

“For I will pour water on him who is thirsty, And floods on the dry ground; I will pour My Spirit on your descendants, And My blessing on your offspring;” Isaiah 44:3 NKJV

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The Answer to Our Deepest Needs

Jesus taught that Christians are “the salt of the earth” (Matthew 5:13). Salt adds zest to food, and it is a preservative. If it were not for the Christian salt, our society would become corrupt. Take all the Christians out of America and see what chaos would be created overnight. It is partially because the church has lost its saltiness that we have such appalling moral and social needs now.

Jesus also said: “You are the light of the world” (Matthew 5:14). The darkness of our world is getting ever darker. There is only one true light shining, the light of Jesus Christ, which is reflected by those who trust and believe in Him.

But just as there is danger that salt will lose its saltiness, so there is danger that light may be lost in darkness if it is not tended and given a chance to shine. The lives of the early Christians were their invincible witness. The world may argue against a creed, but it cannot argue against changed lives.

That is what the simple Gospel of Jesus Christ does when it is preached in the power and authority of the Holy Spirit.

Not only do we as Christians follow Christ and learn from Him, but we also must act. The world judges Christians by our life, not by our belief. Our acts are an indication of our faith.

*Lord, help us shine for You. Don't let us lose our zest. Give us courage and power to reach the world for You so Your Kingdom will be preserved.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

By Billy Graham

“If we in the church want a cause to fight, let's fight sin. Let's reveal its hideousness.”

YOUTH GROUP SCOOP

Youth Group: Is held at GVBC's fellowship hall on **Wednesday evening's beginning at 6:00 P.M.** We would love for any student in the 7th– 12th grade to come and enjoy the food, games, and in-depth study of God's word. **Youth Sponsors: Beau & Tammy Clifton.**

YOUTH GROUP

"You who are young, make the most of your youth. Relish your youthful vigor. Follow the impulses of your heart. If something looks good to you, pursue it. But know also that not just anything goes; You have to answer to God for every last bit of it." Ecclesiastes 11:9 MSG



2020 Youth Calendar: Wednesday Youth Nights Starts at 6:00 PM

April 15th—Youth Night
April 19th—Youth Night
April 26th—Senior Night
May 7th—Senior Celebration
May 13th—(end of year party)
** schedule is subject to change

— Senior Celebration —
Thursday, May 7th — 6:30 PM
Gila Valley Baptist Church
Graduating Seniors, families and church members are invited to attend this Special Service. Refreshments will be served after the ceremony.

Centrifuge Camp: We are excited to spend this time with you and watch God work in all our lives. There is some very important information campers and parents need to know. **Camp Parent Meeting & Paperwork Deadline is Wednesday, April 15th 5:30 p.m.** There is a packet of paperwork that must be filled out correctly, signed by parents, and notarized. Without the proper paperwork, campers will **not** be allowed to register when we get to camp. This meeting will give us the opportunity to share important information with campers and parents, and fill out all the paperwork, ensure it is complete and correct, and have it notarized. Please bring the following information to help in filling out the paperwork. Your child's insurance card. The name, address, and phone number of your child's doctor. It would be very helpful for all parents to attend this meeting. If you cannot attend the meeting, please get in contact with either Beau, Anita, or Tammy to get the paperwork ahead of time, so your child can turn it in at youth on April 15th. There is also an agreement that must be submitted online. Please let us know how best to provide you with this link.

Kid's Korner

Team Kids Summer Camp Cancelled:

As a result of this Coronavirus and the impossibility to prepare camps effectively, the securing of cook teams, summer staff, etc., **the BCNM will not be holding summer camps.** One aspect of this decision is that we recognize that even attempting camp would put an increased financial and burden on individual families and local churches. In these days, some families are going to have to tighten their belts as never before.

Team Kids will not meet until school resumes.

The last Team Kids get together will be Tuesday, May 12th.

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Vacation Bible School 2020

Gila Valley Baptist Church
Monday-Friday, July 6th-10th-9 am –11:45 am
"CONCRETE AND CRANES"

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As kids explore a world of concrete and cranes, rivets and rebar, bulldozers and backhoes, they will learn to build their faith on Jesus as they uncover the truth that **"He who began a good work will be faithful to carry it on to completion."** *Philippians 1:6. Grab your hard hat and tool belt!* VBS is for children 4 yrs. old to completed 6th grade. If you have questions, visit with Tommy at 535-4224.

