



# Grace Notes

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Can it be that Thanksgiving is only a few weeks away? We all know what *that* means: Christmas and 2019 are not far behind!

Psalms 106:1 says, "Praise the Lord! Oh give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, for His lovingkindness is everlasting!" You and I have *much* to give thanks to the Lord for!

Despite the difficulties and heartaches of life, we have so many things to say, "Thank You!" to our faithful God for! Indeed, we should even give thanks for the difficulties and heartaches, for it is in and through these that our faith is strengthened as we experience the power, mercy and love of God. It is through these times that we become more like Jesus!

No matter what is going on in our lives, we should continue to thank our faithful God for the love, grace and mercy that caused Him to send His only begotten Son Jesus to come to this earth for the specific purpose of dying on the cross to pay for our sins and rising from the dead on the third day and then giving us eternal life as we trust in Him! We should continue to thank Him and praise Him for all of His blessings to us as individuals, as families, as a church family. We should continue to thank Him for His provision, His protection, His guidance, His truth! So many things to thank and praise Him for!

My prayer for each of us is that this Thanksgiving is a bit more than just family gatherings, turkey and potatoes, and football. My prayer is that it is also a time of reflecting upon the faithfulness of our God...and thanking Him for it!

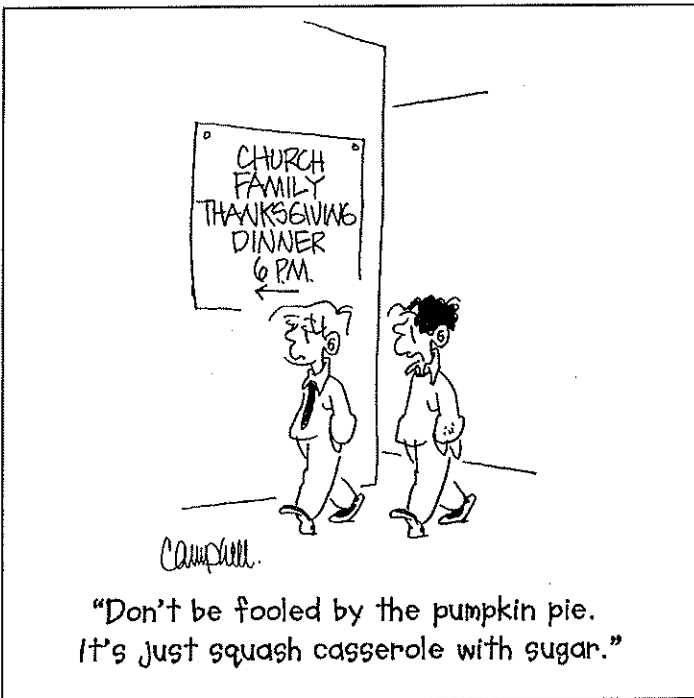
~ Pastor John



## 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: November 3<sup>rd</sup> and then December 8<sup>th</sup>.



**PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED**

## Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

Name Senecharib's chief officer. Tartan (2 Kings 18:17)

**Congratulations to David Irving for winning this month's trivia question and winning \$5.00!**

This month's trivia question:

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

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

[susanixon77@gmail.com](mailto:susanixon77@gmail.com) or

[john@gracebiblegallup.org](mailto: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**






