



Grace Notes

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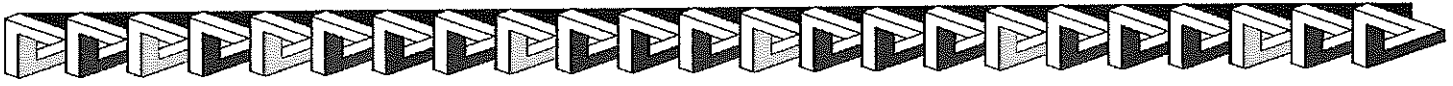
Fall began on September 22! Already we have noticed a change in the weather, a change in some colors, and a change in the time the sun sets, etc. There's change all around us! Some of us did not want Summer to end, but there's not much we can do about it! ☺

We live in a world of change. Things change every day, in the world, in our lives, in sports, in politics, in economics...in every area of life! Change is a part of the human experience!

But some things, praise the Lord, do NOT change.... like the love of God, salvation in Jesus Christ alone, the faithfulness of the Lord, and His mercy and grace. God never changes (Malachi 3:6: "For I, the LORD, do not change." Hebrews 13:8: "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."). Our God is a rock! *He* never changes, and thus His *Word* never changes. Our God can always be trusted. He can always be counted on. You and I can "take His promises to the bank." They never change. What a wonderful God we serve! Because God and His Word never change, we are free to cry out to Him, to lean upon Him, to stand on His promises, to trust Him. Are you doing this? He will *never* let you down!

As the weather continues to change, as *life* continues to change, make sure you are trusting in the One Who *never* changes! Hang onto Him in the good times of life as well as in the storms of life! We serve a great God, a wonderful Saviour!

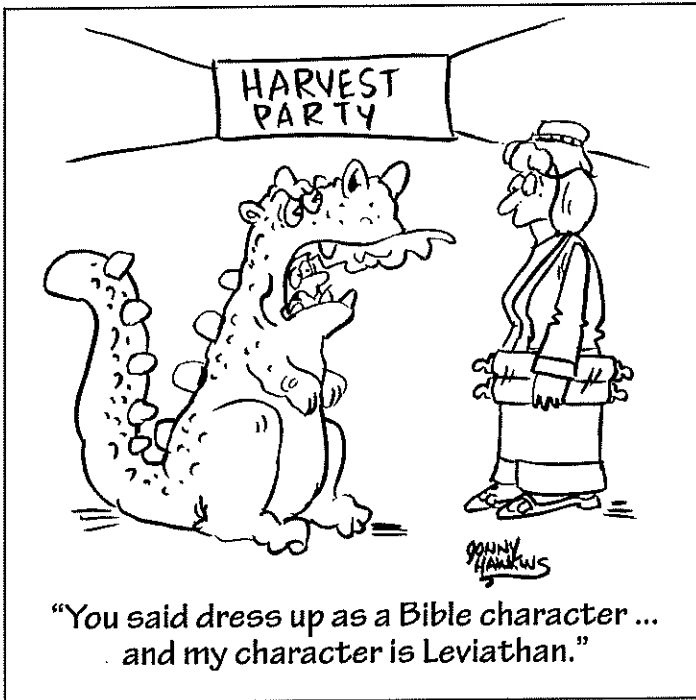
~ Pastor John



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: October 6th and then November 3rd.



PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED

Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

What did Joshua do that was similar to something that Moses did? He parted the Jordan River so that the nation of Israel could walk across to the Promise Land.

No winner last month.

This month's trivia question:

Name Senecharib's chief officer.

