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Sunday May 3, 2015
This Weeks Events
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible 101</i> —Pastor Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Why Thank The Lord</i> —Pastor Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Jr. Church</i> —Pastor Saloum 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>SHUT IN SAINTS</i> —Matthew Coale 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible (How to Pray)</i> —Pastor Coale
Upcoming Events
May 6, 2015: 7:00PM: (1701 E Agate Loop Rd)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Pastor
May 13, 2015: 7:00PM: (451 Fir St)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Matt & Sally Coale
May 17, 2015: All interested in helping in this years VBS are invited 9:30AM: (Grange)— <i>Pancake Breakfast FUNDRAISER</i> —Charles Wasilausky 12:30PM: (Pastors House)— <i>VBS Planning Meeting</i> —Pastor (Light lunch provided)
May 20, 2015: 7:00PM: (91 E Donegal Way)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —VanVleets
May 27, 2015: 7:00PM: (2321 E Crestview Dr)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Saloums
June 3, 2015: 7:00PM: (871 E Crestview Dr)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Parkers
June 10, 2015: 7:00PM: (451 Fir St)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Matt & Sally Coale
June 17, 2015: 7:00PM: (1701 E Agate Loop Rd)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Pastor
June 24, 2015: 7:00PM: (2321 E Crestview Dr)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Saloums
July 5, 2015: NOON: (Grange)— <i>CHURCH PICNIC</i> —
August 17-19, 2015: 9:00AM-NOON: (Grange)— <i>VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL</i> —
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> —
September 11-14, 2016: EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— <i>SAM GIPP</i>



The Christian and the Secular Therapist

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor

Many Christians are troubled at the thought of going to a secular therapist. They are deeply convicted that a secular therapist has no place in the life of a Christian. All they need is Bible-based understanding and care to help them with their problems. Other Christians have no conviction at all about using a Christian counselor as long as they integrate Biblical concepts along with secular training. Then there are the Christians that see a secular therapist, totally washing their hands of the Bible and God's principles without regard for their Designer.

Psychology and the Biblical do not overlap. They are not the same thing coming from essentially different perspectives. The Bible focus's on our deepest problem--SIN! Sin breaks our relationship with our Designer. It tells us about His love for us in spite of our wretched estate. It proclaims that our sin problem is a much deeper problem than we ever imagined. Our Designer explains that all of our problems stem from self-worship, and pride. The Bible tells us our sin problem reaches far beyond this world with real eternal consequences. It teaches us that we are already dead in our sins and helpless to ever cure this terrible problem. God would like to destroy our hope in being able to help ourselves before He can rebuild it to

trust only in Him being able to save us. Our love for Jesus and our gratitude for his death and resurrection transforms us.

Secular counseling works at a different level. It accepts our broken estate and tries to steer us into ways of navigating our way around our problems. It's primary strategy for accomplishing this is to challenge negative thought patterns. Any behavior that makes us feel uncomfortable is identified. They are then navigated away from so the troubled soul can take a comfortable journey through life. The secular counselor helps to create a safe place for troubled people to talk about how difficult life has been for them.

Biblical help and psychological help are two very different things. Sin is always found at the root of all our problems whether it be physical, psychological or mental. It is found at the cause of everything that goes wrong with us. Many Christians have no problem going to a doctor to get help fixing their body. They use this as justification to go to a secular therapist to get help with a psychological problem for a broken mind or broken emotions.

Psychology has its foundation with philosophers of old. Men like Socrates, Aristotle, and Plato were

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not worshipers of God. They had no mind for a designed/Designer relationship. They were all worshipers of multiple pagan gods.

Modern psychology was introduced by Sigmund Freud in the late 1900's. Although he was born a Jew, he was far from being a godly man. His passion was for sex and he therefore associated every problem that man had to the human sexual drive (Freud, Standard Edition, vol. 7, 1906, p. 274; Seduction Theory). He believed every human problem was a result of sexual abuse they experienced as a child. He maintained that religion in modern times could be set aside in favor of reason and science. He believed that God was an illusion based upon an infantile emotional need for a powerful supernatural paternal family one could be a part of. He believed and taught the superiority of the man over the woman. He taught the practice of the "Death Drive" (mans drive for survival, propagation, hunger, thirst and sex). He was a user of cocaine as a stimulant and believed that it cured many mental and physical problems (1884 paper, Freud, "On Coca"). Suffice it to say that the founder of modern psychology was as far from God as one could go.

If the root is bad, then the tree has to be bad. Jesus said this very plainly in Matthew 7:17-18: "Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit."

The word "psychology" comes from the Greek word "psycho", which is a derivative of the Greek word "psyche" meaning "soul." The Greek word "psyche" was also the name of the Greek god of the soul. "Eros" and "Psyche" were lovers in Greek mythology. If it is to be related to the soul, and the founder of modern psychology was a sex obsessed, non-believer in God, then where does it intend to lead your soul to? Not only that, because it's attempted focus is the soul, then it looks no deeper than the soul of man for answers. It totally ignores the spirit of man, God's Holy Spirit, and demonic spirits. The Word of God is full of teachings and examples of the influence of God, demons, and our spirits and how they affect our actions. Any "answer" that doesn't take the spirit into account isn't looking for the root of the problem. Therefore, it is not trying to solve the problem. At it's best, it can put a band aid on it until

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Psalms 19:14 - Let the words of my mouth, and the meditation of my heart, be acceptable in thy sight, O LORD, my strength, and my redeemer.