# THANKSGIVING





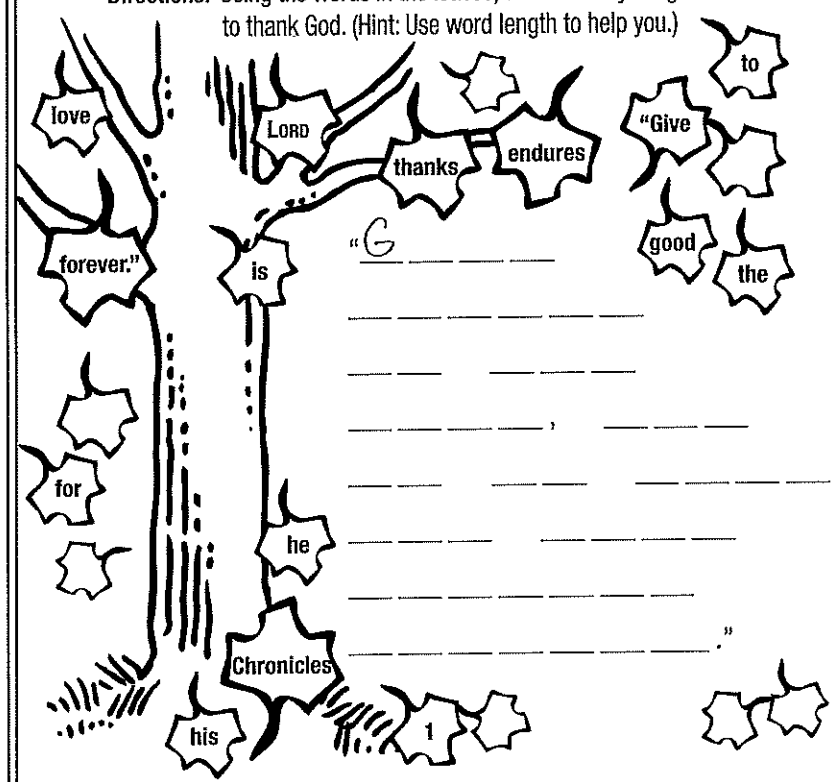
# Puzzle Time



## Why we're thankful

Leaves falling from trees are a sign of autumn's arrival. Giving thanks to God is a sign of our gratitude for his many blessings.

Directions: Using the words in the leaves, discover why it's good for us to thank God. (Hint: Use word length to help you.)



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Answers: "Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever." 1 Chronicles 16:34, NIV



### 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.



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

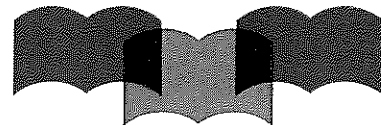


### The Edge

(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.



### Bible STUDY Lineup

#### GET INVOLVED!

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

**Connect Groups:** See Calendar

**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.

### 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.



## November 11, 2018



- November 3 Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant (8 AM - 9 AM)
- November 3 Memorial Service for Chuck Nixon (11 AM)
- November 4 Quarterly Business Meeting (Noon)
- November 21 Thanksgiving Eve Worship Service at GBC (7 PM - 8 PM)
- November 27 Elders' Meeting (6:00 PM)
- December 8 Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant (8 AM - 9 AM)
- December 8 Ladies' Christmas Banquet at BABR (5 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](http://www.gracebiblegallup.org))?

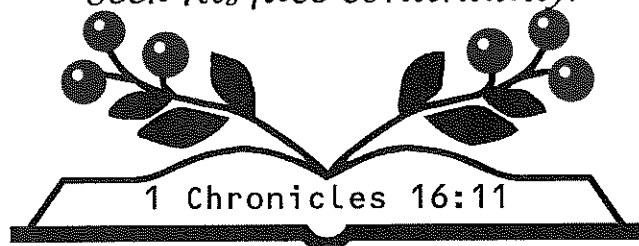


**2018 Year Verse:**

*Seek the Lord*

and His strength.

*Seek His face continually.*





## WORDS OF PRAISE AND THANKS!

### OLD TESTAMENT:

“**YADAH**”: To throw or cast; to give thanks; to laud or praise; to confess something about God; to confess one’s own sin. Used: 114 times in OT, in the following ways: praise (53x), give thanks (32x), confess (16x), thank (5x), make confession (2x), thanksgiving (2x), cast (1x), cast out (1x), shoot (1x), thankful (1x).

Example: 1 Chronicles 16:8

“**TODAH**”: Confession, praise, thanksgiving; giving of praise to God; thanksgiving in songs of worship; thanksgiving choir or procession; thank-offering; sacrifice of thanksgiving. Used: 32x in OT, in the following ways: thanksgiving (18x), praise (6x), thanks (3x), thank offerings (3x), confession (2x). Example: 2 Chronicles 29:31

“**Y’DAH**”: To praise; give thanks. Used: 2 x in OT (Dan. 2:23, 6:10)

“**HALLEL**” [think, “Hallelujah”]: To shine; make shine; to give forth a clear and distinct sound. Example: Psalm 35:18

### NEW TESTAMENT:

“**DOXA**”, “**DOXADZO**” [think, “Doxology”]: Glory; to glorify (over 200x).

Example: John 9:24

“**EULOGEO**” [think, “Eulogy”]: To speak well of (16x). Example: Luke 1:64

“**AYPANOS**”: To praise (11x). Example: Luke 2:13

“**EUCHARISTIA**” [think, “Eucharist”]: Thanks (over 50x in noun and verb form).

