



Grace Baptist Church is 
A Great Place To Grow in Christ
For the Entire Family

 Sunday December 14, 2014 	
 This Weeks Events 	
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible 101</i> —Pastor Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Wisdom Surrounding Jesus' Birth</i> —Pastor Coale 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible Class</i> —Pastor Coale <i>DISCOVERY GROUP SUSPENDED UNTIL THE NEW YEAR</i>	
	
Upcoming Events	
December 28th: 6:00PM: (Grange) — <i>WATCHNIGHT SERVICE</i> —Pastor Coale Potluck meal, Pie making contest, Church Business Mtg. (voting members can vote), Popcorn Preaching, Sword Drills, Testimonies and Final Prayer	
January 4th: 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>RESOLUTION SUNDAY (LORDS SUPPER)</i> —Pastor Coale	
January 25, 2015: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Norway</i> —Jeremy Stewart Family 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Norway</i> —Jeremy Stewart Family NOON: (Grange)— <i>Meet the Missionary POTLUCK</i> —	



Who *is* wise, and he shall understand these *things*? prudent, and he shall know them? for the ways of the LORD *are* right, and the just shall walk in them: but the transgressors shall fall therein. ...*Hosea 14:9*

A GIFT FOR JESUS

Lord, you bring hope to the world. You placed yourself in our hands as a little baby, knowing full well how your life would end. This one thought is so humbling that we would like to give to you, over and above our tithes, so that your work here might grow, and that others too, might also walk in your ways of joy and hope. Amen!



The Woman to bear the Christ

By Ron Coale, Rev.

On one historic day, the Lord Jesus Christ was born. God coming to the earth to put Himself into the hands of man. This is a provocative thought for every person to consider. The frailty of a little baby is what embodied the Creator of the universe. It was a little baby who was put into the wicked, sinful hands of man. In this sense, God was completely laying Himself on the altar, totally open to man's prerogative.

Many miles were traveled by Mary and Joseph. The journey was difficult even without being pregnant. To travel in a group meant safety, but the group traveled fast to limit its time in the open where marauders and thieves could make easy prey of them. This meant that they had to keep up the pace in order to make it to the safety of the next town.

Mary was strong, but her time was due. Where before things were difficult, now being on the road, everything seemed like a monumental task. Every time a pain would come from the baby, she would think, "Why did we have to go to Bethlehem for the census

this year? Why at this exact time?", but the Holy Ghost would remind her of the magnificent day that she had become pregnant. She was reminded of whose child this was within her womb, and how manifold precious it was. She knew that God had a plan, but she didn't know what it was. Still, it was exciting to see it unfold right before her very eyes.

She knew the Saviour would be born in Bethlehem. She knew



what she carried within her womb. Still, this did nothing to make the journey any easier. She strained at the task of carrying the baby safely to Bethlehem. The jostling of the little donkey is what hurt the most. There seemed no way to get

comfortable as the donkey carefully choose its footing along the way. She felt secure with Joseph at the front, leading the donkey at the pace needed. She was happy about who he was and how he did not reject her; how he protected her and cared for her well being. He was strong and capable, confident and smart. Most important of all, he cared for her in a way she

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“Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but when the desire cometh, it is a tree of life. Proverbs 13:12

Dear pastor and church family,

Thank you so much for your prayers! The past few months have been a time of transition and continued prayer for wisdom as Russia continues to move into Ukraine. Please keep missionaries and Ukrainians/Russians in prayer as many people have died already due to conflict. The news may not be riddled with the war every day, but the conflict is there still and souls are going into eternity.

As I mentioned in the previous letter, because of war I AM NOT ABLE TO GO TO CRIMEA AT THIS TIME. I pray this next statement will help clear up any confusion as to what is occurring at the moment. Because Crimea is now considered Russian territory, I would like to clarify that when I speak of going to Russia, I am not referring to Crimea, Russia, but Russia as in the “motherland.”

So, what is happening now, you ask? LOTS AND LOTS! I have been in contact with a missionary family who is serving in Samara, Russia. The family is Adam and Angela Young with their four children. We started contact in June of this year and have actually looked into several visa opportunities. The first visa we were looking into was a student visa. A student visa is incredibly challenging and expensive. Every three months I would have had to leave Russia and come back to the States and re-apply each time. Leaving every three months in ministry poses its own difficulties, so we waited and continued praying for God’s leading in this matter. We were also concerned with the time frame because the Youngs were scheduled to be in the States by October and would not return to Russia until April of next year. I have some wonderful news to share about this situation!



