



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

Sunday January 11, 2014	
This Weeks Events	
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible 101</i> —Pastor Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>God is Able</i> —Pastor Coale 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible</i> —Pastor Coale	
Upcoming Events	
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> —	
February 1, 2015: 2:00PM: (Fir lane)— <i>Shut in Saints</i> —Deacon Matt Coale	
October 18, 2015: http://russells2mexico.com 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Mexico</i> —Adam Russell Family 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Mexico</i> —Adam Russell Family NOON: (Grange)— <i>Meet the Missionary POTLUCK</i> —	

BIBLE COMPARISON

	King James Version	New International Version	American Standard Version	1890 Darby Bible	NEW WORLD Translation
Romans 1:29	Being filled with all unrighteousness, fornication, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, debate, deceit, malignity; whisperers,	They have become filled with every kind of wickedness, evil, greed and depravity. They are full of envy, murder, strife, deceit and malice. They are gossips,	being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, maliciousness; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malignity; whisperers,	being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, covetousness, malice; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, evil dispositions; whisperers,	And they were filled with unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, and badness, being full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, and malice, being whisperers,
	[PROTESTANT Textus Receptus]	[CATHOLIC LXX]	[CATHOLIC LXX]	[CATHOLIC LXX]	[CATHOLIC LXX]

Somebody forgot to add "fornication" to the list. Or, did they? Is the reason that we have so many "fornicating" Christians today that they are reading Bibles where it has been removed? Is this why we have such perverted churches? What do you think?

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

God Is Love

By Ron Coale, Rev.

1 John 4:16..... 16And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.



There are many character traits that God embodies. In fact, there is no character trait known to man that God does not have Himself. God has mercy, truth and justice. He also has wrath (Rom. 1:18), vengeance (2 Thess. 1:8) and anger (Micah 5:15). Since man is created in the image of God, then human beings manifest all of the character traits God has. The difference between God and humans (i.e. His image), is that God is able to suppress any character trait that would cause Him to sin.¹ If you do not have the capacity to overcome evil, then any character trait can be used in a sinful manner. This is man's problem today: we were never designed with the capacity to possess knowledge of good and evil. We were designed to have an innocent life; taught by God, every good thing.

Every character trait can be perverted and used in a sinful manner. However, with all of the character traits there are, love is different. The Bible says that God is love. Much more than a character trait, love is in the personality of God. Therefore, there can be no true understanding of love unless one understands God. In other words, you can never really love if you leave God out of the picture. If God did not exist, then love too would not exist. So, to understand love, you must understand God; to believe in love, you must believe in God; to fall in love you must fall into God. There is no way to have the one without the other.

People today often erroneously think that love is a feeling; which it is not! The song writer, Don Francisco, has a song called Love Is Not A Feeling. In the song, there is a line that goes, "...love is not a feeling, it's an act of your will." He is not wrong in this because it takes a conscious act to come to God, the source of love. It is not something

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that you sometimes feel because feelings are fleeting. Feelings vacillate wildly from moment to moment. God does not change like feelings do. Love is a conscience effort.

The reason that so many people are pursuing love today is because they have an emptiness in their life. They think the emptiness is love, but it is really God. On Jan. 9, 2015, The New York Times had an article listed in their Fashion & Style page called, To Fall in Love With Anyone, Do This. The article gives a hypothesis on how you can make someone fall in love with you. It says that asking questions of each other to find commonality is the key to getting someone to fall in love with you. After conducting a scientific experiment to prove the broken hypothesis, the author concludes, "Love didn't happen to us. We're in love because we

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describe what love feels like, they will usually tell you something about sexual feelings or passion. As soon as these feelings are not present, they conclude they are no longer in love. They have mistakenly mixed up lust with love. Because they were in "lust" they falsely portrayed some of the signs of love because of their passion for lust. Lust can also be giving and kind; tender and passionate, but it is still lust. God is not lust (1 John 2:16). God is love!

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People think there is a thing called "love at first sight." Maybe you have heard people use this phrase before. If you understand that God is love, then when someone uses this phrase in your presence, you can understand more deeply about what the person is saying. They might just be referring to some erotic episode, a feeling, and not really love at all. Although it is true that a persons first sight of love is their first sight of God, this is not what they are typically referring to.

When I was growing up as a young boy, I asked my mother, "What is love?" She tried to explain it to me by saying, "It's a feeling. It's something that cannot be described." She concluded by saying,

"You'll know it when you are in it." Needless to say, I was confused by her answer. Like everyone else, I went through life falling in and falling out of love. I wanted to be loved because I wanted people to make me feel good. But when I got introduced to the Creator and submitted to His lead over my life, love became much more significant. He did not make me just feel good. He also made me feel convicted; like a convict guilty for his crime. Only my crime was/is sin.