CHURCH HAPPENINGS

All activities and times are tentative and could change on a day to day basis. Check the church webpage and Facebook page for the most current information.

Celebrate God's Faithfulness! Gila Valley Baptist Church started as a mission 60 years ago. We will have a special anniversary service on **Sunday, April 19th during the 11:00 AM service.** Special Speakers will be Walter Huber and Tar Henderson. Caleb Kartchner will be our worship leader. A brisket lunch will be served after the service. If you were baptized into fellowship with Gila Valley Baptist, please plan on attending this celebration. **Evening services on Sunday, April 19th will be canceled.**

Business/Deacons Meetings: *All members are encouraged to attend the Business Meetings* that are held on the first Wednesday after the first Sunday of the month. **Business meetings begin at 7:00 pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8th.** Deacons meet the same night at 6:00 pm. The following dates complete this quarter: **May 6th, and June 8th.**

Potluck Lunches: The Hostess Committee invites you to the potluck lunches the first Sunday of each month. Our potluck lunches for the next quarter will be on; **April 5th, May 3rd, and June 7th;** immediately after the Morning Worship Services. Come and share your favorite food with your Brothers and Sisters in Christ. Plan on participating in the fellowship, food, and fun!

Easter Service: GVBC will hold Easter Services on **Sunday, April 12th starting at 11:00 AM.** The **Presbyterian's Sunrise Service will be held outdoors at the Trinity Presbyterian Church at 6:30 AM.** We pray you will be in church worshipping God on April 12th. **Evening Services on Sunday, April 12th will be canceled.**

The Power of a Praying Wife/Husband Books: If you desire a closer relationship with your spouse,

you will appreciate the life illustrations, encouraging Bible verses, and the assurances of God's promises and power for your marriage. **Stormie Omartian's bestselling "The Power of a Praying" series** (more than 23 million copies sold) is rereleased.. Stormie joyfully inspires you to develop a deeper relationship with your husband/wife by utilizing the amazing power of prayer. This uplifting resource is packed with practical advice on praying for specific areas of your married life. ***Our church library has a supply of books for you to take. No need to check them out or return them!***

Men's Baking Competition: The 3rd annual competition will be held during our church dinner on **Sunday, May 3rd.** Many of the men have been honing their recipes and skills. We look forward to what yummy confections they prepare for us this year. Top 3 winners will get bragging rights. :)

Church Library: The Gila Valley Church wants you to Check out the Library! If you are interested in seeing something added to our collection please contact the church office, 535-2977. Also, **please look at home, maybe on your bookshelves. Do you have any church books or videos that you can return?** Thank You.

GVBC Facebook Page: Gila Valley Baptist Church has set-up a Facebook page to help get information out to all the members. You can search for the page under Gila Valley Baptist Church. Please "like" our page so you will be able to see our posts.

Gila Valley Baptist Church in Gila, New Mexico is seeking a full-time pastor. We are a small, but very active, southern Baptist church with approximately one hundred members and very active children's and youth ministries. Seminary attendance or training is preferred. Candidate should possess strong biblical theology, as well as, good organizational, communication, and leadership skills. Email resumes to: gilavalleypastorsearch@gmail.com.

Sunday School

Gila Valley Baptist Church offers Sunday School Classes for everyone! No matter your age or how deep your knowledge of the Bible.

Every Christian Ought to Know the Bible!

"All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." 2 Timothy 3:16-17

The starting place in Christian growth (continued growth) is to study the bible. Studying the bible will teach you about:

- The validity of the Bible.
- The Bible is His story.
- The Bible is one book, Genesis through Revelation.
- The bible has one theme—redemption. One hero—Jesus and one purpose—the glory of God.
- The fulfilled prophecy of the Bible.
- The word of God has transforming power.

The study of the bible will stir the conscience, convict the mind and

convert the soul. (What Every Christian Ought to Know, by Adrian Rogers)

Please join us each Sunday morning for Sunday School at 9:45 AM. **You are Welcome here!**

GVBC offers classes for everyone! Each lesson has an overview of the study in a 45 minute classroom environment. We encourage you to study with us. Sunday School starts at 9:45 am.



Good one....

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Thanks to Mikel Rice

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SLOW DOWN ... WATCH OUT FOR THAT OASIS ... CAREFUL FOR THE DUNE ... CAN'T YOU SEE THAT PALM TREE?

