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HAPPY JULY 4TH!! I hope that you have a good and safe one with family and friends!

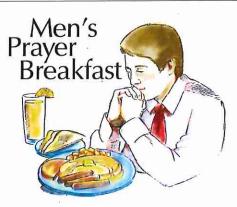


It is good to think about *freedom*! It was on July 4, 1776 that the "Declaration of Independence" was adopted. Freedom from Great Britain! How wonderful it is that we still live in the "land of the free and the home of the brave!" The freedoms that we enjoy in our great land was secured and preserved at a great price... the time, efforts, blood and lives of many men and women throughout the years! We thank and honor all who have ever served in our nation's military as well as those who still are serving! We thank you all for your sacrifice! Let's use the wonderful freedoms we enjoy in our nation to spread the Gospel and expand the Kingdom of God!

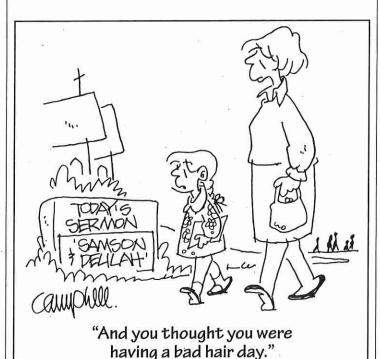
Spiritual freedom, in Jesus Christ, was also secured at a great price - the suffering, bleeding and death of Jesus Christ. Freedom from the bondage of sins, freedom to live our lives the way God intended us to live them, and freedom from eternal damnation in Hell all come by trusting Jesus Christ as our Saviour, Who sacrificed Himself in our place (but, praise the Lord, rose from the dead on the third day!). John 8:36 tells us that if the Son makes us free, we will be *truly* free... free to obey the Lord, free to have a wonderful, abundant life (John 10:10), free to glorify and honor the Lord, free to serve the One Who set us free from bondage, free to share the wonders of our Lord's grace! We believers in Jesus Christ are not enslaved to *religion*, like many people are today. Rather, we are FREE to love, worship and serve the One Who loved us first! We are FREE to have a *relationship* with Him! What a wonderful truth! We have learned the truth, and the truth has set us free (John 8:32). Praise the Lord!

Happy Independence Day!! Enjoy your freedoms... in the United States of America, and in Jesus Christ! Use those freedoms for His glory!

~ Pastor John



Remember that there is a monthly (usually the 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: July 6th and then August 10th.





Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

What was as common as stones during King Solomon's reign? Silver (1 Kings 10:27)

Congratulations to Beth Hess for winning last month's trivia question! She won \$5.00.

This month's trivia question:

Who was the king of Judah when Nebuchadnezzar conquered Jerusalem?

You can submit your answer to Susan Nixon or Pastor John 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:



Kyle Prendergast (son of Ophelia Krupica) in California; **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



"IN DEPENDENCE" DAY!

Always live "in dependence" on God.

Directions: Use the vowel code to complete Psalm 16:8, NIV.

Answer: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken. Psalm 16:8, MIV



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 Yoder.



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.



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.



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.

<u>Tuesday Mornings</u>: (9:30-11:30) **Ladies Bible Study** at the Church. **On hiatus for the summer.**



Thursday, July 4, 2019



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July 4	Independence Day!!
July 6	Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, Gallup
July 14	Youth (Grades 6-12) Ice Cream Social, 6 PM - 7:30 PM
July 19	Youth (Grades 6-12) ANIME Night at Yoders'
July 28	Quarterly Business Meeting
August 10	Men's Breakfast at Don Diego's Restaurant, 801 W. Hwy 66, Gallup

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)?



2019 Bible Verse

Trust in the Lord forever, for in GOD the LORD, we have an everlasting rock. Isaiah 26:4

Summer... ice cream sundaes.... Yum!! ©

In much of the United States until recent times, "blue laws" regulated whether stores could open and what they could sell on Sundays. Ice cream parlors were no exception. In the late nineteenth century, an Illinois entrepreneur skirted the law by selling not ice cream on that day but rather what he called, "sundays", a word that did not turn up on the list of forbidden goods. To avoid offending religious sensibilities, he later changed the spelling to, "sundaes" in advertisements!

"BETROTHED"? Many folks get married in the summer months! But what does, "betrothed", mean? When you are "betrothed", if you are true to the very old English word (it first turns up in 1300) then you have given your "troth", your truth or sworn word, to the person you plan to marry that you will carry that promise through. "Troth" had a range of verb and noun forms once upon a time, but now it is found almost exclusively in the words, "betrothed" and "betrothal".

