



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

Sunday April 24, 2016
This Weeks Events
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Life of Jesus</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Man’s Spiritual problem</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Deeper Diggings: REPENTANCE</i> —Pastor
Upcoming Events
May 1, 2016: 2:00PM: (Firlane) — <i>Shut in Saints</i> —Brother Matt Coale (Charles Wasilausky/Rich Saloum)
May 8, 2016: MOTHERS DAY 11:00AM: (Grange) — <i>Mother</i> —Pastor
May 15, 2016: 12:10AM: (Grange) — <i>VBS PLANNING MEETING</i> —Matt & Sally Coale
May 28, 2016: 9:00AM to 5:00PM: (Pastors yard) — <i>FUND RAISER YARD SALE</i> —Matt & Sally Coale
September 11-14, 2016: EVANGELISTIC MEETINGS— <i>SAM GIPP</i>

Yard Sale Fundraiser

Matt and Sally Coale will be having a YARD SALE FUNDRAISER to support the VBS this year. It will take place on the front yard of the Pastors house (corner of Crestview and Agate Loop Rd). They are seeking worthy donations of items to sell as well as volunteers to help with this event. Proceeds will go to the VBS and there will even be a donation buck at the sale as well.



The sale will take place the last Saturday in May (28th) from 9-5. For any questions or further information, please contact Matt or Sally Coale.

Your help can be instrumental to us having a great VBS this year.

Independence

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor



One of the many characteristics that defines man is independence. We don't like to be dependent on anyone else. We like being able to do what we want whenever we want. It gives us a feeling of freedom. It is liberating. But, independence is a confusing thing because we are never completely independent. There is always something or someone to be accountable to.

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Newest Trustee to the Pastor

For some time now the Lord has been working on my heart to make Larry Ernst a trustee. He has proven himself to be loyal and dependable. Although never asked to do so, each Sunday he arrives at the church early and opens the gates to prepare for everyone to show up. He always jumps in to help where he is able. He takes the initiative. Each week and sees that the bulletins are folded and are made presentable for visitors who come through the foyer. He has proven himself trustworthy to work in the money counting room under the direction of the Treasurer. His love for the church makes his opinion valuable to me.



Pastor

Note from the Pastor

During the past few weeks I have formed a Building Committee of trusted men. We have met to discuss the purchasing of the Grange Building and have concluded that it is something that our church should pursue. Therefore, we have agreed on an offer, I have typed it up and sent it to the Grange. Our prayer is that they will accept our offer. I am asking the entire church to join us in prayer to that end.

I am sure that any one of the Building Committee members will gladly talk to you regarding the meeting discussion and decisions.

Building Committee: Ron Coale, Rich Saloum, Matt Coale, Charles Wasilausky, Tom Parker, Larry Ernst, Mark Henderson and Mark Poe.~

THIS PROFESSOR SILENCED BY STUDENT.

Professor: You are a Christian, aren't you, son?

Student: Yes, sir.

Professor: So, you believe in GOD?

Student: Absolutely, sir.

Professor: Is GOD good?

Student: Sure.

Professor: Is GOD all powerful?

Student: Yes.

Professor: My brother died of cancer even though he prayed to GOD to heal him. Most of us would attempt to help others who are ill. But GOD didn't. How is this GOD good then? Hmm?

(Student was silent.)

Professor: You can't answer, can you? Let's start again, young fella. Is GOD good?

Student: Yes.

Professor: Is Satan good?

Student: No.

Professor: Where does Satan come from?

Student: From ... GOD ...

Professor: That's right. Tell me son, is there evil in this world?

Student: Yes.

Professor: Evil is everywhere, isn't it? And GOD did make everything. Correct?

Student: Yes.

Professor: So who created evil?

(Student did not answer.)

Professor: Is there sickness? Immorality? Hatred? Ugliness? All these terrible things exist in the world, don't they?

Student: Yes, sir.

Professor: So, who created them?

(Student had no answer.)

Professor: Science says you have 5 Senses you use to identify and observe the world around you. Tell me, son, have you ever seen GOD?

Student: No, sir.

Professor: Tell us if you have ever heard your GOD?

Student: No, sir.

Professor: Have you ever felt your GOD, tasted your GOD, smelt your GOD? Have you ever had any sensory perception of GOD for that matter?

Student: No, sir. I'm afraid I haven't.

Professor: Yet you still believe in Him?

Student: Yes.

Professor: According to Empirical, Testable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says your GOD doesn't exist. What do you say to that, son?

Student: Nothing. I only have my faith.

Professor: Yes, faith! And that is the problem Science has.

Student: Professor, is there such a thing as heat?

Professor: Yes.

Student: And is there such a thing as cold?

Professor: Yes.

Student : No, sir. There isn't.

(The lecture theater became very quiet with this turn of events.)

Student: Sir, you can have lots of heat, even more heat, superheat, mega heat, white heat, a little heat or no heat. But we

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There are people in our lives that depend upon us: Family, friends, co-workers, people we share the road with, etc. They all depend upon us to fulfill our obligations to make things work properly in their lives as well as ours. Likewise, we depend on people to do what they are supposed to do so we can depend on them. We need people to teach us how to navigate this life that we live.

Man's independence usually takes the form of rebellion. Originally man wanted to be independent from God and the nature of this characteristic has not changed one bit. Why is it appealing to go out to eat, or to a movie, but a struggle to go to church? It is because our nature is to seek our independence; it is our nature to sin. It is not natural for man to submit to authority unless it is expedient. The first authority man wanted to be independent of is that of God's, and man still wants to be independent from God.

Man has a difficult time of get-

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don't have anything called cold. We can hit 458 degrees below zero which is no heat, but we can't go any further after that. There is no such thing as cold. Cold is only a word we use to describe the absence of heat. We cannot measure

ting saved because he must acknowledge God and His authority. Because of our sinful nature, it is not natural for man to get saved. he must swim against the stream to come to God. It takes a purposeful, determinant action to do so. