



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

Sunday May 17, 2015	
This Weeks Events	
Today: 9:30AM: (Grange)— <i>Pancake Breakfast FUNDRAISER</i> —Charles Wasilausky 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Some call It Heaven but I call it home</i> —Pastor Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Jr. Church</i> —Pastor Saloum 12:30PM: (Pastors House)— <i>VBS Planning Meeting</i> —Pastor (Light lunch provided) 6:00PM: (Grange) — <i>Advanced Bible (How to Pray)</i> —Pastor Coale	
Upcoming Events	
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 14, 2015:	11:00AM: (Grange)— ORDINATION of RICH SALOUM, Jr. —Pastor
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 10-12, 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>



Pastor Coale

My Pilgrimage

This pilgrimage that I am on, will some day pass away.
 The pleasures that I feel right now, can never with me stay.
 For I am bound away from here, distractions will I endure.
 Until I see the face of Him, who makes my life secure.

Lets Go Hopping

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor

"What church do you go to?" asked John. "I don't go to any one church. I go to all of them; sometimes here and other times there. It just depends on what I feel like at the time." answered Charlie.

"Why do you do that?"

"I like to go to all of them so I can get a well rounded 'spiritual' diet."

This is a dangerous thing for people to do. The diet you get won't be good for you. The variety that one gets from going to church with this conviction cannot truly be compared to eating a well rounded diet of foods. Yes, the Bible is compared with spiritual foods, which we need to consume on a regular basis to stay strong. But, it is a false premise to believe you will get a better, more well rounded view of God by attending a variety of churches. Spiritual food does not work like physical food. God is God! You either get Him or you don't.

If you go to a vegetarian restaurant to eat, you will certainly be loading up on vitamins and minerals compatible with vegetables, but you will lack protein and other

essential needs for the body if you don't watch out. If you turn into an Atkins disciple and all you eat is meat, you will be robbing yourself of necessary "roughage" to make the body work efficiently. So, you can eat a diet that robs you in one area, but helps in another.

God's word is not like that. It is an all encompassing unit that meets every need we have with

every spiritual meal we partake of. It is like the manna of old-- its all we need to stay spiritually healthy. It's a "one stop shop" for every spiritual need we have, all in one meal. You cannot supplement it by going to another church using the excuse that you are trying to get a "well rounded" spiritual diet. It just doesn't work

that way. All you need is to eat one food group--Jesus, and you will get everything you need. So people who use this "church hopping" mentality are not truly trying to get a healthy spiritual diet. They are trying to do something else.

Paul charged Timothy to not be negligent in preaching the word. He wanted Timothy to keep up with the times. He wanted him to

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Does your pastor preach what I want to hear or is he always telling you what God says?



THE MEYER FAMILY

Michael, Carol, Abigail, Lydia & Timothy
MISSIONARIES TO

MEXICO



MARCH/APRIL 2015

Brethren,

We have returned safely to Tapalpa, Mexico and praise the Lord for guiding us back. Thanks to all of you who kept us in prayer. We also appreciate all the churches and individuals who helped us with our furlough expenses throughout our second furlough experience. Every missions house or prophet's chamber stayed in was a great savings in hotel expenses. We trust the Lord to provide much needed increase in support and pray that those churches visited will be able to add us to their missions program.

The repair on our van was finished in April, and we made our way towards the border safely and our crossing on the 25th went well without any problems with the vehicle or safety along the route back to Tapalpa. It is such a blessing to be back and see and hear familiar voices here in our town.

There was some cartel activity in Guadalajara (2 hours north of us) a few days after our arrival; we are glad that we were not in their way. Reports said that they were setting up road blocks by burning vehicles in some of the highways going in and out of the city. This really was a problem because it was a very busy time for travelers as they were vacationing during a holiday weekend. Usually these activities follow a crackdown on the cartel by the federal authorities in sort of a retaliation. Pray for the safety of the missionaries and people in Mexico during these unfortunate events.

José Nieves was glad to see us, and we have much work to do to help the brethren understand their responsibility in organizing a local church in their community. I spoke briefly with our neighbor, Ricardo the day we returned as he helped us unload some things from our trip. He still has not accepted that beer and liquor are like serpents that slowly poison your body and mind. I saw him a couple of days later carrying a cold bottle of beer and made a comment to him using our mission sign as an example. There is a Bible painted on the sign with the words, "Holy Bible"; and I told him that until the people believe the Bible is the Holy Word of God, they won't pay it much mind. He agreed. Then I said the same thing about alcoholic beverages: that until you believe it is like a serpent killing you slowly, you'll keep playing with it.

On a happier note, our children have enjoyed playing with the neighbor kids they have not seen in awhile. They participated in the Mexican celebration of the Day of the Kids in a football field in Tapalpa. There were many children there, and I could not help but pray for their salvation.

In His Service,

Michael & Carol Meyer (I Peter 4:10-11)



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Dear Pastors and Friends, March & April 2015

Greetings from Phnom Penh, Cambodia! My wife and I, along with our children, would like to thank you for your faithfulness to pray for and support our family, as well as the ministry here in Cambodia. Thank you for investing in the lives of people in Cambodia!