"Hot Dog"? No... not your dog sitting outside in the sun... the food! The hot dog is said to have originated at the 1904 St. Louis World's Fair, when a Bavarian named Anton Feuchtwanger apparently lent his customers gloves with which to hold hot sausages. When the gloves weren't returned, he employed his brother – a baker – to provide buns instead! Another theory is that hot dogs were invented by Harry Stevens at the New York Polo Grounds in 1901, when, on a cold day, he bought dachshund sausages (no, not made from the dog!) and sold them in warm buns to the New York Giants fans. A sports cartoonist of the day, Tad Dorgan, drew a cartoon of it, and unsure how to spell, "dachshund", wrote, "Hot dog!" While this is commonly believed to be where the term originated, similar items were sold in Germany well before that time, and it is said that the St. Louis Browns owner Chris von der Ahe sold them at his baseball park in 1880.

THERE IS STILL TIME FOR CAMP! ©



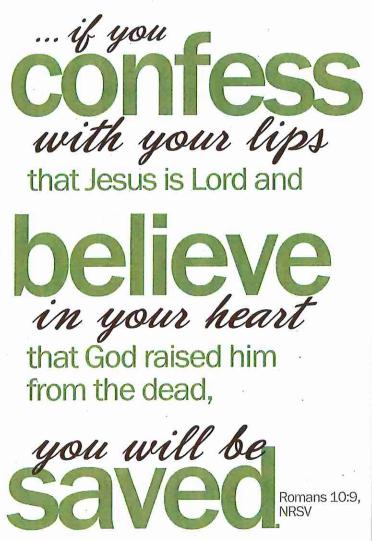
Summer camp at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch! Still a few weeks to choose from! Bright orange information / registration forms are at the Welcome Desk. Why not go to camp this Summer? You'll be glad you did!! ©

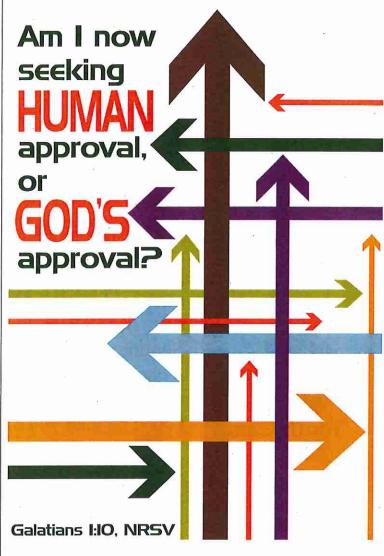
Quarterly Business Meeting
July 28, 2019 - Right after morning worship



"AMERICA"... Who knew?

Martin Waldseemuller, a German cartographer, drew a world map in 1507 in which he deemed the region he called America "the fourth part of the world." He wrote, in Latin, *ab Americo Inventore... quasi Americi terram sive Americam* - that is, "from Amerigo the discoverer... as it were, the land of Americus, thus America". The Americo in question was Amerigo Vespucci (1451-1512), an Italian sailor who navigated the South American coast in 1501.





I PLEDGE ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG....

We have all said it on a number of occasions... "I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America..."

But what do the various things on the flag represent?

50 Stars: Represents the 50 states of the United States

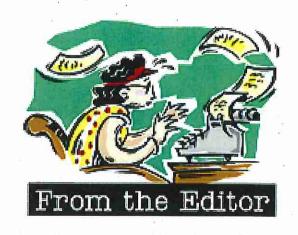
13 Stripes: Represents the 13 British colonies that declared independence from Great Britain and became the first states of the United States (Delaware, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Georgia, Connecticut, Massachusetts, Maryland, South Carolina, New Hampshire, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Rhode Island)

Red: Hardiness and Valour

White: Purity and Innocence

Blue: Vigilance, Perseverance and

Justice



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 August's newsletter is Sunday, **July 21**st

THEY'RE COMING!

CONNECT GROUPS

(8-WEEK SMALL GROUP BIBLE STUDIES & FELLOWSHIP)!

BEGINNING IN EARLY SEPTEMBER!

WATCH FOR UPCOMING DETAILS!

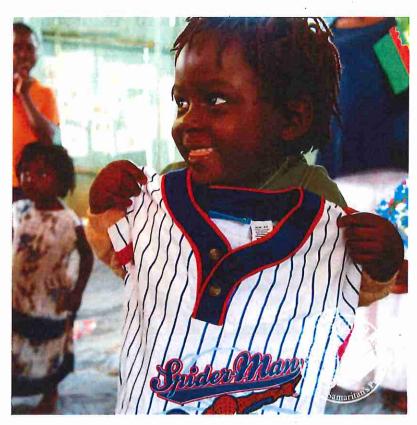


WEDDING BELLS!