Example: Ephesians 5:4

God uses all of these words to describe praising and thanking Him! Perhaps He is trying to tell us something!!



**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](mailto:susanixon77@gmail.com) or [john@gracebiblegallup.org](mailto:john@gracebiblegallup.org).

The deadline for December's newsletter is Sunday, November 18th!



THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE!  
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 21, 7 PM – 8 PM!

JOIN US FOR A TIME OF TESTIMONY, THANKSGIVING AND WORSHIP!

PIE SOCIAL TO FOLLOW SERVICE! BRING YOUR FAVORITE PIE!  
WE'LL PROVIDE THE WHIPPED CREAM! ☺



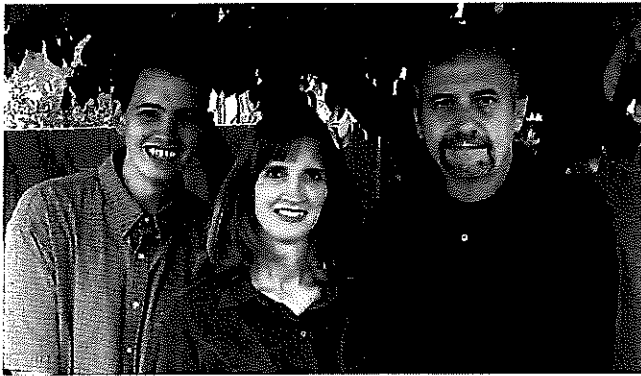


# Missionary Minute

by Connie Viekman

## Pray for Our Missionaries

### Sam and Becky Trommler and son Micah



#### Missions Door

Phoenix, Arizona

“Representing Christ On Campus”

### Erik and Julia Baldwin

WorldVenture

Senegal, Africa

Evangelism and Training





## "OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD!"



We are blessed to be involved again this year - as we have been for a number of years! - with "Operation Christmas Child", a ministry of Samaritan's Purse ([www.samaritanaspurse.org](http://www.samaritanaspurse.org)). Since 1993, the Samaritan's Purse has collected and delivered more than **100 million** gift-filled shoeboxes to children in more than 100 countries. Celebrating its **25th anniversary**, Operation Christmas Child expects to collect another **10 million shoebox gifts in 2018**.

Individuals, families and groups fill empty shoeboxes with gifts of toys, school supplies, hygiene items and notes of encouragement. During **National Collection Week, Nov. 12-19, 2018**, Samaritan's Purse will collect the gift-filled shoeboxes at more than 3,500 drop-off sites in all 50 states and Puerto Rico. **Grace Bible Church is one of those drop-off sites**. At the processing centers (see below), a Gospel pamphlet, in the language of the child who will receive the shoebox, is placed in each box.

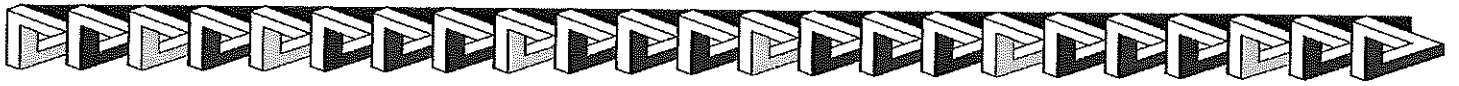
After the boxes are prepared for overseas shipment at eight major processing centers across the United States - Atlanta; Boone, N.C.; Charlotte; Dallas; Denver; Honolulu; Minneapolis; and Orange County, Calif. - Samaritan's Purse and its partners will deliver the gifts to children in more than 100 countries on six continents.

**NOTE:** Donors (**\$9** per shoebox) can find out the country where their shoebox gifts are delivered by using the donation form found at [samaritanaspurse.org](http://samaritanaspurse.org). Click on "Support" and "Follow Your Box". **Please follow instructions carefully.**

Operation Christmas Child shoeboxes are collected in the United States, Australia, Austria, Canada, Finland, Germany, Ireland, Japan, New Zealand, Spain, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

More than 500,000 volunteers worldwide, with over 100,000 of those in the United States, are involved in collecting, shipping and distributing shoebox gifts.