This past Sunday was such a special day! We had a wonderful Mother's Day service. With all three churches combined, we had 34 mothers attend the services. We also had ten first time visitors. On March 29th we had our celebration service, which we have every six weeks. This is a special time when all three churches meet together. Approximately 260 people were in attendance for the "Celebration Service," and 13 new believers were baptized. Praise the Lord! This was the biggest attended service in our church's four-year history. Four tuk-tuks traveled an hour and a half one-way to pick up people from the different villages that we minister in on a weekly basis. We are so grateful to God that He provided safety for everyone traveling to the services and back to their home villages. **Please pray for these folks who were baptized to continue to grow in, and stand for their faith!**

It is always such a blessing to see a husband and a wife get baptized on the same day. Ra and Sopheap have been attending our church in Prek Bang for the past three months. In recent days, they were saved, and both were baptized at our "Celebration Service." They have four young children who are not yet saved. **Please pray for Ra and Sopheap's spiritual growth and the salvation of their four children!**

In our last prayer letter, we mentioned that we had some visitors from Chomka village that had visited our church in Psa Traach. One of these is a man named Phun. He is a blind man in his sixties. Phun made a profession of faith back in February and is now faithfully attending church every Sunday. Ever since being saved, Phun has been a faithful witness for Christ. If anyone comes to his house he will tell him or her about Jesus. We are grateful that San, one of our Cham men, is working with him and his family. **Please pray for his Phun's spiritual growth and his wife's salvation!**



Phun's son Vanna and his family also attend our church. Vanna and his wife were saved at the same time as Phun. They have four children who are not yet saved. **Please pray for Vanna and his wife's continual spiritual growth and the salvation of their children!**

Srey Mom and her siblings are also from Chomka village. She made a profession of faith two months ago and is faithfully attending church. **Please pray for Srey Mom's spiritual growth and for the salvation of her brother and sister!**

If you could, please pray for the following people that we are working with and have yet to be saved: Grandma Touch, Srey Onh, Kan and family, Thida, Liang, Thren, Sok, and Kosal and family.

In Christ,

Touch Keo and Family

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reprove, rebuke and exhort people. He told him to pay particular attention to doctrine, (something that the present day Christian has a difficult time with). Paul knew that people were more and more inclined to shop around until they found a teacher who told them what they wanted to hear instead of what the Bible says. He knew that people would turn from the truth of the Bible and follow a perverted teaching of it, all the while thinking that they were doing what pleased God (2 Tim 4:1-4). Although I don't think Paul was able to fully imagine "church hopping" as we have it today, he certainly knew there would be strong resistance toward the word of God.

People who "hop" from church to church are not looking to be spiritually fed. They may say that they are trying to get a good well rounded diet, but that is not what they are really doing, and their "actions speak louder than words." They are trying to find a teacher who will tell them what they want to hear. Today, every man is his own authority (Pro 12:15; 21:2). He does not like to commit himself to God, especially if the Bible is clearly teaching some doctrine that they just don't agree with. Doctrine (as laid out in the Bible dispensationally) is not something a man has to agree with, it is something he must conform to. For example, a man doesn't need to agree that he is a

sinner, he needs to conform to God's opinion that God believes he is a sinner.

So, church hoppers are, what the Bible calls, "heapers". They heap (hoard) to themselves teachers. They are like the person who accepts all religions and bibles, but never commits to one. In so doing, they become their own authority and actually cut God out of the picture. Christians today should be very careful to realize this because, if the Devil cannot get us to quit, he will get us so confused that we don't know where to find truth.

Friends, always consider doctrine to be very important. Doctrine is the teachings of God as given to us in the Bible. If we take it lightly, then we are taking God lightly. Don't be a church hopper. Don't leave any church just because you don't agree with the teaching. You leave a church when the doctrine being taught does not agree with what the Bible teaches. If there is biblical precedent and proof for the teaching, then it is up to you to conform to it. If the Bible teaches it, and the Bible proves it, then even if you don't understand it, it is Biblical.

Church hoppers will take the cowards way out because they don't want to see where the Bible supports a certain doctrine. They believe what they want to believe and they don't want the Bible to

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

- *Deut 7:7 The LORD did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people:*
- *Ps 40:16 Let all those that seek thee rejoice and be glad in thee: let such as love thy salvation say continually, The LORD be magnified.*
- *Eph 3:17 That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,*

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change their belief. See how they become their own authority instead of the Bible being their authority? They are cowards because they never ask for explanation or clarification on what is being taught. They just slip away. Or, they ask someone else in the church for clarification instead of the teacher. A person truly concerned with doing right by the Bible always wants to see in the Bible how a certain teaching can be justified. In other words, "Show me in the Bible why you teach" a certain thing.

Church hoppers are dangerous because they influence others into thinking that church is not important. They influence others in undermining the authority of God. They demote God to a position of manhood when they begin making their own spiritual diet instead of allowing God to feed them as He sees fit. Their influence runs deep and is far reaching. It adds to the Devil's strategy to "divide and conquer." Jesus said if we were not for Him then we were AGAINST HIM. Any time you begin to decide for yourself instead of allowing the Bible to work on you, then you may be lining up in the ranks of people who are AGAINST HIM. No lover of Jesus wants to do that.

I advise patience and study. Ask for clarification. Compare what is being said against what is said in the Bible. Pray about things that trouble you. Take the Biblical advice and go to the teacher privately first. Ask God to open your eyes. Finally, any time you use the phrase, "I think...", stop for a moment and analyze how you can take your statement and apply it to, "God thinks..."~

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