You can submit your answer to Pastor John, Chuck 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



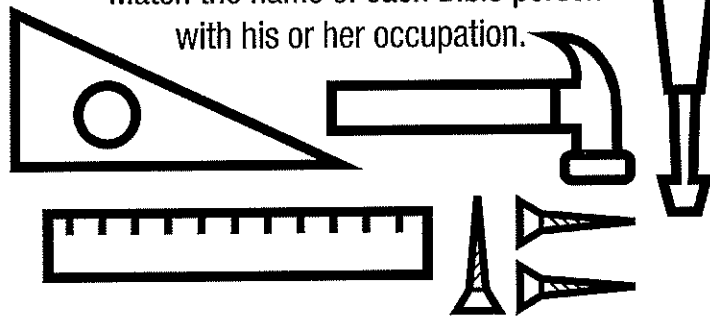




Puzzle Time

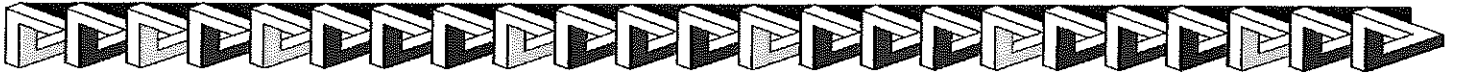
Puzzle!

Match the name of each Bible person with his or her occupation.



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| 1. Nehemiah | A. soldier |
| 2. Luke | B. carpenter |
| 3. Demetrius | C. cupbearer |
| 4. Matthew | D. clothseller |
| 5. Lydia | E. fisherman |
| 6. Joseph | F. shepherd |
| 7. Paul | G. tax collector |
| 8. Cornelius | H. tailor |
| 9. Tabitha | I. silversmith |
| 10. Amos | J. priest |
| 11. Eli | K. tentmaker |
| 12. Peter | L. physician |

Answers: 1. C, 2. L, 3. I, 4. G, 5. D, 6. B, 7. K, 8. A, 9. H, 10. F, 11. J, 12. E



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

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.



Reformation Day

Wednesday

October

31, 2018



- October 6 Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, Gallup (8 AM – 9 AM)
- October 7 Bridal Shower for Stephanie Walker (afternoon)
- October 20 Joon Lee / Stephanie Walker wedding
- October 23 Elders' Meeting (6 PM)
- October 27 Ordination Council for Robert Scarbro, at GBC, 8 AM
- October 27 PM: "Cultural Night"!
- October 28 Quarterly Business Meeting (Noon)
- October 31 AWANA Bible Character Dress-Up Night / Trunk or Treat
- October 31 Halloween Outreaches
- November 3 Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, Gallup (8 AM – 9 AM)

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

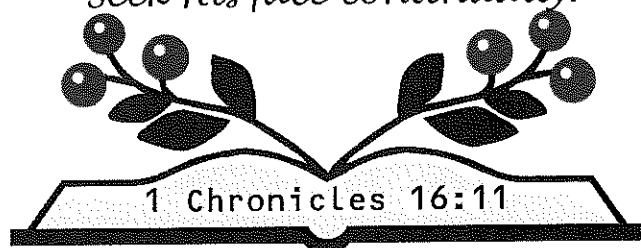
DID YOU KNOW...

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.*





*The LORD is
my light and
my salvation;
whom shall I fear?*

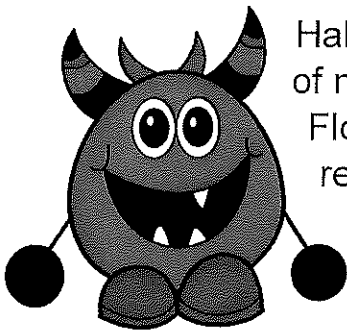
PSALM 27:1, NRSV



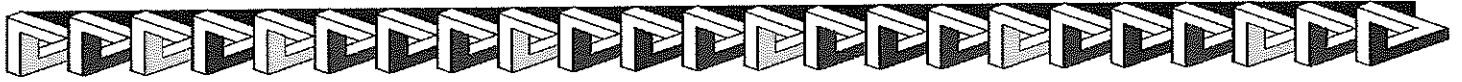
From the Editor

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 November's newsletter is Sunday, October 21st!



Halloween and monsters seem to go "hand in hand". Are you afraid of monsters? Have you ever been affected by a *monster* storm (like Florence)? The Latin word, *monere*, means, "to warn", as in the related, "admonish," while *monstrum* was originally thought to be an omen sent by a god as a kind of warning - an omen that might include scary apparitions, giving us our sense of "monster" as meaning, "something frightening."