During this wait period I continue to work towards completing a TEFL certificate. The TEFL stands for “teaching English as a foreign language.” An opportunity presented itself two weeks ago involving a linguistic company in Russia. I had two interviews and was hired to teach English! With this job, I will be entering Russia with a re-entry work visa. The visa is for one year and allows me to visit surrounding countries for a few days then enter back into Russia without having to go back and forth to the States every three months. The company also fills out a letter of invitation (which is needed to enter the country) and also provides an apartment. What is really exciting is that I specifically prayed that God would take

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care of my fears of landing in Russia and getting lost. Well, the lady that interviewed me is named Ksenia. She will pick me up from the airport and take me to the apartment! The company and apartment are within walking distance! Also, I had some reservations about teaching English as the main teacher. I kind of felt like Moses when God said, "You're doing this," and Moses gave his excuses and God said, "I'm God, and I have it all under control!" Well, the class I am teaching has all the curriculum provided. The teacher's manual actually instructs the teacher on what to say to her students. The material is by Cambridge, which is the same material as the TEFL certificate I am currently working on. This is an opportunity to already gain familiarity with how to present the material. I have Sunday's off, which will not interfere with ministry, and I only teach in the evenings, which leaves me the mornings and afternoons for ministry and language study! God has blessed above and beyond my expectations! Every single concern I brought before the LORD, the LORD met those needs! Ksenia stated that if the visa goes through without any complications, I should expect to be in Russia by mid-December. WOW!

The LORD has continued to bless with ministry here stateside. Last week we saw 13 children riding the van and 20 on our bus. I am helping to train two sisters in the van ministry who are taking my place. I am also helping with discipleship on Tuesdays. I just returned home last weekend from attending a RU (Reformers Unanimous) conference in Rockford, Illinois. What a joy it was to be traveling with nine other folks from my church whom I absolutely love and adore. We had sweet fellowship and prayer revival in the vehicles! The conference in and of itself was refreshing as we were discussing re-reaching those who have fallen away. We heard several testimonies of people that returned to the LORD and their families restored. YES! We have such an amazing God (Gal. 6)!

How to pray specifically?

The letter of invitation and visa must be approved before I can enter the country. The paperwork for this process will take at least one month. Once I have some other documents in my hands, I will head to the Russian embassy to finish the process. Brother Young wanted me to emphasize that getting into Russia is incredibly difficult. We have no control over when or if visas are approved. All we can do is the best thing...leaving it in the hands of God Almighty because He does all things well.

Pray that God will help me to retain the material covered in the TEFL certificate. To complete the course there are 12 modules with two essays at the end of each module. There is also a 100 question grammar test. So, there is much to cover, but the certificate is very beneficial in the long run, as you can imagine. I am excited with the direction God is leading in this area!

Please pray for safety of the Young family as they travel with their four children all over the U.S. on furlough.

Please continue praying for the Hess and Van Sant families as they pray for how God would use them as the doors in Crimea appear to be closing.

Sarah Sager

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had only dreamed of up till this point in her life. She was knowing the love of a husband.

"Are you doing okay Mary?" Joseph would constantly ask. His concern was comforting, but not in a physical sense. "I'm okay Joseph," she would reply. She didn't want to be a burden. She was not a complainer. In fact, she was a woman who had the gift of helps.

Stopping for the evening, they would stay at an Inn. The food was hearty and the fellowship was cheerful, but she was tired. Although she knew many of the people they traveled with, she wanted to be with Joseph, but he was helping with the animals. Mary did what she could do to help the women prepare their meal. At times the baby would kick, as if she needed a

reminder of the precious cargo she carried safely within her. The kick was reassuring that everything was okay. She mused at the thought of being "kicked" by the Messiah from the inside; something she couldn't share with anybody for fear of repercussions.

She only stayed awake for the meal because she knew that she must keep her strength up. Normally she would be famished, but the journey made her so tired that all she wanted to do was to give her body a rest. She was not used to riding on an animal for such a long time and she hurt everywhere. As she drifted off to sleep, the ache's and pains would be crowded out by dreams of God and pondering what He would be doing in a very short time with her family.

