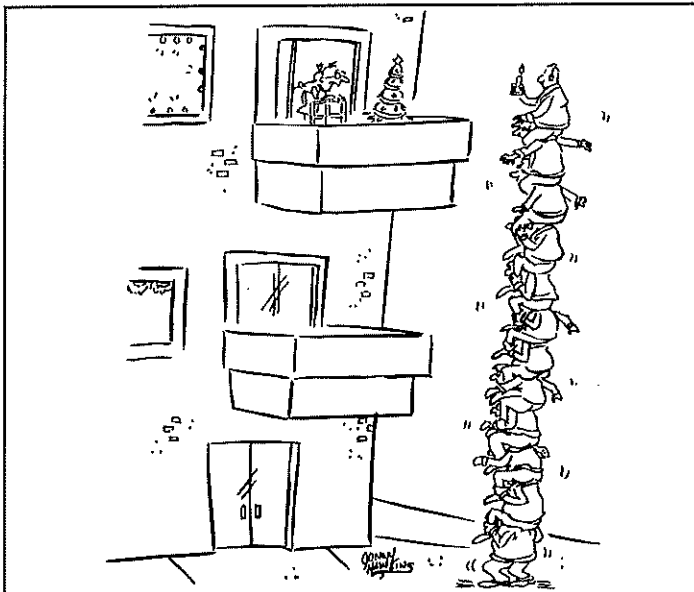
~ Pastor John



Men's Prayer Breakfast



Remember that there is a monthly (usually first Saturday of the month) Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, Gallup, 8:00-9:00AM. Next Men's Breakfast: December 8th and then January 5th.



Cass Park Church's carolers were always ready to make necessary adjustments.

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED

Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

Where is it written, "He will not allow me to catch my breath."? (NKJ) Job 9:18

Congratulations to Michael Silva for winning last month's trivia question and winning \$5.00!

This month's trivia question:

Which prophet predicted that Jesus would be born of a virgin?

You can submit your answer to Pastor John or Susan Nixon or you can email it to

susanixon77@gmail.com or

john@gracebiblegallup.org. Please include your name and address along with your answer.