So, Grace Bible sisters and brothers in Christ, let's get involved! Empty shoeboxes can be found in the foyer of our church. Please read the instructions prior to packing a shoebox. "Completed" shoeboxes are due at the church no later than **Sunday, November 18, Noon**. Last year, folks from our church packed **146** shoeboxes full of goodies for children around the world. Lets' see if we can top **200** this year! We in America have so much... the children of the world have so little. Let's help them have a little nicer Christmas. Let's help them hear about Jesus Christ!



## LADIES' CHRISTMAS BANQUET

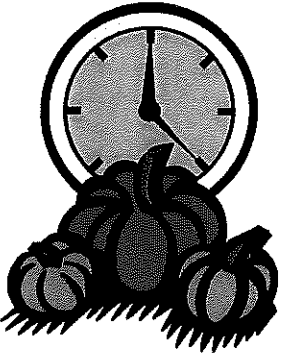
At Broken Arrow Bible Ranch  
Saturday, December 8th!

Watch for details!

TIME TO FALL BACK

Set your  
clocks back!

Daylight Saving  
Time ends  
November 4<sup>th</sup>.



**B U S I N E S S**



**M E E T I N G**

Quarterly Business Meeting  
November 4, 2018 at noon.

## IN LOVING MEMORY

Alan Cumiford

May 2, 1940 – September 22, 2018



Chuck Nixon

July 30, 1952 – October 15, 2018





## A letter to our loving church family, from Marilyn and Jim Hathaway,

Inspired by Robert Scarbro's recent Sunday message, we submit the following "words of wisdom from the ages" (or aged, as it is. You will note, we resist the urge to call him Robbie, tho' we knew him when.)

As many know, Jim and I recently were both blessed and amazed to celebrate our 60<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. We were also surprised when we were actually asked the proverbial question, "To what do you attribute a long marriage?" To what, indeed? We offer the following thoughts.

Perhaps the most obvious answer is that through the Grace and Mercy of our loving and forgiving God, we have been blessed with relatively good health and long lives. We both sprang from some pretty hearty Midwestern Christian pioneer gene pools, for which we can take absolutely no credit whatsoever. Perhaps because we both engaged in medical careers we did choose to live generally healthy life styles, although I do admit to a pretty serious sweet tooth. Jim admits to nothing and I won't tell on him. We also recognize that through our life's travels and adventures we have kept some blessed Guardian Angels pretty busy at times, again through the Mercy of God. We submit, just driving on I 40 requires at least one Angel each. Most important, however, this was a sincere inquiry and deserves a sincere answer. The marriage vows we took before God were unconditional. None of this, 'let's give it a try,' we hear about these days. And no way were our parents going to take us back. (Ok, I do have a problem with sincere.)

The best insight I have is not original but really struck home. A little history first: obviously, we are not young. We were children of the post Great Depression era and were raised by conscientious parents who seldom threw anything away. No, they were not hoarders; it was a simple case of knowing that you might need those glass (yes, everything was glass) mayo jars if next year's canning harvest exceeded expectations. We were the original recyclers, as we kids got the jobs of salvaging stuff.

By the time we were school age America was deep into WW II and our lives were completely immersed in saving the world. Gas, rubber, metal, food, everything was rationed. An orange in the toe of a Christmas stocking was a small miracle and brought us great joy. A chocolate bar was heaven. Imagine this, Nate Yale: one pound of coffee per family every five weeks. No, none for the children! We did not feel deprived. We knew that the military moved in tanks and ships and on its stomach. We did our part, small as it was. Yes, we were normal kids, but to rebel and be an embarrassment to our parents in a small town was a bad idea. But that is another story.

So, here's the message. When something broke we didn't throw it away and run to a big box store to get a new one. We Fixed It. As long as there was a breath of life in anything, it got fixed. There were Mom and Pop fix-it shops and at least one church on every third corner where everything could get fixed. Great Depression survivors were creative in finding work. It didn't matter if it was a toaster, a car or – a relationship; if it broke down or got in trouble, you fixed it. It was a way of life - that lasted a life time. Yes, somethings got to where they no longer could be repaired, but you still didn't run out for a quick replacement unless the money was in your pocket. If you couldn't afford something at the moment you "made do" until you saved for it. If it was a car; you rode the bus. Jim grew up in a farm village; if there wasn't a bus, there was always a tractor. If it was a toaster; well, ovens toast bread just fine. The scent of oven made cinnamon toast dipped in a cup of hot tea on a bitter cold night still sends me down Memory Lane. If it was a relationship; God was there. He was in our churches, our schools, our homes and everywhere, reminding us of why we made certain choices in the first place – and commitments.