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BIBLE COMPARISON

	King James Version	New International Version	American Standard Version	1890 Darby Bible	GOD'S WORD Translation
Luke 2:43	And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and <u>Joseph and his mother</u> knew not <i>of it</i> . [PROTESTANT Textus Receptus]	After the feast was over, while <u>his parents</u> were returning home, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but <u>they</u> were unaware of it. [CATHOLIC LXX]	and when they had fulfilled the days, as they were returning, the boy Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and <u>his parents</u> knew it not; [CATHOLIC LXX]	and had completed the days, as they returned, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, and his parents knew not <i>of it</i> , [CATHOLIC LXX]	When the days of the festival were over and they were returning, the boy Jesus remained behind in Jerusalem, and <u>his parents</u> did not notice it. [CATHOLIC LXX]
<p>Another subtitle change by he who is most subtitle. The phrase "Joseph and his mother" accurately describes Jesus' relationship to Joseph. Mary is his mother, while Joseph is his step-father. Other Bibles translated from the Catholic LXX mislead people into thinking Joseph was Jesus' father, but Joseph is not! Jesus' father is the Lord God the Father.</p> <p>Subtitle changes like this eventually lead to false doctrines as they wear on a persons mind over time. (i.e. "if you tell a lie long enough and loud enough, it will eventually become truth."—<i>Joseph Goebbels</i>)</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth</i></p>					

PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
629.	Matt	Gregson Family Finances.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
685.	Dee P.	Dee's brother Duane (a proud atheist) salvation.
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
775.	Sally	Mom (Charity) strength to finish nursing program.
782.	Judy C.	Daughter Erin to find a good godly man to marry.
796.	Regina	Strength for God's will in her life.
803.	Dee P.	Improved church attendance for her family.
822.	Regina	Personal Health.
845.	Regina	John Berger (93) health/strength to continue preaching.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
864.	Paula	Mom (Julie) battling 2nd round of cancer.
865.	Dee P.	Son Joseph's health problems & depression.
867.	Dee P.	Family members to read KJB daily.
893.	Steph S	Ramona healing from blood clots in her lungs.
899.	Adrick	Dad's dialysis
914.	Dee C	Mark Amende possible brain tumor.
918.	Rich	Church finances
919.	Dee C,	Dawn's roommate x-husband not serving God.
923.	Steph S	Mike Gullett's healing from congestive heart failure.
935.	Dee C.	Workmate (Cathy) has a friend who has a brain tumor.
937.	Sally	To have a healthy pregnancy.
943.	Dee C.	Comfort for Jim Gillin Family. Grandson died.
944.	Steph S	The SS/Jr. Church kids would come more faithfully.
947.	Steph S	Carol Louise (Mary Barret's sis) healing thyroid cancer
948.	Steph S	Ginny B. (Mary Barret's sister) having voice box removed.
953.	Steph S	Can be a good witness to her neighbor.
955.	Lori S.	Son (Phil Gosline) has lymphoma
957.	Steph S	Mitch Mullers mom has Alzheimer's
959.	Matt	Nathan Harper has cancer
961.	Rich	Deide (homeless lady) seeking Lord's will for life.
964.	Melody	Cristina' cancer of uterus.
967.	Jeanine	Mercy for Amazing Grace Baptist building burned down.
969.	Rich	Wife to get diagnosis for what is causing migraines.
971.	Sally	Robyn (Co-worker) having marriage problems.
972.	Jeanine	Protection from Ebola for family workers in the health field.
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
974.	Pastor	Larry's back surgery.
975.	Dee P.	Brother-in-law George stage 4 terminal lung cancer
976.	Dee P.	Our Christian men to grow as spiritual leaders in our homes, churches and communities.
977.	Pastor	Jim Collins sister in law help with cancer
978.	Pastor	Bud Ludlow cancer, family problems, pneumonia, no support.

Savings: 8558.75 Checking: 950.25 Need by End of Month: **1838.80** Last weeks offering: 413.02

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This is where she was comfortable. In her sleep she could commune with God and be impressed by his greatness in a way that even the wonders of the starry night could not compete. But even in sleep she could not rest well. She needed to often get up to take care of personal needs. Through the fog of half-sleep, she wondered if God was preparing her for what was to shortly come. She did not relish the idea of getting two hours of sleep at a time, but at the same time she yearned for it. She looked forward to those special hours of holding her baby to feed it because of the personal time of bonding they would experience.

She considered the idea that soon she would be holding the Creator of the universe in her very own arms. There was a sense of urgency because she knew that they baby would not just be hers, but He would belong to the whole world. She did not want to make any mistake as a mother. She knew that her love would be immensely important, because it would be representative of the entire race. She knew that she would be an ambassador of some kind. She could only guess as to why she was chosen, but the joy that she felt at first had somewhat faded into the responsibility of being the woman to bear the Christ.

NOTE from the Pastor: You women who have experienced birthing a child, How would you think of your pregnancy knowing that inside of you was Jesus, the Son of God? What would be your plan to mother and raise Him?~

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