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Sunday March 13, 2016
This Weeks Events
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Life of Jesus</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Touching Jesus</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible</i> —Pastor
Upcoming Events
March 13, 2016 NOON: (Grange)— <i>SPAGETTI FEED</i> —Charles Wasiklausky
April 3, 2016: 2:00PM: (Firlane) — <i>Shut in Saints</i> —Brother Matt Coale/Charles Wasilausky
April 10, 2016: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Missionary to Panama</i> —Brent Hoffman Family NOON: (Grange)— <i>Meet the Missionary POTLUCK</i> — 
September 11-14, 2016: EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— <i>SAM GIPP</i>

BIBLE COMPARISON

	King James Authorized Version	New International Version	American Standard Version	1890 Darby Bible	NEW WORLD Translation
Acts 2:30	Therefore being a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins, according to the flesh, he would raise up <u>Christ to sit on his throne;</u> [Textus Receptus]	But he was a prophet and knew that God had promised him on oath that he would place one of his descendants on his throne. [LXX]	Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn with an oath to him, that of the fruit of his loins he would set <i>one</i> upon his throne; [LXX]	Being therefore a prophet, and knowing that God had sworn to him with an oath, of the fruit of his loins to set upon his throne; [LXX]	Because he was a prophet and knew that God had sworn to him with an oath that he would seat one of his offspring on his throne, [LXX]
<p>Somebody didn't want to hide the fact that God was going to put CHRIST on the throne. Perhaps they are ashamed of Christ? Perhaps they were afraid to mention Him in their translation. What possible reason would anyone ever have to leave CHRIST out? Who would not want us to know something about CHRIST?</p> <p><i>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</i></p>					

I Can't Help It

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor



"And they called them, and commanded them not to speak at all nor teach in the name of Jesus. ¹⁹ But Peter and John answered and said unto them, Whether it be right in the sight of God to hearken unto you more than unto God, judge ye. ²⁰ For we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard." (Acts 4:18-20).

Peter said to the impotent man, *"Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have I give unto thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk."* He was healed and began *"...leaping, and praising God."* The crowd was curious and wanted to know how this happened. They listened as Peter began preaching Jesus Christ, and the resurrection from the dead, in the temple. About 5000 people repented that day.

The Pharisees didn't like that and refused them to preach or teach in the name of Jesus. Peter and John answered, *"...we cannot but speak the things which we have seen and heard."*

Anyone who has seen and heard the wonderful, amazing

things of God cannot keep it to themselves. They are busting at the seams to tell. It eats them up like a consuming fire, and they must find someone to tell. They just can't keep their mouth shut. This is how amazing Jesus Christ is. This is the effect of the deep love that he has for people.

You can always tell when someone is actively in love with Jesus because they cannot stop talking about Him. When a young couple have a baby, they cannot stop talking about it. In every conversation they have to inject something about their child. Why? Because of the deep love they have for the child. Likewise, when someone has a deep love for Jesus Christ, they are constantly injecting something about Him into the conversation. We talk about the things that we are interested in; the things that are in the forefront of our minds. It's natural.

If a person seldom talks about Jesus, it is an indicator that He does not hold a place of preeminence in the mind of that person. I am not talking about a person who doesn't talk about Jesus in church. I am talking about in your home life outside of church.

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churches are vulnerable to lawsuits in almost all areas of ministry. Pastoral counseling is no exception. Pastors and churches should recognize and guard against the legal risks associated with pastoral counseling so they can be more effective in their counseling ministry.

TAKE REASONABLE CARE WHEN HIRING

A church that takes reasonable care when hiring a pastor will drastically reduce the likelihood that it will be found responsible for any harm a pastor might cause individuals he counsels. There are two reasons for this reduced liability risk: the church will succeed in weeding out unqualified candidates and will have met the legal duty of exercising reasonable care in the hiring process. However, a church that fails to take such care is likely to be found negligent if it hires a pastor knowing he is unfit, or fails to use reasonable care to discover his qualifications.

A church takes reasonable care in hiring a pastor when it conducts a background check that includes the following steps:

- Contacting churches or other organizations where the candidate has served.
- Contacting employers for whom the candidate worked within the past five years. Failure to take this step caused one church to negligently hire a youth counselor who had been dishonorably discharged from the Navy for sexual molestation.
- Requesting a criminal record check in the state of the candidate's prior employment and, if feasible, in states where the candidate has lived during the past five years. (A pastoral candidate should be asked to sign a form authorizing a criminal record check.)

In addition to a background check, the hiring process should include applications, detailed interviews, reference and education verifications, and follow-up evaluations.