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So, if something broke down you did not trash it and run to Walmart for a new one. You fixed it. Are you listening, young people? As long as there was a breath of life in a toaster or a marriage, You. Fixed. It. That's about it, but most important of all is the Grace of our God. Thanks for all of your love shown to us on this amazingly special anniversary. We love you all back, in Christ Jesus.

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# Weddings

WEDDING BELLS!

WE CONGRATULATE THE FOLLOWING COUPLES, WHO WERE MARRIED IN OCTOBER!

Chris Harvey and Robina Henry    October 6  
Joon Lee and Stephanie Walker    October 20

Let's pray for these two couples as they have begun married life!

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"The very fact that a holy, eternal, all-knowing, all-powerful, merciful, fair, and just God loves you and me is nothing short of astonishing. The wildest part is that Jesus doesn't have to love us. His being is utterly complete and perfect, apart from humanity. He doesn't need me or you. Yet He wants us..." - Francis Chan



God's Plan  
by Dan Cadigan

Some people have asked me "what was wrong with homosexuality?" Well, I will tell you what God has to say about the matter. My response is based upon what God says in the Bible. Remember that God is completely holy; and He cannot look upon or approve of "unrighteousness" (also called "sin").

It is all based upon what God declared as "right" and, what he declared as "wrong".

In the Book of Genesis, He tells us that He created man and woman (Adam and Eve), and that they would be joined together in marriage; and then to fill the earth...period; that is what he wanted for mankind; a man and a woman joined together in marriage, and to have children and fill the earth, and teach their children to follow God.

That was His original plan for mankind. And any other relationships like homosexuality, trans-genderism, effeminism, pedophilia, and the like, are not acceptable to God; they do not fulfill the plan of God. He created us; so, we are "expected" to live by His "rules"; He set the "rules". But He also gave mankind "free-will"; that is that mankind can decide to follow God and His plan, or not; that is, to go their own way, to do what is right in their own eyes.

Many people also believe that a homosexual relationship is a relationship just based upon lust, selfishness, and, in some cases, exhibitionism.

You have heard about the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah (this story is also in Genesis in chapter 19). There was rampant immorality in these cities; and especially rampant homosexuality. So, God destroyed them; except for a man named Lot and his family. Also, one of the reasons that God flooded the earth (that is, the story of Noah, the Ark, and The Flood; which is also in Genesis) is because there was rampant immorality on the earth; and Noah and his family were the only "righteous" people on the earth. In the Book of Leviticus (known as the Book of The Law), in chapter 18, verse 22, God tells Moses, "You shall not lie with a male as with a woman. It is an abomination."

In the New Testament, in the Apostle Paul's First Epistle to the Corinthian Church, he says in chapter 6, verses 9 & 10, "Do you not know that the unrighteous [those that go against God] will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor idolaters [those worshiping false "things", or false gods], nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, will inherit the kingdom of God."

You may think that it is just too hard to be good enough to get to God and Heaven. But He took into account mankind's unrighteousness/sinfulness. In the New Testament, in the Gospel of John, he wrote in chapter 3, verse 16, "For God so loved the world [mankind] that He gave His only begotten son [Jesus the Christ], that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." So, we need to accept Jesus to be our Lord and Savior, and to be our intercessor before God. Also, in the Gospel of John, Jesus told His Apostles in chapter 14, verse 6, "Jesus said to him [speaking specifically to the Apostle Thomas], 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father [to Him or His kingdom in heaven] except through Me.'"

I hope that this clarifies why I said that homosexuality is "wrong". Again, it just violates God's Plan; for we are His creation; but, beware, the Evil One (that is, the Devil), continually tries to tempt people away from God.

Prophecy Update:



Things continue to heat up in the Middle east. Russia has basically "taken over" Libya, and Turkey has moved in to Sudan. This expands the coalition forming in the Middle East; even as most of the U.S. media ignores what is going on in the Middle East.

Remember that the focal point of the Tribulation is Israel.

Flooding and storms continue to plague the U.S. and other countries.

These surely appear to be The Last Days.

# Grace Bible Church November 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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