

Hope for the holidays

**When the Wicked
Prosper...
and I Don't!**
Psalm 73

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MARK YOUR CALENDAR...

TUESDAY	Men's Prayer Group @ 6:00am (Room 104) Reflections & Recovery 12 Step Program @ 5:15pm (2200 N Sycamore) Life Purpose Karate: Family Class @ 5:45pm (Children's Building)
WEDNESDAY	Coffee & Conversation @ 8:00am (Café Grace) Blood Drive, 2:30-6:00pm (Parking Lot) Student Ministry Gathering @ 6:30pm (Student Building) Choir Rehearsal @ 6:30pm (Main Auditorium)
THURSDAY	Noon Bible Study @ 12:15pm (Room 105) Praying Moms Group @ 12:30pm (Room 101) Life Purpose Karate: Family Class @ 5:45pm (Children's Building) Adult Baptism Class @ 6:30pm (Room 101) GriefShare Surviving the Holidays @ 6:30pm (Room 103)
FRIDAY	Christmas FX: David & Tesha Laflin @ 6:30pm
SATURDAY	Class 501: Discovering Magnification @ 5:00pm (Main Auditorium)
December 4	Baby Dedications
December 4-7	Operation Christmas Child Processing Center Trip (Dallas, TX)
December 10-11	Christmas Musical 6:00pm 9:00am 10:45am
December 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services @ 4:30 & 6:00pm
December 25	Christmas Day Service @ 10:45am

Blood Drive: *United Blood Services* will be here THIS Wednesday, November 30 at 2:30pm. If you would like to donate blood, please call the church office at 623.5438 to schedule an appointment between 2:30-6pm.



Baptisms: The next Adult Baptism class will be THIS Thursday, December 1, at 6:30pm. If you are interested in getting baptized, please mark it on the back of your connection card so a pastor can get in touch with you.

Parents, if your child would like to get baptized, call Alan at the church office to schedule an appointment.

Surviving the Holidays: No matter how long it's been since your loved one died, grief can make the holidays a painful time. Join us THIS Thursday, December 1, at 6:30pm in room 103, for an encouraging seminar that will help you survive the holidays and discover new reasons to enjoy them again. There is no charge and childcare is available with advance registration. Contact Mary DeGray with any questions at 420.8257.



Christmas FX, THIS Friday @ 6:30pm: Returning this year for our Christmas FX event are illusionists, *David & Tesha Laflin*. Tickets are on sale in the lobby today, or in the office this week. Reserved tickets are \$15 and general admission are \$7. Buy a few extra tickets and invite your friends to join you for this fun night!

Pastoral Staff

Rick Hale, Senior
Lendell Nolan, Executive
Sean Lee, Connection (101)

Josh Gallagher, Growth (201)
Matt Parsley, Missions (401)
John Cantu, Worship (501)

Alan Gedde, Children
Chris VanDyke, Student

Read Ahead

When you look in the rearview mirror of your life, do you ever feel like “the big one got away” and you missed your big opportunity at success and happiness? Are these missed opportunities still affecting you today? Join us next Sunday for *Hope for the Holidays* when the composer of Psalms 42-43 asked the painful question, *Where is God When it Hurts?* (PS Do you think Joseph and Mary ever asked this question at the first Christmas?)

Class 501: Discovering Magnification THIS Saturday, December 3: Let us help you discover how to live out your life's purpose as a worshiper of God. Join us in the Main Auditorium at 5pm. Dinner & childcare are provided. You can RSVP on your connection card today!



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SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

MCM Grades 1-4: Room 215

Lesson: Today your child learned to honor God by giving Him credit.

November Memory Verse:

“Love one another deeply. Honor others more than yourselves.” *Romans 12:10*

SUNDAY CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Infants-1 year: Rooms 202, 204

Age 2-K: Rooms 201, 203, 205

Lesson: This week your child will learn how Elijah and his friend, the widow, helped each other have food to eat. (1 Kings 17:7-16)

MERGE (5th & 6th grade):

Sundays @ 9:00am & 10:45am

Student Building

Lesson: “How do I value people who believe differently?”

Memory verse: *Psalm 139:13-16*

Evening Children's Ministry will resume Wednesday, January 11 at 6:00pm!



MID-HIGH & HIGH SCHOOL

MINISTRY

Wednesdays (Student Building)

6:15pm - Doors Open & Pizza for \$1/slice

6:30pm - Student Gathering

8:00pm - Gathering Ends & Stork Coffee Opens

YOUNG ADULTS:

18-25 MINISTRY

Thursdays @ 7:00pm (Student Building)

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Offering Totals

General \$	5,294.00	Missions \$	44,486.68
Building \$	875.00	Other \$	314.00
H.O.P.E. \$	1,829.00	Total \$	52,798.68

Attendance

Adults:	756
Children:	229
Total:	985

Year to Date:

Members:	122
Baptisms:	45

Communion Instructions

You do not have to be a member of Grace to participate in communion. All Christians are invited to come forward, row by row, to participate. Simply take a wafer, dip it into the cup and partake. If you prefer being served in your chair, raise your hand at the conclusion of communion, and the servers will come to you. If you are not taking communion today, just remain in your chair.

Prayer Teams are available at the exits during communion if you would like someone to pray with you.

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the following families in the passing of their beloved family members:

- Richard & Sharon Collins in the passing of Richard's mother, Rachel.
- Miriam Bertlshofer in the passing of her husband, Phil.
- Don & Judy Fletcher in the passing of Don's sister, Sherry.

Congratulations

We celebrate the life of Zachary Michael, given by God to Charles & Bethany Benavides, big brother Gabriel, and proud grandparents, Pinson & Donna McWhorter.

Thank You

Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Christmas Child for this year! All participating churches in Roswell contributed 2,593 total boxes, and 1,034 were from Grace. The final number for our region, which includes Artesia, Carlsbad, Lovington and Ruidoso, was 6,332 boxes!



Baby Dedications, Sunday, December 4: If your family is interested in having your child dedicated, please register at www.roswellgrace.com under the Online Forms tab, and select Baby Dedication Request.

If you would like to access today's sermon notes and Scripture references on your mobile device, like an iPhone, iPad or other tablet, you can use the **YouVersion** app during the service. Under the "More" tab at the bottom of the page, select "Events," and then find Roswell Grace. You can take your own notes and save them in the app, or you can email the notes to yourself.

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