Don't forget that the winner receives **\$5.00!**

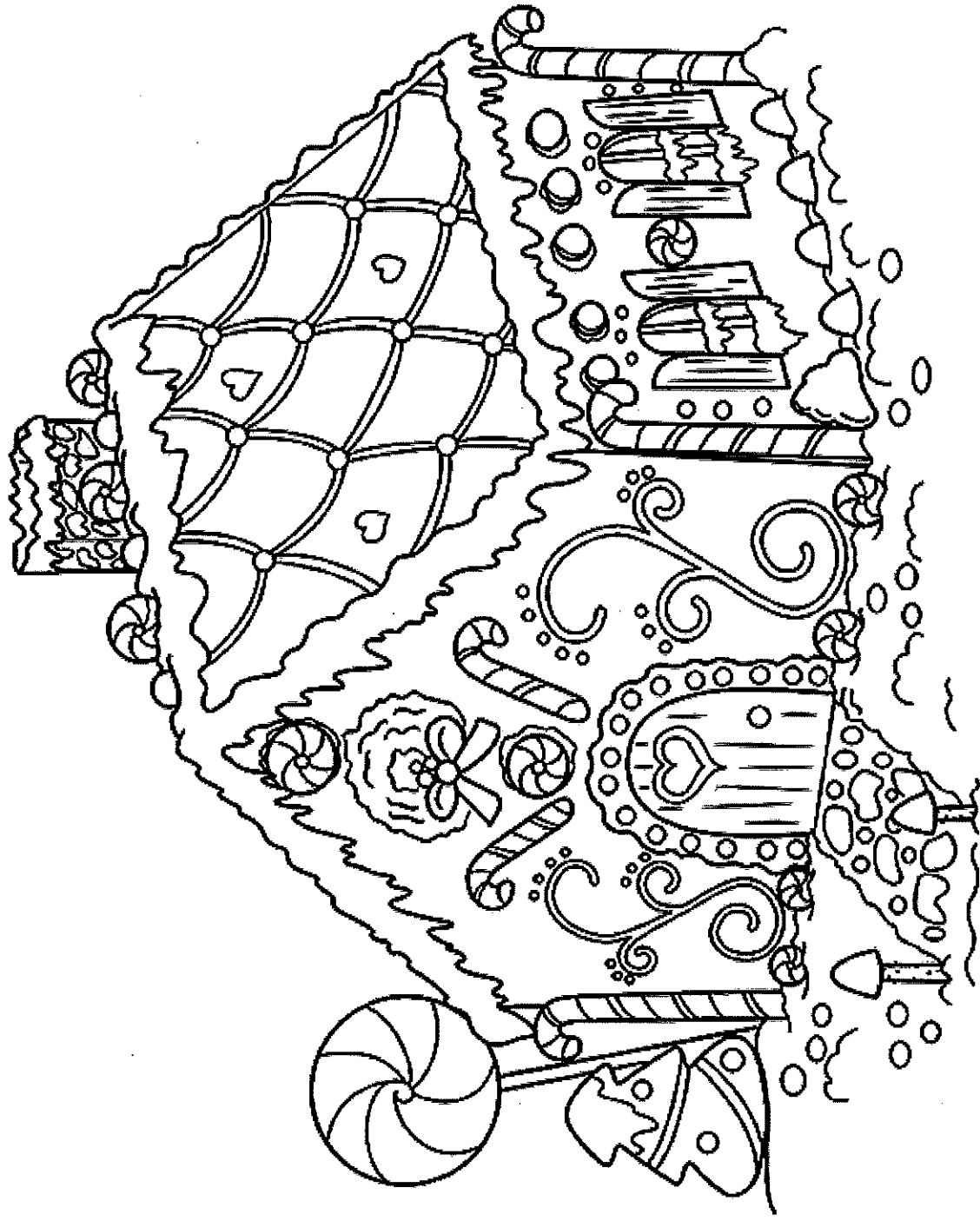
Please continue to pray for the following military men and women:



Sean Begaye in Afghanistan; **Adam & Kseniia Sowers** in Colo. Springs, CO.; **Kyle Prendergast** (son of Ophelia Krupica) in Germany; **Jesus, Jessalyn, Nora and Ayla Ubanda** in North Carolina; **Valgenia Benally** (Marylou Frame's granddaughter) is now "back in the States".

Pray for Israel







Youth Group

(Grades 6-12)

Sunday School every Sunday morning at 9:00 AM at the church.

Youth Group every Sunday night at 6:00 PM at the church.

For more information about special events, please contact Pastor Steve.



The Edge

(Ages 18-25)

The Edge meets every Sunday night at 6:00 PM at the church. Come and join us!

For more information, please contact Jeff Irving. Thank you.

Adult Prayer Meeting



This meets every Sunday night at 6:00 PM in the 3rd and 4th grade classroom at the church.

For more information, please contact Pastor John.

Stay in touch with  e-mail

Do you want to be added to our church's email list? You will receive prayer requests and updates, and reminders of upcoming events of the church, missionary letters, 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.



Bible STUDY Lineup

GET INVOLVED!

You are invited to get involved in the small group Bible studies and fellowship:

Connect Groups: See Calendar (begin week of January 7)

Monday Nights: Impact Group (7:00 PM) 20's and 30's Young Professionals Bible Study.

Tuesday Mornings: (9:30-11:30) **Ladies Bible Study** at the Church.