Hello Pastor and Church Family,

Greetings from Samara, Russia! Thank you for your prayers! I arrived in Russia on Tuesday evening, March 10. I immediately began working at the linguistic center on Wednesday the 11th. So, needless to say, it has been very busy already.

I apologize for taking this long to get out information. I did not have internet connection to my phone until after being here for one week. At the same time I was blocked from using any of my social outlets like yahoo account, Facebook, etc. Thankfully I was able to reach some folks through Skype, which in and of itself is another story. I am currently writing this letter to you like a text message on my phone. I do not currently have Facebook in use but do have a new e-mail account. It is Sarahlovesrussia@yahoo.com. I am in the process of setting up the internet to my apartment. Thank you for your patience as I get settled here in Samara, Russia. For now I will be sending all official correspondence through BIML.

I have already met some wonderful people! Irena is one such person. She is Orthodox and speaks of "the God" often. We have had some interesting conversations, mostly me listening to her explain why "that man on the Volga river stripped down to his 'speedos' and dipped himself into the freezing water." There are many rituals here like this where a "spiritual" person dips himself into the water three times. Each time a person dips under the water represents the three persons of the Trinity. There are many rituals and fasts that the Orthodox observe. Irena has not asked me questions about my beliefs. I have asked the LORD for wisdom in timing as well as discernment to open doors. Please pray that she will see the peace of God in my life!

At this time, I am in the process of setting up Russian language studies with a man named Mario. I will

spare you the details of my getting lost in the city on Saturday but let's just say, for obvious reasons, it would greatly help to speak the language! Ha!

So, what is the plan? The plan is that I need to work on learning the Russian language. It is wonderful to be here and listen to the language being spoken all around me. I am picking up more things each day. The second area is teaching. I am here in Samara on a teaching/working visa. Please pray that God will help me remember grammar rules and be able to teach my students effectively. I am still working on the TEFL certificate also. I am nearly finished with the grammar section and will focus the next month or two in completing the essay section of the curriculum. This has been difficult because my phone will not always allow me to view the material. I believe this will be remedied once I have internet to the apartment/flat. I have no complaints. I have a roof over my head and food. My kitchen faces the sun in the morning, which is wonderful for devotions. My needs are met. Now, it's a matter of time to process and continue moving forward.

The Youngs are in the last stage of their furlough. They will arrive on April 22. We are in the process of seeing the church building constructed. Please pray that the Holy Spirit will already be working in the hearts of men and women here in Samara to be open for the Gospel as well as grow strong spiritually. I pray the Youngs will feel refreshed during their last month of furlough.

The city of Samara has over one million souls. I see them out of my window and am beside them in the streets and pray for them. Once the Youngs arrive I will get to help hand out literature in the city. I am looking forward to this.

Wonderfully saved,
Sarah Sager

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it surfaces again in some other form of manifestation. It is not treating the problem, it is treating the symptom. This is why it is a big business today. Spiritual problems will continue to manifest over and over again.

The basic tenants of modern secular therapy are:

1) We are products of our environment.

2) We are not responsible or accountable for our actions.

3) We are not to blame for our actions, making us victims.

4) Our Self-esteem is paramount.

This creates a free-for-all condition for modern Christians as well as modern man. It is the Devil's way of separating the Christian from God, and many Christians are buying it wholesale. It is no wonder that many Christians who have begun modern secular therapy begin falling away from God. They forsake their relationship with God because they are accountable to nothing or no one. Soon, they are doing things just like the world does under the auspices of "Christianity." Why not? When the churches they attend are promoting secular therapy, they are inclined to accept it and fall into the artfully woven trap of the devil. Since the root of psychology is bad, therefore the fruit

cannot be good.

The acceptance of psychology amongst Christians is appalling. Many churches and ministries have resident psychiatrists/therapists on staff. This is as far as one could get from the approach Jesus took. He met all the needs of the people through the power of the Holy Spirit, and I believe He intends His church to do the same. Christians don't have to depart and go to the world to get their emotional needs met. They should bring them to Jesus. He said, "Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden and I will give you rest." (Matt. 11:28)

A secular therapist cannot help someone learn how to forgive. They cannot help a Christian who is struggling with guilt learn how to accept the grace of God's forgiveness. They cannot point out subtle idolatry or pride one may be harboring. They don't encourage gratitude and trust in God as an effective method in dealing with bitterness or depression.

Christians who seek secular counselors just want someone who will listen to them each week. They don't look for someone who will offer advice. Those who do seek true advice, just shop around for a counselor who will tell them what they want to hear so they can get justification to do what they want instead of what God says they need.~

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.
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.
865.	Dee P.	Son Joseph's health problems & depression.
867.	Dee P.	Family members to read KJB daily.
918.	Rich	Church finances
955.	Lori S.	Son (Phil Gosline) has lymphoma
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.
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.	Regina	Comfort for John Rodius. Wife passed away.
978.	Regina	Healing for John Rodius. Just got out of surgery.
979.	Colleen	Salvation of Darci Togensen's daughter Katey
980.	Kail	(Kail's mom) Nancy's comfort and healing from surgery.

What the Bible says about LOVE

- *Job 19:19 All my inward friends abhorred me: and they whom I loved are turned against me.*
- *Zech 8:17 And let none of you imagine evil in your hearts against his neighbour; and love no false oath: for all these are things that I hate, saith the LORD.*
- *Phil 1:9 And this I pray, that your love may abound yet more and more in knowledge and in all judgment;*

