



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

Sunday October 18, 2015
This Weeks Events
Today: 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> — 6:00PM: (Grange) —Advanced Bible.—Pastor Saloum
Upcoming Events
November 22, 2015: NOON: (Grange)— <i>Church Family THANKSGIVING POTLUCK</i> —
December 28, 2015: 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>WATCHNIGHT SERVICE</i> —Pastor Coale Potluck meal, Church Business Mtg. (voting members can vote), Popcorn Preaching, Sword Drills, Testimonies, Lord’s Supper and Final Prayer
January 3, 2016: 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>RESOLUTION SUNDAY (LORDS SUPPER)</i> —Pastor Coale
April 24, 2016: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brett Hoffman Family 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brett Hoffman Family NOON: (Grange)— <i>Meet the Missionary POTLUCK</i> —
September 11-14, 2016: EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— <i>SAM GIPP</i>



Thank you all for praying for me. It is nice to not have to worry about the church while I am healing. I hope to be back with you all very soon.

Pastor

How does a Christian grow?

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor

People who are truly saved have a desire to learn more about God. They are drawn to anything that will teach them about the wonderful savior who died for them. They have a desire to grow as a Christian, but how do they do that when they are surrounded by a world of sin? How do they find light when they are engulfed in a world of darkness?

I have thought about this many times. It doesn't seem as though any one will grow if they are not related to or surrounded by the Lord Jesus Christ. The light of Christ dwells in every true Christian, but every Christian does not know this. Or, they know it, but do not reckon it to be true. They live like Christ is only present when they are in church, reading their Bible, praying or when they are talking to the preacher. To navigate this world of darkness, we need the light of Christ. Since Christ lives in us, we all possess the light of Christ, but how do we make it work for us?

I know that it is a very big step to take but the short answer is you must surround yourself, you must saturate yourself with God's people, God's music, God's television shows, God's books, God's paintings and God's word. Douse yourself, emerge yourself in God. If you do it will have an effect on you life. You will grow as a Christian. When you go out into the world, you will know how to invoke the light that lives in you.

As a pastor I am often asked, "How do I live as a Christian? I keep failing. I don't know how to take the things I learned and use them successfully. How do I keep my mind on Christ?" I too had this question when I was just a new Christian.

I learned to surround myself with Christian things. This first involved taking down all NON-Christian things. I got rid of all things that I had that I knew Christ would not like. For me, this involved cleaning out my

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The Loewen Family *in the Yucatan Peninsula*

July & August were months with new and exciting experiences. As I mentioned in the last prayer letter we had our first missionary come and present his work to Thailand. He did a great job to help our church understand a little more about missions. I was thrilled to see that our church wanted to support him monthly. Incidentally, in August we had another missionary come through and he preached on prayer. It was what our people needed to hear. They seemed to pick up on the importance of prayer and it is exciting to see them putting it into practice.

We are thrilled to say that things are moving ahead with the property. We now have a binding agreement with the lawyer to purchase the property. Once we gave the 50% down, we were allowed to begin working on the property. Our church folks have been very busy cleaning the property. This includes cutting down the brush and burning it, raking, removing stones, rebuilding some stone walls and so on. We made good progress, so much so, that we began to plan where we would begin building. I talked to the men in regards to constructing a building with a bay leaf roof, for this type of building is more economical. A couple in the church donated all the lumber for it, so at the end of July we were able to go out to this property in the jungle, and cut the lumber. This was a new experience for our boys and the brothers in our church. We had the help of some men that do this for a living. Everything involved in this process was done by manual labour. We searched out the trees, marked them and cut them down. As a group we carried the logs out of the forest and at times it took 5 or six men to carry just one log. Loading the logs into the 12 ton truck was again done by physical labour. We realized by day 2 that we had muscles we didn't know we had. By the last day, our bodies were weary but with smiling faces we unloaded the logs, knowing that they were 'home'. We praise the Lord for safety in all that was done, even up to driving the truck onto our property. Having finished unloading the lumber, as we were enjoying our refreshing Coca Cola in a hot 38°C temperature, I noticed a man watching us by the property entrance. I went to talk to him and he asked me what we were doing, so I said that we were preparing to build a church. He proceeded to say that he was the owner of the property next to ours. We had attempted to purchase his property but he was not ready to sell it, so with that we believed that it was not the Lord's will. He said to me that once he saw that we were proceeding with building a church, that he now would like to sell his property to us. The Lord answered our prayer by enlarging our property! When I went with him to the lawyer, his wife mentioned that the only reason that they are selling the property to us, is because we want

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to build a church. She said that many people have tried to buy their property but they always refused to sell it. Wow! The Lord is good!