Love is not a feeling. God is love! I know it is easy to say that, yet still difficult to embrace the definition of love. This is because it is difficult to embrace the awesomeness and power of God. He cannot be contained. Still, God put a definition of what love is like in His word for anyone in the world to relate to, and when they do relate to it, they are relating to Him as well. This definition is found in 1 Corinthians chapter 13. One chapter of the Bible is entirely devoted to this subject. It would do a person good to read it if they have a desire to understand what love is and who it is. Unfortunately, the reason people go through life having a skewed opinion of love is because they will not come to God. They remain obsessed with feelings, all the time thinking it is love when it is not. They could find the true meaning of love. It could be settled for them, if they would swallow their pride and come to Him.~

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¹ *Amos 5:15.....* 15Hate the evil, and love the good, and establish judgment in the gate: it may be that the LORD God of hosts will be gracious unto the remnant of Joseph.

L O V E

- And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. *Deuteronomy 6:5*
- Love ye therefore the stranger: for ye were strangers in the land of Egypt. *Deuteronomy 10:19*
- O love the LORD, all ye his saints: for the LORD preserveth the faithful, and plentifully rewardeth the proud doer. *Psalms 31:23*
- But let all those what put their trust in thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy, because thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in thee. *Psalms 5:11*



The Loewen Family in the Yucatan Peninsula

Dear Pastor & Praying Friends,

November & December 2014

Greetings from the Yucatan Peninsula! Trusting you have had a relaxing & enjoyable holiday. Ours Conference has been busy, but enjoyable.

November was busy with planning and preparing for our Conference. Also on 2 occasions, there were events being held in our city, and we distributed around 2,000 tracts or more to all the attendees. Also, Pam's family was all planning to come to Cancun for a 2-day family gathering. It was a blessing and we had a great time together! Pam's parents stayed an extra 2 weeks with us. She was glad to spend more time with them.

December 6th & 7th were the days of our conference. The theme was "Which road are you on?". My family painted different pictures. Some of them we have included in the prayer letter. We prepared song specials with our church folk. It was a great blessing to see some of them take that step. There were many decisions made in the conference, and there were people going to the altar who had never gone couple came to me and said they wanted to get married. There are a number of things to sort out first, but please pray that they will keep their resolve and get married.

As much as I've just said that our last 2 months have been good, they have been 2 months of a real struggle on a number of different fronts. It seems Satan has turned up the heat in November. A couple of weeks before the conference, I had one of my men come to me and tell me that he was leaving his wife. My heart sank as I heard the news. At the end of the conversation I begged him to wait till after the conference. He reluctantly agreed. About a week later, he came to me and said that the Lord had showed him from the Bible that, he should try to work out his problems and not just escape them. I was excited! With them, God did miracles during the conference. Just afterward, we saw them holding hands. We began to see more tenderness towards each other. This was a great encouragement to see. Another family appeared that they would not attend, but the Lord broke thru and they came to all the conference services.

Prior to the conference, on my way to the airport to pick up our special speaker, our van gave me trouble. We arrived in Tekax safely. Praise the Lord! The following morning as we wanted to go and set up and decorate for the conference, the van would not start. I called one mechanic and he determined it was electrical and recommended another mechanic. The 2nd mechanic determined it Christmas Eve was the computer. So I took the computer to the nearest city, 1.5 hours away, to have it repaired. Service Fellowship After a few days, I went to pick it up and had it re-installed. The van still did not work. From there, I decided to bring the van to the Dodge dealership, and I had full confidence that they would repair it. My biggest concern was the cost. Finally, 2 weeks later, they said it was ready. We went to pick it up

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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.

NOTES:

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and found that it still had problems. They kept it longer and determined that they could not fix it. Then I proceeded to bring it back to where they initially 'repaired' the computer in the first place. To this day, its still there. We have now been without a vehicle for over four weeks. Even though this has in one way been a challenge, there have been a number of blessings. Our neighbours have been very kind and generous in offering their vehicles. They are not saved. I am praying that God will use this in drawing them to Him.

In December we also had our Christmas program. We only had 1 'regular' come, but we had 49 in total. We enjoyed coloured popcorn and gave out goody bags. Adults and kids alike, enjoyed the piñata. It was a big 'hit'!

Please continue to pray for Andres. He is currently dealing with some legal issues from the past.

I now have up to 6 folks that come soul-winning with me every week. This week we have had 2 occasions that we sang to families who have a loved-one on their 'deathbed'. We thank the Lord for all these 'encounters' so that the gospel might reach one before they die.

We are especially grateful and blessed on how you have financially and prayerfully supported us in getting the gospel to the Yucatan. If it was not for the many people sacrificing we would not have been able to accomplish what has been done the last year. May the Lord bless you for your faithfulness in serving Him!

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