HALLOWEEN, REFORMATION DAY, THE FIVE “SOLAS”

Psalm 119:18, 138:2; 2 Timothy 3:14-17

1. Halloween

- A.D. 835: Pope Gregory IV designated November 1 as “All Saints Day” or “All Hallow’s Day” (“Hallow” referring to saints) -a celebration in remembrance of saints and martyred saints. The day/night before this was known as “All Hallow’s Evening”. The term eventually got “condensed”, dropping the “All”, the sin “Hallow’s” and the v and ing in “Evening”, to “Halloween.”

- In the church, “Halloween” took the place of a special day celebrated by the ancient Druids, who were the learned or priestly class of the Celtic religion. The Celtic people, who lived in northern France and the British Isles, engaged in the occult and worshipped nature. They worshipped the sun god, *Beltane*, as well as another god, *The Lord of Death* or *The Lord of the Dead*. They worshipped this god primarily on a day known as, “Samhain”, October 31.

- As the Celts and their Druid priests began their New Year on November 1 (marking the beginning of Winter), they believed that on October 31 (New Year’s Eve), the *Lord of the Dead* gathered the souls of the evil dead, who had been condemned to enter the bodies of animals (it was believed that the good dead were reincarnated as humans). *The Lord of the Dead* would decide at that point what animal form they would take for the next year. But before that, the souls of the good and evil dead were allowed to roam about for hours to associate once again with their families. Thus the Celts believed that on October 31, ghosts, evil spirits and even witches roamed about. Large bonfires were lit to frighten away the evil spirits. Several days prior to October 31, boys would roam the neighborhoods begging for material for the bonfires. On the night of October 31, evil or frustrated spirits were also supposed to play tricks on humans and cause supernatural manifestations. People put on grotesque masks and danced around the bonfires pretending they were being pursued by evil spirits. While the fires were lit to frighten away the evil spirits, food was put out to make the souls of the *good* dead feel welcome and at home.

This type of celebration, the “Night of the Dead”, was certainly not unique to the Celts! Many cultures have this! In Mexico, the “Day of the Dead” is a national holiday which begins October 31 and lasts several days.



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We can see where at least some of modern-day Halloween practices came from! While for most children and their parents in our society, Halloween is an innocent, fun time, Halloween is a very serious time for witches and other occultists....

2. **Reformation Day** (October 31)

- October 31, 1517: Martin Luther posted a proposal on the castle church doors in Wittenberg, Germany, to debate the doctrine and practice of indulgences. The proposal is commonly known as Luther's "95 Theses."
- Not an act of defiance or provocation. The Castle Church faced Wittenberg's main thoroughfare and thus the church doors functioned as a public bulletin board.
- Luther's action touched off what is now known as the "Protestant Reformation."
- For these actions and for what took place in subsequent meetings with church officials, Luther and his supporters were excommunicated from the [Catholic] church (1520).

3. **The Five "Solas"**, The "Watchwords" (rallying cries, main principles) of the Protestant Reformation

- Five Latin phrases that emerged during the Protestant Reformation that summarized the Reformer's basic theological beliefs concerning salvation. These beliefs contradicted the Roman Catholic Church of the day (and today!)
- "Sola" means, "alone" or "only."

"Sola Scriptura" (Only Scripture)

- the foundational principle of the Reformation!
- the Bible is the only inspired and authoritative Word of God, is the only source for Christian doctrine, faith and practice, and can be interpreted by the believer in Christ with the aid of the Holy Spirit. Psalm 119:89; 2 Tim. 3:14-17; Rev. 22:18, 19

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- Luther: "A simple layman armed with Scripture is greater than the mightiest pope without it."
- Galatians 1:8 Luther: "The true rule is this: God's Word shall establish articles of faith, and no one else, not even an angel, can do so."
- How do we determine what we hear/read/think is true or not?
Answer: The Word of God, the Bible!

"Sola Fide" (Only Faith [in Christ]) "Justification by faith alone"

- Salvation, eternal life, is obtained **only** through faith in Jesus Christ, and *not* by "good works". Rom. 3:28; Eph. 2:8-9; 2 Tim. 1:9; Titus 3:5-6. Martin Luther called this, "the doctrine by which the Church stands or falls."

