







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

 	Sunday May 24, 2015 This Weeks Events	 
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible 101</i> —Pastor Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Good Soldiers</i> —Pastor Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Jr. Church</i> —Pastor Saloum 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>		

REMEMBER

“ Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.” John 15:13

What did God ever do for me anyway?

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor

I have heard this statement often during the many years I have witnessed for the Lord. Of course, there are the variations of it like, "If that's what YOUR God does, then I want no part of Him." Or, "I couldn't accept any God that would allow such suffering and pain in the world." Rather than say that these are "cop-out" statements, I would say they are made by in ignorance. They really don't know what they are talking about. They are uninformed, uninvestigated statements.

for help without risking being seen as going against their family, and they cannot be seen by their peers as breaking this taboo without risking being ostracized by them. So they remain ignorant; as did those before them, and those before them, and etc.

Statements like these are not only the products of ignorance, but they also originate from a deep seated regard for self. Rather than trying to make God conform to their expectations, they could (as intelligent people) open their minds and acknowledge that there is someone who is much more intelligent than they are; in fact, they could come to grips with the existence of a being that is much more superior to man in every way if they would let go of their self admiration. After all, this is what 90% of present day Sci-Fi shows portray--the possibility of beings more superior to man, and if there is a superior being, then why not give it/him the regard due it/him?

It is man's incessant need to promote self that drives him to deny the possibility of a superior being. Man cannot abide someone smarter, stronger, wiser or

Most people form their opinion of religion or politics from the opinions of their parents. This is largely in part because they don't want to take the time to think things thru for themselves. I remember my parents telling me that I could talk to anybody about anything except religion and politics. Of course, I didn't understand it at the time, but now I know that these two subjects are very closely tied to a man's heart. They are subjects that people are very passionate about. Therefore, since society basically adopts these two subjects as taboo, it is very difficult for someone to desire to fully investigate on their own, so they can form their own opinion. They cannot go to outsiders

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The Johnsons

Missionaries to the "Children of the Dragon" in Mainland China



Dear folks,

We had a little bit of excitement today. I went to work at 6:30am and finished class a little after noon. Usually I take the 5pm bus home, but when I checked my phone after class, I had an urgent message from my wife to call her as soon as possible. She had gone to the International Clinic this morning to get her eye checked out. It has been swollen and bloodshot this week and was really hurting her this morning.

She was calling to ask if I could take the subway home early and go to the Eye Hospital for some tests this afternoon. The International Clinic didn't have the equipment to do eye tests and said she could have either episcleritis which, if treated early, wasn't too serious or scleritis which has a high risk of vision loss. Carolyn says even though both parents had cancer, she's not too concerned about getting cancer, but she's really, really scared of losing her eyesight and she hates any kind of eye test. So, I caught the subway home and took her to the hospital.

It was very clean and the doctor spoke some English and it took less than 30 minutes to get in and out and only cost about \$15 including 2 prescriptions for eye drops and 3 different eye tests. Anyone ready to make a trip to China? Carolyn's not too excited about the eye drops four times a day, but we are really glad she has episcleritis which is the less serious kind.

It is something that may be recurring and some other tests have been recommended as it is often related to other autoimmune conditions. But, we are very thankful for the good news.

Please be thinking about Micah and Betty's baby, too. We just got a phone call from them and they are at the hospital. Betty's in labor and the doctor says the baby should come sometime in the morning.

I also have a couple of new students coming to the BS each week. It is exciting to see them so eager to learn. Please keep them in your thoughts as they prepare for graduation.

Daniel and Carolyn Johnson

Dear folks,

Wanted to let everyone know that Micah and Betty had a sweet little girl this morning just before 8am. In China, babies aren't usually named until around 3 months or even 6 months old, so no name yet. Thank you for your thoughts.

Also, after 2 eye drop applications, Carolyn's eye isn't as painful which is a relief. We so appreciate everyone's thoughts.

Daniel and Carolyn Johnson



The Loewen Family in the Yucatan Peninsula

As we flipped the calendar to March, we kept seeing a hunger and thirst for the Word of God, in those folks that got saved in February. We've been discipling these new ones weekly, and as we began to discuss baptism, they jumped on board, setting the date for April 5. We were elated! This newsletter is full of many encouraging incidents and we hope it encourages you as much as it has us.

In March, our church was invited to a large conference in Campeche City, and so we took one day and went with 2 of our couples. It was a long day, driving a total of 6 hours and listening to 8 different messages, but it was so sweet to see them enjoy it. Over lunch, we had a few hours to sit by the sea-side and commune with them. Leanna has taken on the task of teaching piano lessons to children and adults. It is one thing to teach, and quite another when its not in your mother tongue. She is doing excellent! She has also taken Sunday Evening Sunday School to a whole new level, which is a blessing to the children, for they learn so much more. God is so good to supply the strength when you need it most.

Along with Eduardo and Elvia getting saved, we had Vidal and Anna get saved too. Vidal and Anna's occupation takes them out into the small towns, away from here. We have encouraged them to read their Bible, which Vidal has been doing quite a bit. In the middle of March, he needed medical help so I took him to the hospital. In all the traveling, and through his pain, he told me he desired to get baptized. They are still not faithful to church, but I pray that things will work out for them to shuffle their work schedule to include coming to church.