Please pray for the following couples, who were recently married or who will be married soon! ©

Kurtis McIntire and Hana Cho May 11 Luckson Capricien and Caitie Yale May 25 David Lee and Loryn Kallestewa June 8

Logan Hengel and Rachel Morris Rob Lloyd and Arlie Josafat JR Houston and Taylor Blanco June 23 August 2 August 31



Operation Christmas Child Item of the Month:



July = Clothing Items
(shirt, jacket, undies, shoes, socks, dress, pants, leggings)



A WONDERFUL AWARD!!

We congratulate EJ Charles for recently receiving the New Mexico School Nurse Association School Nurse Administrator of the Year Award! The plaque reads: "NM School Nurse Association Honors your dedication to School Health, excellence in nursing practice and support of the NM School Nurse Association"

EJ has recently retired after serving 24 years with the Zuni Public School District.

Congratulations, EJ!



Sunday, July 14th - 6:00 - 7:30 p.m



Friday, July 19th at the Yoder's



Anime Night

The Book of The Revelation Chapter 19 - Part 1 Heaven Rejoices Over Babylon And The Marriage of The Lamb By Dan Cadigan

In chapter 19 of The Book, you will see events from some of the previous chapters coming together.

In verses 1 - 5 of chapter 19, John writes that heaven rejoices over the destruction of Babylon (as noted in chapter 18). He writes. "After these things I heard a loud voice of a great multitude in heaven, saying, 'Alleluia! Salvation and glory and honor and power belong to the Lord our God! For true and righteous are His judgments, because He has judged the great harlot who corrupted the earth with her fornication [Babylon]; and He has avenged on her the blood of His servants [millions of Jews and Christians] shed by her. Again they said, 'Alleluia! Her smoke rises up forever and ever!' And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sat on the throne, saying, 'Amen! Alleluia!' Then a voice came from the throne, saying, 'Praise our God, all you His servants and those who fear Him, both small and great!" In verses 6 - 10, John writes about the marriage of the Lamb. This is referring to the marriage of the Lamb, Jesus, with his bride, His Church. This event takes place in heaven just after the Rapture, and refers to Jesus being united with His Church. John writes in verses 6 - 8, "And I heard, as it were, the voice of a great multitude, as the sound of many waters and as the sound of mighty thunderings, saying, 'Alleluia! For the Lord God Omnipotent reigns! Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and His wife has made herself ready.' And to her it was granted to be arrayed in fine linen, clean and bright, for the fine linen is the righteous acts of the saints." Several scholars state that we will be wearing garments of our own making; that is, by the righteous acts that we do; "the righteous acts of the saints". John continues in verses 9 & 10. He writes, "Then he said to me [an angel of God], 'Write: "Blessed are those who are called [those who are saved through Jesus] to the marriage supper of the Lamb!" And he said to me, 'These are the true sayings of God.' And I fell at his feet to worship him. But he said to me, 'See that you do not do that! I am your fellow servant [a created being], and of your brethren who have the testimony of Jesus. Worship God! For the testimony of Jesus is the spirit of prophecy."

Next month we will continue with chapter 19, where it talks about The Battle of Armageddon.

Prophecy Update:

The situation in the Middle East is growing more and more tense. You have probably heard of Iran's actions where they damaged two oil tankers in the Straight of Hormuz, which is just off of the Iranian coast. And their shooting down an un-manned U.S. drone in the Persian Gulf, which is another body of water just off of the Iranian coast. In response, President Trump was going to call for missile strikes into Iran, but called them off at the last minute.

Russia, Turkey, and especially Iran are going broke, quickly; which, largely, are a result of the U.S, sanctions against them. Recall in The Book of Ezekiel, chapter 38, verse 12, that Iran and the rest of the coalition invade Israel, "To take plunder and to take booty (that is treasure),". They are after Israel's new wealth of oil, natural gas, and gold.

In addition, the Iranian backed Hootie Rebels in Yemen (a terrorist group) attacked Saudi Arabia and captured some of their territory. So, you can see how close we are (and how quickly it could happen) to the start of a war in the Middle East. One commentator said that we were within a few minutes of war starting when President Trump was going to send missiles into Iran. Remember that the Tribulation period is about God's dealing with Israel; and that the U.S. does not play a significant role in the coming war on Israel (see Ezekiel, chapter 38, verse 13).

With all this going on, I encourage you to accept Jesus as your Lord and Savior while there is still time; just call on/to Him, and follow Him; come to Him just as you are, now, you don't have to make yourself "acceptable". 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 in and of ourselves to do enough good "works" or "deeds" to get into Heaven. And neither can our church, nor our "priest" or "bishop", nor our "family", nor our religion, nor our possessions save us. 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 [into His Kingdom in heaven] except through Me.'"

And we as Christians should NOT "cling" to the things of this world, as 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 will come at any time, in "the twinkling of an eye"; and many signs of the Last Days are appearing all around us. Remember that your soul is eternal and will live forever! Either with Jesus in Heaven...or in the eternal torment of Hell!

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