Christmas

Tuesday, December 25th



- December 2 Ordination Service for Rob Scarbro (3 PM), followed by refreshments
- December 8 Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant (8 AM – 9 AM);
- December 8 Ladies' Christmas Banquet at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch (5:30 PM)
- December 17 All-Church Christmas Caroling, followed by refreshments (7 PM)
- December 24 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (7 PM – 8 PM)
- December 26 & January 2 NO AWANA
- December 30 Bridal Shower for Caitie Yale (afternoon)
- January 5 Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant (8 AM – 9 AM)
- Week of January 7 New Connect Groups Begin!
- January 9 AWANA Resumes (6:30 PM)

Please check the bulletin as well as our Facebook page for other announcements!

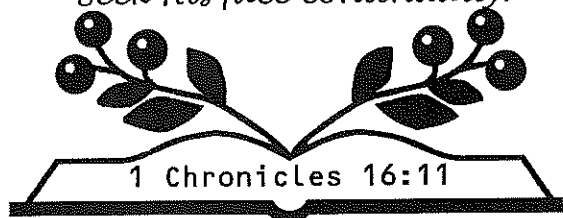
DID YOU KNOW...

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 "GRACE NOTES" - as well as listen to sermons - from our church's website (www.gracebiblegallup.org)?



2018 Year Verse:

Seek the Lord
and His strength.
Seek His face continually.





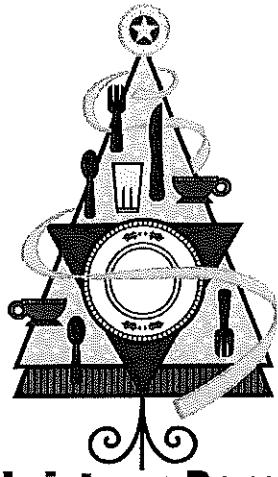
Toys for TOTS



Our AWANA ministry is collecting toys for the "Toys for Tots" program (sponsored by the Marine Corps) on Wednesday, November 28 and Wednesday, December 5. All toys should be brand new. Gift wrapping is not required. All toys earn extra team points for your team!! Let's help some girls and boys have a little better Christmas!!

*YOU ARE INVITED
TO AN
ORDINATION SERVICE FOR
ROBERT SCARBRO
SUNDAY, DECEMBER 2nd, 3:00 PM
AT GRACE BIBLE CHURCH.
REFRESHMENTS FOLLOWING
THE SERVICE.
JOIN US!*





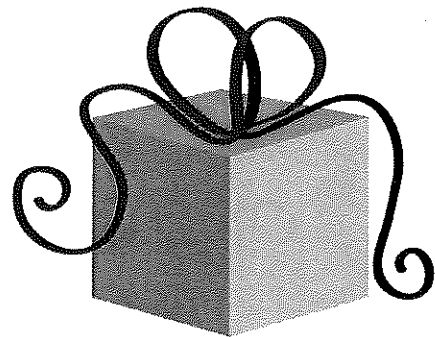
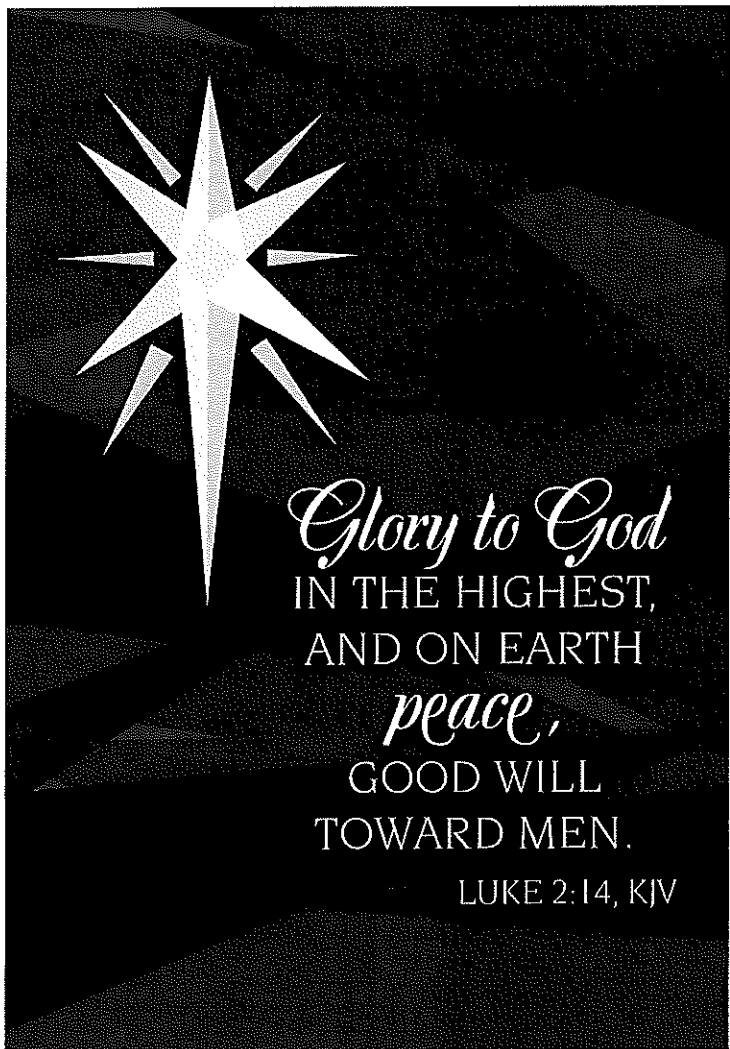
Christmas Banquet

