It's an exciting time of year! With AWANA coming to a close for another school year, school taking a break for the Summer, graduations taking place and the weather getting nicer, there is an anticipation of Summer with all of its opportunities.... being outdoors more, camp, weddings, conferences, ballgames, vacations, etc. Lots of things going on!

In the middle of all of this, let us not forget the One Who makes all of this possible: our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! The Psalmist says (Ps. 121:1, 2), “I will lift up my eyes to the mountains, from where shall my help come? My help comes from the Lord, Who made Heaven and Earth.” Make sure you read all eight verses of this psalm - a wonderful psalm about the Lord watching over us and helping us wherever we go and in whatever we do! Wherever we find ourselves during these summer months, our Lord is with us, guiding, guarding, providing.... He never takes a vacation from us! Let us all be sure not to take a vacation from Him! Let us continue to read His Word, continue to share our faith in Christ, continue to work for the advancement of His Kingdom, continue to trust Him fully, continue to follow and obey Him, continue to worship Him, continue to fellowship with His people, continue to minister to people in His Name. Let us, in the summer months ahead, be willing to be used by Him to accomplish His purposes! He is faithful!

Pastor John

NATIONAL DAY of PRAYER
May 2nd
Meet on Plaza
At Courthouse at Noon
Men’s Prayer Breakfast

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: May 4th and then June 1st.

Trivia Question

Last month's trivia question:

What two prophets prophesied and encouraged the people who were rebuilding the temple, following the Babylonian captivity? Haggai and Zechariah (Ezra 5:1)

Congratulations to Dan Cadigan for winning last month’s trivia question! He won $5.00.

This month’s trivia question:

What is the more familiar name for Levi, son of Alphaeus?

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:

Sean Begaye in Afghanistan; 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

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Can you say ‘try the patience of a saint’ in a public school?”

PRAY FOR THE PERSECUTED

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Puzzle Time

A blessed woman

The last chapter of Proverbs describes a woman who loves God and strives to be a good wife and mother.

Directions: Use the picture clues to complete Proverbs 31:15, 28.

She gets _____ while it is still ______;

she provides ______ for her _________ ....

Her _______ rise ______ and

_______ her blessed.

PROVERBS 31:15, 28 (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 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.

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. On hiatus for the summer.

Happy MOTHER’S DAY!
Sunday, May 12, 2019
UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2019

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May 1    AWANA “Grand Finale” (Awards) Night 6:30 PM, Sanctuary
May 4    Men’s Breakfast (8 AM – 9 AM, Don Diego’s Restaurant)
May 4    Ladies’ Tea
May 5    “Graduation Sunday”
May 5    Quarterly Business Meeting
May 5    Bridal Shower for Loryn Kallestewa
May 12   Mother’s Day
May 18   All-Church Work Day
May 21   Elders’ Meeting
May 27   Memorial Day!

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)
CONGRATULATIONS TO ALL OF OUR GRADUATES! WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOU! KEEP TRUSTING AND FOLLOWING THE LORD JESUS IN ALL THAT YOU DO! [“GRADUATION SUNDAY” IS MAY 5th!]

DID YOU KNOW?

Why are hot Summer days called, “dog days”? **Answer:** The ancient Romans believed that the six or eight hottest days of the Summer were caused by the Dog Star, “Sirius”, rising with the sun and adding its heat to the day. They called these days, “cuniculares dies” – “dog days”.

What is the origin of the baseball term, “double header”? **Answer:** Baseball took the term “double header” from railroading! In railroading, a “double header” is a train with two engines on it. Hence, in baseball, a “double header” is two games in a single afternoon / evening!

Why does the letter K signify a strikeout on a baseball score sheet? **Answer:** Early in baseball history, a man named Henry Chadwick designed the system we still use for keeping score. Because his system already had an abundance of S’s scattered throughout his score sheet – safe, slide, shortstop, sacrifice, second base, etc. – he decided to use the last letter of the word, “struck”, as in, “he struck out”, rather than the first letter. And that’s why we use “K” today for a strikeout!
GET READY for camp, at Broken Arrow Bible Ranch! 8 weeks to choose from, beginning June 10! Grab an orange camp brochure for more details!

There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear.

1 JOHN 4:18

Love never ends.

1 Corinthians 13:8, NRSV
Memorial Day - also known as “Decoration Day” - was set apart to honor men and women who died while in military service to the United States. It was first widely observed on May 30, 1868, when flowers were placed on the graves of the Union and Confederate soldiers. It is with thanks to the Lord that we gratefully remember those who have served in the past and those who are currently serving in our Armed Forces!

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 June’s newsletter is Sunday, May 19th.
 Quarterly Business Meeting  
**Sunday, May 5**  
Right after Morning Worship.  
Please come!

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**Ladies’ / Girls’ Tea**  
**Saturday, May 4, 11 A.M. – 1 P.M.**  
AT GRACE BIBLE  
COME NICELY DRESSED!  
FOR GIRLS OF ALL AGES!!