"Sola Gratia" (Only Grace)

- Salvation comes by God's grace or "unmerited favor" – not by something earned or deserved by the sinner. God acts alone to save the sinner, Acts 15:11; Eph. 2:5, 8, 9.

"Solus Christus" (Only Christ)

- Jesus Christ is the only mediator between God and man (1 Timothy 2:5). There is salvation through no one else but Jesus Christ (John 14:6; Acts 4:12, 16:31).

"Soli Deo Gloria" (Only God's Glory)

- All glory is due to God alone, since salvation is accomplished through His will and action. No human is to receive the glory for eternal life (or for anything else!) (Is. 6:3; 1 Cor. 10:31; Galatians 6:14).

**THESE FIVE "SOLAS" SHOULD BE OUR
"WATCHWORDS" AS WELL!!**



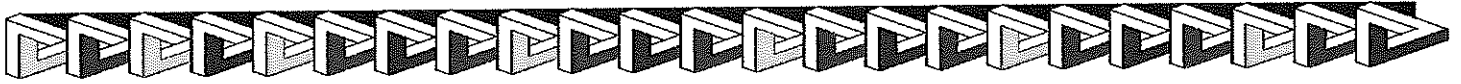
We congratulate

Caitie Yale and Luckson Caprician
on their recent engagement!

Wedding Date: May 25, 2019

Our congratulations to the entire Yale family as well!

Don't forget to keep praying for Joon Lee and Stephanie ("Mia") Walker as they prepare to be married on October 20! Bridal Shower Oct. 7!!



Ordination Council



As many of you know, Robert Scarbro graduated a little while back from Dallas Theological Seminary, and is currently seeking the Lord's direction for full-time ministry. "Getting ordained" is the next logical step - a *good* step - for Robert (and Heather, his wife) in his/their ministry career.

Robert asked if Grace Bible Church would be willing to convene an Ordination Council so that he could be examined by brothers in Christ as to his testimony, call to ministry, stand on doctrines (etc.).

As per our church's Constitution, Robert's request was brought to our Board of Elders. They were unanimous in proceeding with the Ordination Council.

Also, per our church's Constitution, Robert's request was brought to our congregation. On July 29, 2018, at a regularly-scheduled Quarterly Business Meeting of our church, the membership of our church voted unanimously to proceed with the Ordination Council.

The Ordination Council is set for Saturday, October 27, 2018 at Grace Bible Church in Gallup, in the gymnasium.

The members of the Ordination Council are:

Pastor John, Pastor Steve, Steve Knox (Chairman of Elder Board of Grace Bible Church), Dino Butler (Worship Leader of Grace Bible Church), Roger Scarbro (Robert's father, and Youth Pastor at Zuni CRC Church), Paul Kontz (Pastor of Native Bible Fellowship), Mike Meekhof (Pastor of Zuni CRC Church), Jason Koppen (President of Indian Bible College, Flagstaff, AZ), Paul Sowers (Elder, Grace Bible Church), and Cliff Vanderbush (Pastor, Living Springs Fellowship)

The schedule for the Council is as follows:

8 AM – 8:30 AM Food / Fellowship

8:30 AM – 12:30 PM Ordination Exam (with several breaks)

12:30 PM Lunch / Depart

You all are invited to be part of this great day! Join us between 8 AM and 8:30 AM on October 27! While you will not be able to ask Robert questions during his exam, you can come and witness the proceedings and be an encouragement to him and Heather! Join in on the fellowship as well!



Prophecy - X-n - Part 1
The Book of the Revelation
The Woman and the Scarlet Beast
and Mystery Babylon

This month we will review chapter 17 of The Book. It deals with The Woman on the Scarlet Beast., and The Great Mystery Babylon. There are several views as to what Babylon represents. Is it talking about the actual City of Babylon (which is in Iraq), a different city in the world (such as New York City, Paris, Rome, or London) a world-wide religion, and other views as to what this is describing? This will be discussed below.

John writes in verses 1 - 4, "Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, 'Come, I will show you the judgment of the great harlot who sits on many waters [that is, many nations], with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication.' So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication."