LADIES' CHRISTMAS BANQUET

At Broken Arrow Bible Ranch
Saturday, December 8th, 5:30 PM
\$10 per person

If you would like to exchange gifts,
bring a gift valued at no more than \$10.

Check out the bulletin for more details!



WHAT CAN
WE GIVE
HIM?

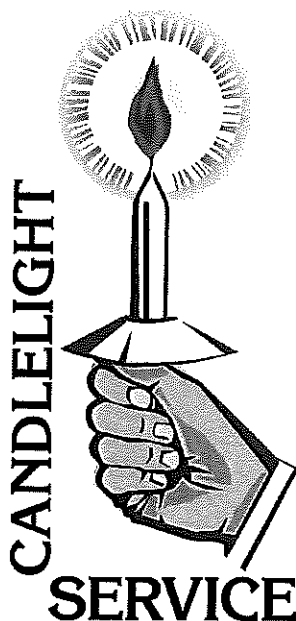


"HERE WE COME H-CAROLING!"

WE'RE GOING CAROLING! ☺

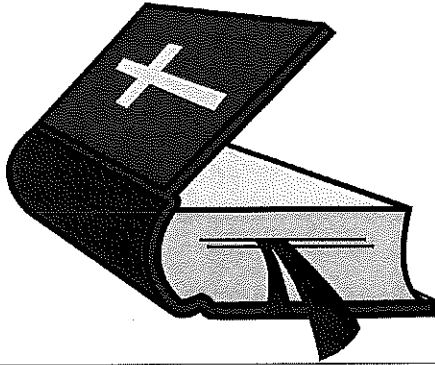
ALL-CHURCH CHRISTMAS CAROLING!
MONDAY, DECEMBER 17, 6:45 PM
REFRESHMENTS AT CHURCH AFTER CAROLING!
BRING THE WHOLE FAMILY!
BUNDLE UP & MEET AT CHURCH!
IT'LL BE GREAT FUN!!

CHRISTMAS EVE CANDLELIGHT
WORSHIP SERVICE
MONDAY, DECEMBER 24th,
7 PM – 8 PM
FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!
JOIN US!