ADOPT AND FOLLOW A WRITTEN COUNSELING POLICY

It is critical that churches adopt and follow a written counseling policy. The pastor should be asked to sign an agreement to abide by this policy. This policy is the best defense for the pastor and church members alike: a pastor will be able to answer any false allegations of improper conduct; church members will be protected from counseling abuse; and the church will be free of liability and able to continue its ministry.

A church that pays no attention to how the pastor conducts his counseling ministry could be found negligent for any harm the pastor does to the people he counsels. If a

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church fails to take action after the church has become aware, or should have become aware, of the pastor's unfitness, the church could also be found liable for negligent retention of the pastor.

Key elements in a pastoral counseling policy should require the pastor providing counseling services to do the following:

1. Limit counseling to Biblical and spiritual counseling; refuse to provide medical, mental health, marriage counseling, and family therapy; and reject the label of licensed, clinical, or professional counselor unless the pastor has actually received psychological training and licensing from an accredited institution.
2. Emphasize the Biblical counseling by (1) keeping the Bible open and clearly in sight throughout each counseling session; (2) reading from at least one Scripture reference during the counseling session; (3) assigning Scriptural homework to the person being counseled; and (4) beginning and ending each counseling session with prayer.
3. Require each person being counseled to sign a Counseling Agreement in which he. (1) acknowledges the counseling provided is Biblical not professional; (2) acknowledges the counseling pastor is not professional in psychological counseling, psychiatric therapy, or marriage and family counseling or therapy, and is not licensed by the state as a counselor, social worker, or therapist; (3) agrees not to sue the church for any expenses or damages that result from any of the pastor's counseling services; (4) agrees that otherwise confidential communications may be disclosed to appropriate state law enforcement authorities where required by law.
4. Refer people with serious problems requiring professional counseling to a professional medical or psychiatric counselor with specialized training.
5. Set a limit on the number of counseling sessions with each individual and include this limitation in the Counseling Agreement signed by the person being counseled. This policy not only ensures that the pastor reserves sufficient time for his other pastoral duties, but also lowers the risk of the pastor and counselee relationship becoming either too close or estranged. indeed, studies show that many of those counseled for an extended period actually leave the church because they feel exposed or feel like they have become the target of sermon illustrations.
6. Schedule all counseling sessions in writing and at all times keep a secretary informed as to the pastor's whereabouts.
7. Avoid counseling members of the opposite sex out of sight and alone. instead, make sure that the counseling session is clearly visible to others. Conduct the session in a



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I am talking about at your work, in the grocery store or out in any public venue. I am not talking about being a crazy person shouting "Jesus" at everyone. Can you imagine, "How are you today?"

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus."

"Excuse me?"

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus..."

"Uh, Okay. See you later."

"Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus..."

People would think that you were crazy if you carried on like that. Not only that, they would translate that kind of activity to thinking every Christian was a crazy nut!

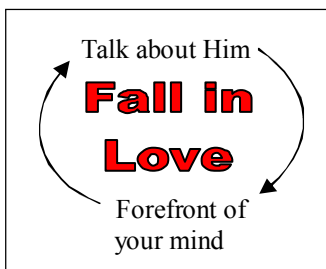
I am talking about in your natural course of daily living. Often when

people greet me, I unconsciously respond, "Praise the Lord!" I can't help it. I love Him and want to praise Him, even if the person that I am talking to does not. They will think about the Lord, and when they do, that is fertile ground for the Holy Spirit to work with. I have been doing it for so long, that I don't even realize it.

Of course, I am always in the Bible, listening to Christian music or reading about Him. When I see nature, I see it in the context of "The earth *is* the LORD'S, and the fulness thereof; the world, and they that dwell therein. (Psalms 24:1). It's just natural.

Now you don't have to be like me. I hope you are not! But perhaps you have gotten some ideas about how to fall in love with Jesus and let others know. It works like a snowball rolling down a hill until it becomes a giant ball of snow. If you love Jesus, you talk about Him. If you talk about Him, he will be in the forefront of your mind. If He is in the forefront of your mind, then you will talk about Him. All the time, your love for Him will grow.

I am of the persuasion that the reason some Christians don't talk about Jesus is that they have overlooked, or forgotten, the amazing things that Jesus has allowed them to see in their own life. The reason that they don't talk about Him is they are not thinking about Him; He has lost place in the forefront of their minds. Somewhere they jumped off the merry-go-round of loving Him. Perhaps they stopped loving Him for some



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reason and it manifested in their speech. Or perhaps they stopped talking about Him and they fell out of love. Something happened.