One of our midweek services that we had was unique, for we had no electricity except for 2 lights. We gathered close together by the lights! Interestingly, we had a good number of folks come out too. That same evening we planned for our Good Friday event. We decided to have a BBQ out at the park. The BBQ turned out better than we had imagined! While playing ball or preparing the meal, we had sweet fellowship and unity.

For a while now, I have been getting together with Luis. He is saved and loves the Lord. After we met he has shown a real desire to go soul winning and preach the Word of God. It amazes me how the Lord brings people like this into my life. Luis lives here in Tekax. On Sunday morning of April 5th, I had him preach and he did very well.

One weekday, Eduardo told me he wasn't sure he wanted to get baptized. I told him to think and pray about it for a few days and then confirm his answer. In the end, he came to me Sunday morning and said he was 'In'. Oh my, talk about excitement in my heart!

For our Sunday evening baptism service we had over 50 attend. Leanna had 16 children, and Saphina had 8 small children... it was busy! After the preaching we had the baptisms, and Eduardo, Elvia, and Francisco got baptized. It was a blessed evening with food and fellowship and an awesome volleyball game.

The next week we had Winnie Lam from B.C. visiting, and while here she helped us make songbooks. That was a blessing. On April 10, Pam and I along with Rangel, went to Merida to do errands. Merida is 1.5 hours away from home. At our last stop, we got a call from Elvia that our son Justin had been hit by a truck(police). We headed for home immediately. With being hit by a vehicle comes a lot of expectations of serious injuries. He had been unconscious for at least 5 minutes after being hit and was kept 'awake' thereafter. We hoped in the small things, but

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more powerful than himself. Couple this selfish desire to promote his own ego with ignorance and you get statements like, "I can't believe God would have taken my mother from me when I was 5 years old?" Or, "Why did God let my son commit suicide? I hate God!"

For the Christian to come in contact with people who making such statements as these, they need not only realized that these people are ignorant or selfish, but more importantly, they are hurt. Like everyone else, they are broken in some form or another, except in their case, their pain runs deep into the heart. For it to be removed, it must be done like a surgeon removes a tumor from the brain.

It is a pain staking processes that takes much time. The cure for their pain, (GOD), is also the object of their pain. It is hard for a person to accept God when it is God that they are so against accepting. It is hard to give someone a treatment for cancer when a person is adamantly against a treatment for cancer. You see how tough it is for them.

People like this deserve our deepest sympathy, not our most ambitious attacks. They must be

dealt with in the area of those things they are ignorant about. Little by little they need to learn about God; His character and His personality. That is where the answers to their questions lie. This is where the cure for their pain exists.

Once people see the personality of God directly from His own writings, then they begin forming their own opinion, void from influence of others. Once they begin seeing God as the exalted, mighty, Creator, they begin to submit to His authority. When they accept Him as their very own Creator, and begin to see themselves as His created being, they begin to live under the protection of His peaceful, restful submission. When God is exalted Highest of all, such questions have no place to be asked, and the answer, "Because He is in control, and He has his own plan," is perfectly acceptable. Don't "blow them off" or tell them, "One day you will see." Try to show them that you too felt similarly before you got to know God for yourself. Show them how much comfort you got from just knowing God. As they begin to see Him, they will change their minds.~

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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.
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.
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

- *Ps 4:2 O ye sons of men, how long will ye turn my glory into shame? how long will ye love vanity, and seek after leasing? Selah.*
- *Song 7:6 How fair and how pleasant art thou, O love, for delights!*
- *Luke 6:35 But love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for he is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.*

NOTES:

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expected worse. After tests and waiting through the night, all that they could find was a fracture in the socket of his R.hip. Wow, what a miracle! Our church families rallied around our family in those first 48 hours... "so sweet"! The doctor talked about releasing him 24 hours later, but Pam desired Justin to stay longer, for he was so dependant on her, and the Lord saw fit to allow him to stay longer. The Lord's hand was truly evident in every small detail, for with this type of accident there is a lot of paperwork. Through it all, the police's insurance has said they will pay for all costs. This was another miracle! Today, Justin is very mobile, but not yet walking. He's to see the Dr. this week. He exercises his hip joint everyday, and has physiotherapy appointments too. We have said from the first moment that we hope that the Lord will gain what he is after, in us, in our city Tekax, and in anyone else's life. We want to say a BIG thank you to every person who has thought or prayed for us. God gets the glory! We post updates on our website regarding Justin(loewenstomexico.net).

Please pray with us for: Eduardo & Elvia, Vidal & Anna, Fransisco & Heidi, Rangel & Belinda, Oscar, Luis & Lizette, Jose & Oyuki(Ō-you-key), Juan & Lizeth, and all the kids. We continue to pray for direction in acquiring some land for the church. Thank you for those who have joined us in prayer that God's will be made clear to us regards to purchasing some property.

Thank you to our church family for sending an extra special package when Justin was in the hospital. Thank you to those who keep in touch with us regularly with cards, emails, phone calls or gifts. Your thoughts and prayers are appreciated, and your financial support is gratefully received. May the Lord bless you!

Yours for souls in the Yucatan Peninsula,

Niles & Pam Loewen and Family

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