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Thanks to Aunt Faye (See Genesis 18:1-15)

11-15-1999

ABRAHAM AND I ARE NOT INTERESTED IN A CONDO COMMUNITY ... WE NEED A PLACE THAT WOULD BE NICE FOR RAISING CHILDREN

Parameters

At the beginning of class the professor set to establish some parameters for his lesson.

He started with these questions.

"Just to establish some parameters," said the

professor. "David, what is about the opposite of woe?" the opposite of joy?"

"Sadness," said the student.

"And the opposite of depression, Helen?"

"Elation", she answered.

"Okay. And you, Tom, how

"Oh, I believe that would be giddy up!"



MISSIONS UPDATES

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: Many North American cities could reasonably be called pre-Christian. In the midst of this, God is bringing the nations to our shores and offering unprecedented opportunities for the gospel. At the North American Mission Board, we see a mission field that **needs the hope of the gospel**. With your partnership, we're committed to taking this hope to cities, small towns and college campuses. **Your prayers and gifts to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering® provide support for more than 5,000 missionaries.** These men and women are planting new churches in unreached communities and reaching out to meet needs through compassion ministries. **Every day, lives are being impacted and transformed. The needs are great, but the living hope of Christ is greater.** Thank you for reaching out with hope to your own community and for your passionate support for North American Missions. **You can mail your check to Gila Valley Baptist Church, PO Box 62, Gila, NM 88038 or you can give anytime online at www.anniearmstrong.com.**



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THE PUEBLOS OF NEW MEXICO—need missionaries.. There are 19 Native American Pueblos in New Mexico. The word pueblo is the Spanish word for "town" or "village." A Pueblo is an ancient community of Native American peoples living close together. The communities look similar to an apartment complex and are constructed from wood beams, called vigas, and mud, called adobe. Native peoples have lived in these communities for over 1,000 years in New Mexico. **The pueblo people are less than 2% reached with the Gospel of Jesus**

What Is the Deepest Desire of My Heart?

By John Piper

The created universe is all about glory. The deepest longing of the human heart and the deepest meaning of Heaven and Earth are summed up in this: the glory of God. The universe was made to show it, and we were made to see it and savor it. Nothing less will do.

We are all starved for the glory of God, not self. No one goes to the Grand Canyon to increase self-esteem. Why do we go? Because there is greater healing for the soul in beholding splendor than there is in beholding self. Indeed, what could be more ludicrous in a vast and glorious universe like this than a human being, on the speck called Earth, standing in front of a mirror trying to find significance in his own self-image?

It is a great sadness that this is the gospel of the modern world.

But it is not the Christian Gospel. Into the darkness of petty self-preoccupation has shone *"the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God"* (2 Corinthians 4:4). The Christian Gospel is about *"the glory of Christ,"* not about me. And when it is—in some measure—about me, it is not about my being made much of by God, but about God mercifully enabling me to enjoy making much of Him forever.

*Dear Heavenly Father, please increase our longing for You. May our souls pant for You as the deer pants for water. Fill us with Your glory, O Lord.
In Jesus' Name. Amen.*

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The difference between a good job and a bad job has everything to do with who you're working for.

For many, going to work can be a real chore. Dealing with unreasonable employers, co-workers, and customers can make having a job an unpleasant experience. On top of that, we live in a fallen world. In light of that, can a person really have a meaningful work experience, filled with joy and satisfaction? The answer to that is a resounding yes. It simply requires having God's perspective every time we enter the workplace.

Colossians 3:22-24 clearly reveals what is the predominant issue for most believers in the workplace. Far too many are working for the wrong person. They are working for the wrong boss, supervisor or manager. Scripture says that when you and I go to work, we are to work for the Lord. He is the Boss. Therefore, you and I are never to settle for mediocrity in our work. Rather, we are to strive for the highest degree and standard of excellence since the God we serve is excellent and expects the same from His image-bearers.

Best of all, having God as a boss means you will never be let down. All His ways are perfect and lead to a purpose-filled, productive life. So, do all that you do as unto the Lord and discover the satisfying work life you've always wanted. Be encouraged, Tony Evans

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SUNDAY

Sunday School—9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship—11:00 a.m.
Evening Worship—6:00 p.m.

TUESDAY

TeamKIDS—after school to 5:30 p.m.
(August through May)

WEDNESDAY

Youth Group—6:00 to 8:00 p.m.

*Exalting the Savior,
Equipping the Saints,
Evangelizing the Sinner*