I have noticed that when a person first gets saved, they are so happy, and unashamed that they tell all of their friends and loved ones that they got saved. They know it to be the best thing that ever happened to them and they want to share it with everyone. But after some time, they begin speaking of Jesus less and less. They keep their salvation silent because they are afraid to offend someone else.

Perhaps they return to the old roots of their parents' teaching: "There are two subjects that you never bring up— religion and politics." I remember my parents teaching me that.

What has happened? For some they run into some cult who dances circles around their knowledge of the Bible. So they shy away from talking about Jesus because they don't want to be embarrassed. For others, they run into Christians who tell them, unless you believe like I do, then you are not really saved. So they shy away from talking about Jesus

because they don't want to have a confrontation with people who want to place doubts into their heads. Others have bad experience when they are witnessing to others. I remember witnessing to a friend during the lunch hour when I worked at the shipyard as an electrician. He was close to accepting the Lord as his Saviour when these two Mormons came over and talked him out of it. This poor guy was so confused by the time the Mormons talked to him that he didn't want anything to do with anyone who talked about Jesus.

He that hath a froward heart findeth no good: and he that hath a perverse tongue falleth into mischief. (Proverbs 17:20)

(NOTE: Mormons have done this to me on a number of occasions.) Others just get discouraged about something in their life and turn to something else. Usually it is a para-church organization or a church that has "programs" that tickles their interest, or occupies their children for awhile.

If you have fallen into one of these situations, then you need to start thinking about Jesus more. Talk about Him. This will bring to surface your love for Him. The more you love Him, the more you

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Dear Pastors and Friends,

Thank you very much for your continued prayers and support! My family and I are currently in the states on furlough. It was a blessing to arrive here in America safely. We spent the first month at our home church in Long Beach. I had the privilege to preach four straight weeks to our Khmer folks in the Khmer department there in Long Beach. The last week of December our church had a winter camp for the teenagers. I was privileged to go up and preach two times. My two sons were also able to go with me and we all enjoyed the preaching very much.

It has been truly a blessing to report to some of our supporting churches this past month and to see that God is still working in the church's here in America! We appreciate the opportunity to report, preach, the wonderful accommodations, generous love offerings, and the fellowship that we have had in the churches we have been to so far.

We are grateful for the opportunity to go out soul-winning and share the Gospel with some of our supporting churches. Please pray for the following people we met while door knocking:

○Chris, a man in his thirties. He is contemplating the LORD Jesus. He has heard the Gospel message all of his life and has yet to trust Christ.

○Carol, she is looking for a church to go to in Springfield, Oregon. We recommended that she go to Hillview Baptist church, one of our supporting churches.

○Kay, she is also looking for a church and seems somewhat interested.

Since starting furlough, we have shared with many churches about a lady named Long who is 89 years old. The last several months she has not been able to attend church because of her poor health. We regret to report that she just passed away two weeks ago. Her unsaved family members did not allow any of our church members to come close to her in her last days. They kept her closed up in the house with Buddhist Priests and Monks chanting around the clock. Even though we are sad, we are rejoicing because she is with the LORD in heaven and no longer has to endure the persecution from family and friends and sickness here on earth.

Blessing from our churches in Cambodia. We are thankful for some people who have made a profession of faith these past couple of months. Tha was Sinath's High School Ethics teacher over 30 years ago. He accepted Christ a few weeks ago. Vorn and Sal made a profession of faith within a couple weeks of each other. We are thankful for Sinath and the people who go to Prey Bang with him every Tuesday.

A couple of weeks before we left on furlough, Ra and I met Prohs during Saturday soul-winning. When we got to his house he told us he had been hoping that someone would come and tell him about Jesus. He knew that we weren't at his house by accident, because he was seeking the true God. When we had a celebration service on November 22, he came with our village church to attend the service in Phnom Penh. After we left on furlough, we received news that he had made a profession of faith. Please pray for his spiritual growth and that the door will be opened to reach more people in his village.

In Christ,

Touch Keo Family

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room with a window, or on a pew in the front of the church out of the hearing of anyone else, or require the presence of another staff person or trusted church member of the same sex as the person being counseled. Counseling in an open will-eliminate the-opportunity for emotional attachment and protect the pastor against unfounded allegations of misconduct.



Removing the temptation for impropriety is a safeguard for both the pastor and the person being counseled. One study of pastors involved in affairs found that 71 percent of the affairs began through pastoral counseling sessions.