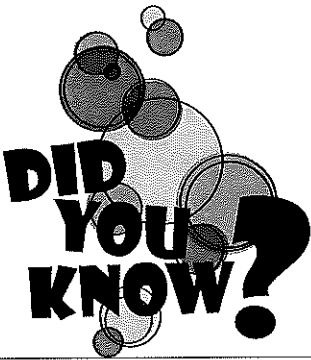
From the Editor

We appreciate your submissions for the newsletter. You can submit poems, articles, puzzles, scripture, testimony, quotes, songs, devotions, etc. You can hand it to Pastor John or Susan Nixon; or email susanixon77@gmail.com or john@gracebiblegallup.org. The deadline for January's newsletter is Sunday, **December 16th!**



YEAR VERSE FOR 2019!

We are looking for a Year Verse for our church for 2019. Something "just right" for all of us at Grace Bible. The Year Verse will be chosen from your suggestions! Please pray about this and submit your suggestions to Pastor John either in person, via the offering plate, or via email (john@gracebiblegallup.org). Thank you!



The month of "January" gets its name from the mythical Roman god, "Janus", god of beginnings and transitions. "Janus" is usually depicted as having two faces, one looking forward, the other backward. Praise the Lord that *our* God - the One, True, Living God - actually *knows* everything about the past, present and future!

By the way... the origin of "December" is a bit more straightforward: it was the 10th month of the early Roman calendar ("decem": ten; "membri": month).

FAITH BIBLE INSTITUTE

Classes begin January 22, 2019
and are on Tuesday nights at 6:30 p.m.

Now is the time to join –
we're starting over from the beginning!

You can enroll online at www.fbiclass.com



For more information, please contact Connie Comer.



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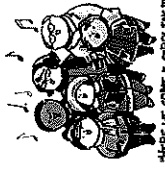
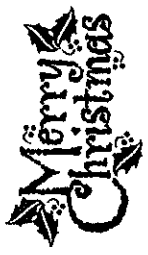
Thank you to everyone who contributed to *Grace Notes* in 2018. We always appreciate your submissions, they make the newsletter more interesting! If you would like to make a submission or a suggestion as to how the newsletter could be better, don't be shy. Let me know in person or email me at susanixon77@gmail.com.



"Translate" each of the 22 statements listed below into recognizable English -
(Hint: Each is a common Christmas saying or song)

1. Move hitherward the entire assembly of those who are loyal in their belief.
2. Listen, the celestial messengers produce harmonious sounds.
3. Nocturnal timespan of unbroken quietness.
4. An emotion excited by the acquisition or expectation of good given to the terrestrial sphere.
5. Embellish the interior passageways.
6. Exalted heavenly beings to whom harkened.
7. Twelve o'clock on a clement night witnessed its arrival.
8. The Christmas preceding all others.
9. Small municipality in Judea, southeast of Jerusalem.
10. Diminutive masculine master of skin-covered percussionistic cylinders.
11. Omnipotent supreme being who elicits respite to ecstatic distinguished males.
12. Tranquility upon the terrestrial sphere.
13. Obese personification fabricated of compressed mounds of minute crystals.
14. Expectation of arrival to populated area by mythical, masculine, perennial gift-giver.
15. Natal celebration devoid of color, rather albino, as a hallucinatory phenomenon for me.
16. In awe of the nocturnal time span characterized by religiosity.
17. Geographic state of fantasy during the season of mother nature's dormancy.
18. The first person nominative plural of a triumvirate of far eastern heads.
19. Tintinnabulation of vacillating pendulums in inverted metallic, resonant cups.
20. In a distant location, the existence of an improvised unit of newborn children's furniture.
21. Proceed forth declaring upon a specific geological alpine formation.
22. Jovial yuletide desired for the second person singular or plural of us.

Grace Bible Church December 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Worship 3:00 Ordination 6:00 The Edge 6:00 Prayer Time 6:00 Youth Group	3 7:00 Impact Group	4 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	5 6:30 AWANA (Toys for Tots)	6	7	8 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Don Diego's Restaurant 5:30 Ladies Christmas Banquet
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23 Regular Services	24 7:00 Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	25 	26 6:30 AWANA	27	28	29
30 Regular Services Shower - Caitie Yale	31					