Come for brunch, lots of fellowship, and just a great time!  
The theme of our Tea is Psalm 19:10.  
JOIN US!!
Wedding Announcements

WEDDING BELLS!

Please pray for the following two couples as they are married this month:

Kurtis McIntire and Hana Cho      May 11
Luckson Capricien and Caitie Yale  May 25

JOY SOWERS TO RECEIVE

AWANA “CITATION AWARD”!

We congratulate Joy Sowers, who on Wednesday night, May 1, during the AWANA “Grand Finale” (Awards) Night, will receive the AWANA Citation Award! This is the highest award that AWANA gives, and represents work and memory verses in ten of the AWANA handbooks / study material. In the entire time that our church has had the AWANA ministry (since 1980), there have been only six other people who have received this award: Carolyn Hazeltion (1993), Alisha Plummer (2005), Eric Smith (2006), Ann Knox (2012), Anna Farrow (2015) and Moriah Yale (2018). So, Joy receiving this award is a VERY big deal! We commend you, Joy, for all your hard work for the Lord, and we congratulate you on receiving the Citation Award!

ALL-CHURCH WORK DAY!

SATURDAY, MAY 11!
9 AM - ?
FOR ALL AGES!
[Children under age 13 must be accompanied by an adult.]
Come and help beautify our church building and grounds!
We need your help!
We will be working on several projects, inside and outside!
Lunch will be provided!
YOUR HELP IS IMPORTANT!
PLEASE COME!

Prophecy - X-o-Part 2
The Book of the Revelation
Chapter 18 - The Fall of Babylon
by Dad Cadigan

This month, we will finish chapter 18 of The Book; The Fall of Babylon.
In verses 11-13, John writes, "And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her [Babylon], for no one buys their merchandise anymore: merchandise of gold and silver, precious stones and pearls, fine linen and purple, silk and scarlet, every kind of citron wood, every kind of object of ivory, every kind of object of most precious wood, bronze, iron, and marble; and cinnamon and incense, fragrant oil and frankincense, wine and oil, fine flour and wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and bodies and souls of men." Notice the great wealth of Babylon; "even the bodies and souls of men", this probably refers to some merchants in Babylon as being "slave traders".
In verse 10 (from last month) is says that in one hour the judgment of Babylon has come. Scholars think that this is either from fire and brimstone being rained down from God on Babylon, or from a nuclear strike; quite a destructive "picture"! Notice in verse 15 and 17, that the trade merchants stood at a distance as they watched Babylon burn.
John continues with the destruction in verses 14-19, ""The fruit that your soul longed for has gone from you, and all the things which are rich and splendid have gone from you, and you shall find them no more at all. The merchants of these things, who became rich by her, will stand at a distance for fear of her torment, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city that was clothed in fine linen, purple, and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls! For in one hour such great riches came to nothing.' Every shipmaster, all who travel by sea, sailors, and as many as trade on the sea stood at a distance and cried out when they saw the smoke of her burning, saying, 'What is like this great city?' "They threw dust on their heads and cried out, weeping and wailing, and saying, 'Alas, alas, that great city, in which all who had ships on the sea became rich by her wealth! For in one hour she is made desolate.'"
Then in verse 20, John records the celebration in heaven over the destruction of Babylon. He writes, "Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you holy apostles and prophets, for God has avenged you on her!"
Then comes the final destruction of Babylon, as John writes in verses 21-24, "Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, 'Thus with violence the great city Babylon shall be thrown down, and shall not be found anymore [this will undoubtedly cause a large tsunami that will almost completely wash away the city of Babylon]. The sound of harps, musicians, flutists, and trumpeters shall not be heard in you anymore. No craftsman of any craft shall be found in you anymore, and the sound of a millstone shall not be heard in you anymore. The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived. And in her was found the blood of prophets and saints, and of all who were slain on the earth.'"
Thus, the fall and destruction of Babylon has been completed!

Prophecy Update
The Trump Administration has recognized the Golan Heights as part of Israel. The Golan Heights are a small mountain range between Syria and Israel in the northeastern part of Israel. In the 1950’s and 60’s, the area belonged to Syria. Syria would get on top of the mountains and launch rockets into Israel. But in the 1967 War, Israel captured the western 2/3rds of the Heights. But, Syria does not recognize Israel’s right to the Golan Heights, and has said that they will “take it back at any cost”; and Iran said that they would assist them.
Regarding the Ezekiel 38 coalition, Libya and Sudan have now joined with Russia, Iran, and Turkey as part of the coalition.
And, Israel continues to attack Syrian and Iranian “targets” in Syria with air strikes.
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. 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 into Heaven (that is, by doing "good deeds and good works"). And neither can our church, nor our "priest", nor our "family", nor our religion, nor our money 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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**Operation Christmas Child Item of the Month:**

**May=**

**Hygiene Items**
(towels, washcloths, toothbrush, deodorant, hairbrush, comb, loofah, sponge, soap.)
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