There are several interpretations to this "scene". Generally, it is believed that the "woman on the scarlet beast" represents the world-wide church of the anti-Christ. It says in verse 9 that, "the seven heads are the seven mountains on which the woman sits". These seven mountains are probably referring to the "Seven Hills of Rome". Verse 10 also talks about the Seven Great Kingdoms of history, which would be the inclusion of the areas and people of these Seven Great Kingdoms of history as noted in The Book of Daniel, chapter 2 (the Image of Nebuchadnezzar's dream); Egypt, Assyria, Babylon, Medo-Persia, Greece, Rome, and the revived Roman Empire. In that same chapter of Daniel, the "ten horns" represent the ten kingdoms of the revived Roman Empire, which are also noted in chapter 2 of Daniel. As stated in verse 4, "the woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls", this represents the opulence and great wealth of the "church" of the anti-Christ.

John continues in verses 5 - 8, "And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement. But the angel said to me, 'Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast that carries her, which has the seven heads and the ten horns. The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit [that is hell] and go to perdition [perdition - a state of eternal damnation into which a sinful person who has not repented passes after death]. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is."

Next month, we will complete the review of chapter 17 of The Book of The Revelation.

Prophecy Update

Things continue to heat up in the Middle East. Russia is moving more troops into Syria and Iran. Iran continues to move more of its troops into Syria. Recently, Syrian troops accidentally shot down a Russian plane while trying to shoot down an Israeli jet; and Russia blamed Israel for it. The economies of Russia, Iran, and Turkey are in bad shape; especially, since President Trump pulled out of the "Iranian Deal"; and they need the "plunder" (oil and gas) from Israel to prop-up their economies. It would literally only take somebody pressing the wrong button to start WWII in the Middle East.

The Yellowstone Super Volcano continues to rumble. If/when it goes off, and if it goes off "full force", it will destroy the cities around it such as Cheyenne, Denver, and Salt Lake City, and cause turmoil worldwide! But remember that God is in control.

And the "roaring of the waves" and flooding still continues as witnessed by the recent east coast hurricane and flooding.

With all that is on, I encourage you to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior; just call on/to Him, and follow Him. And then, be a witness of salvation through Jesus Christ to your unsaved family and friends, relatives, neighbors, and co-workers. Remember that we are not good enough to "work" our way to Heaven (that is, by doing "good deeds and good works"). And neither can your church, nor your "priest", nor your "family", nor your religion, nor your money save you. Please do not let your "pride" stand in the way of, or procrastinate, your decision to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior! Remember what Jesus said in The Gospel of John, chapter 14, verse 6, "Jesus said to him [that is to the Apostle Thomas], 'I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life. No one comes to the Father [to His Kingdom in heaven] except through Me.'"

Also, in the Gospel of Matthew, chapter 6, verse 24, Jesus tells His followers, "'No one can serve two masters; for either he will hate the one and love the other, or else he will be loyal to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and mammon [that is the "things" of this world, including "false" teachings or false "objects" of worship].'" We as Christians should not "cling" to the things of this world; we are going to leave all of them behind; even, unfortunately, our unsaved loved ones.

There is a wonderful Kingdom of Heaven, to be gained; Heaven is going to be a new life with Jesus Christ! But there is also the Tribulation and Hell (the Lake of Fire) to avoid at all costs!! The Tribulation is going to be a horrific time (much worse than anybody expects!); with the return of the Nephilim (the fallen angels), demons, and the giants, and the coming of the False Prophet, the Antichrist, and the Dragon!

The Rapture of Jesus' Church is imminent; and there is now happening "The Convergence" (the coming together) of the signs of the Last Days. Remember that your soul is eternal and will live forever! Either with Jesus...or in the eternal torment of Hell!

Grace Bible Church October 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	3	4	5	6 8:00 Men's Breakfast @ Don Diego's Restaurant
	7:00 Impact Group Connect Group	Connect Group	6:30 AWANA Connect Group	Connect Group		
7 9:00 Sun. School 10:15 Worship (Aft.) Bridal Shower 6:00 The Edge 6:00 Prayer Time 6:00 Youth Group	8 Columbus Day 7:00 Impact Group Connect Group	9 9:30 Ladies Bible Study	10	11	12	13
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