Currently we are cleaning up that 2nd property and peeling the lumber. It is necessary to peel the bark off and then paint them before putting up the structure. In the back of our minds, we are hoping that we can finish the construction before our conference toward the end of November.

On a different note, we had a week of VBS again this August. Ivan and Uziel, from Cancun Bible Institute came over to help us. They were such a huge help and blessing to us! This year we did it a little different. We chose to do it in 4 different parts of the city, in the homes of our church folk. In all the locations together we had an attendance total of close to 200 children. At the first location we had a mom, Mayra, who came with her little son. She was very interested in the gospel. We invited her for the big Sunday and she and her husband came. During the invitation she came forward to receive the Lord. Then, at the last VBS location we had a mother Janet, come and I had the opportunity to show the gospel afterward. She also asked the Lord to save her. I encouraged her to bring her husband, Miguel to church for our big Sunday. They came. During the invitation Miguel came forward to receive the Lord. "The Lord hath done great things!" This was a great day! I have had opportunity with both of them to start the discipleship program. Please pray that they will be faithful in this program.

Also, we have a number of regular attendees who have professed that they have received the Lord and I've encouraged them to take the next step in obedience regarding baptism, but they seem to be dragging their feet. My prayer is that they could take this next step and continue to grow spiritually.

A few of the many other happenings here: I have started encouraging the whole church to memorize scripture. We make a big deal about them learning one verse each week. Its a blessing to see how the children and adults are learning the verses. We give each adult and child a special candy if they are able to quote the verse in the Sunday morning or Sunday evening services. Secondly, our oldest daughter Kyla was able to be home for most of the summer. We sure enjoyed the time together, and now she has returned again to continue with her Bible studies.

Please continue to pray with us for wisdom, strength, enjoyment, safety as we physically work together with our folks, but also spiritually too, that we could encourage them to do what pleases God. We thank you for your continued financial & prayer support. May the Lord richly bless you!

Yours for souls in the Yucatan Peninsula,

Niles & Pam Loewen and Family

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liquor cabinet, flushing all of the recreational drugs and throwing away all related paraphernalia. I burned all my bad magazines, broke all 300 of my records and threw away all clothing that had disrespectful messages and pictures. It was like a spring cleaning. I rid myself of any worldly distractions. It was like cleaning the slate of my life so there was room to add the new things I so desperately needed.

After this I started reading my Bible every day. I didn't always understand it, but I read it anyway. Then I began going to church. Here I didn't understand everything either, but I always asked questions. The pastor was always happy to give me an answer. I bought Christian music, posters and books. I put them all over my apartment. Everywhere you turned you could see God. I hung out with the people I met at church and it

didn't take long to see that they were not prudes like I initially thought them to be. If it had God in it, I was involved.

This filled my mind with thoughts about God which effectively pushed out thoughts of the world. It was "out with the old and in with the new." If you are going to get rid of the old man, you must replace it with the new man. The Bible refers to this as a purging process (1 Cor. 5:7; 2 Tim. 2:21; 2 Pet. 1:9). People don't get this though. They think that when they become a Christian, they can just start leading a new life. So, they neglect the old life. As hard as they try to live the new Christian life, the old life keeps showing through. They have neglected to purge out the old ways to make room for the new ways. This is essential if they are going to be successful.

***“Out with
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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.
796.	Regina	Strength for God's will in her life.
803.	Dee P.	Improved church attendance for her family.
822.	Regina	Personal Health.
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.
955.	Lori S.	Son (Phil Gosline) has lymphoma
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.
979.	Colleen	Salvation of Darci Togensen's daughter Katey
984.	Lori	Candy's kidney stones.
988.	Matt C.	Lori Sylvia broke shoulder. Comfort & healing.

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ful at leading a victorious Christian life.

Christians can never grow if they do not address getting some of their old ways removed from their life. There will never be room for the new life to take hold if they are not willing to allow the old to be "pushed out" (purged).

In summary, the way to grow as a Christian is to allow the old to be pushed out by the new. Get rid of the things that draw you away, or distract you from God. Then surround yourself with the things that you want in your life. Then the purging process will successfully accomplish what it is intended to do.~