8. Never counsel a minor out of the presence of another adult.
9. Never touch anyone in an inappropriate manner.
10. Take steps to insure the confidentiality of counseling sessions.
11. Keep detailed records of counseling sessions, including notes of the following:
 - The date, time, and location.
 - The names of those present and the reason for their presence.
 - The confidential nature of the session.
 - The problem for which counseling was sought.
 - Any unusual incidents or statements occurring during the session-for example, threats of harm to self or others, allegations of child abuse, or evidence that the counselee is under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
 - The spiritual advice given, including specific Scripture references shared.
 - The specific actions recommended and any actions the counselee was discouraged from taking.
 - A reasonable suspicion of child abuse.

Keeping careful records is necessary to protect pastors from a "he said, she said" dispute in a legal claim against the pastor or church. The notes should be retained in a confidential file to which no one but the counselor has access.

STATE LICENSING LAWS

Generally, pastoral counselors do not need state licenses to provide Biblical counseling services as part of their ministry. Most states specify that state licensing laws do not apply

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to religious counselors as long as they do not misrepresent their counseling credentials or improperly use professional titles. However, criminal sanctions may be imposed on pastors who represent themselves as being licensed by the state or as being professional marriage, family, or mental health professionals.

Because licensing laws vary in each state, it is critical that a pastor knows the law of the state in which he ministers. In North Carolina, for example, the licensing exemption only applies to an ordained minister or other member of the clergy while acting in a ministerial capacity if the service is free. In other states, the exemption may not apply if the person being counseled is not a church member and the counseling is not a requirement of the pastor's position. In these states, many pastors choose not to counsel nonchurch members rather than lose exemption from the state licensing requirement.

Thus, in many states, a written policy limiting pastoral counseling to Biblical and spiritual counseling is the only way to preclude state oversight of the counseling ministry.

CLERGY MALPRACTICE OR NEGLIGENT COUNSELING

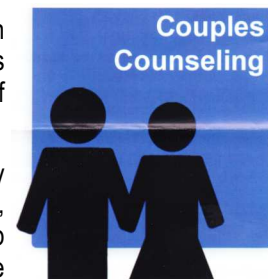
It is not unusual for a person dissatisfied with his counseling experience to sue the counselor for negligence. However, courts have uniformly rejected claims of clergy malpractice brought against pastors. In these cases, courts have found that in order to assess whether a pastor has breached his duty of care to the person being counseled, the court must evaluate the church's religious beliefs and how well the pastor carried out his pastoral responsibilities. Courts rightfully view this analysis as excessive entanglement of government with religion and a violation of the Establishment Clause in the First Amendment to the United States Constitution.

Pastors should know, however, that a negligent counseling suit could succeed against a pastor who provides professional rather than Biblical counseling. Professional counseling is not protected by the First Amendment and would be subject to judicial scrutiny.

CONFIDENTIALITY

A pastor has a duty to hold in confidence any information obtained during a counseling session. A pastor who violates this trust may be on the losing end of a suit for invasion of privacy or defamation.

Most pastors take the duty of confidentiality very seriously and would never intentionally break a confidence. However, pastors are often conflicted when faced with the duty to keep the confidence of the person being counseled and their desire to protect children from abuse or others from danger. These pastors want to know whether they may breach a confidence to report child abuse or save a person from harm. In many states, the answer is yes, but because the law varies from state to state the answer depends on the law in the pastor's state of residence. Thus, it is critical that pastors find out if their state recognizes any confidentiality exceptions. Pastors



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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.
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.
979.	Colleen	Salvation of Darci Togensen's daughter Katey
989.	Regina	Son (Richard) to let God be his all in all.
991.	Pastor	Rylander family come back to GBC.
992.	Pastor	Roger Crowe healing from cancer of spine & bladder.
993.	Mark H.	Grand-daughter overcoming depression.
994.	Pastor	God's will on buying the Grange Hall
997.	Pastor	Successful and full recovery of use of foot.
998.	Regina	Friend (Diane) comfort and recovery from lung cancer.
999.	Pastor	Roy Turk recovery from hip surgery.
1000.	Pastor	Pastor Saloum CAT scan and possible concussion

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must not make blanket promises to never disclose anything communicated in a counseling session. The law may require them to disclose a confidential communication.

STAYING ON GUARD

Christian Law Association exhorts pastors and churches to equip themselves with effective hiring and pastoral counseling policies to guard against the legal risks associated with pastoral counseling. Call our office to discuss your specific situation and to receive a copy of our Counseling Sample Agreement.

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will talk about Him.

Do you remember what it was like when you first got saved? Did you want to tell somebody? Could you help but speak the wonderful things you had seen and know? If you have never had an experience like that, perhaps (not in every case.) you need to re-evaluate your relationship with God. Maybe you will find His love and you too won't be able to help but speak the things you know and have seen.~

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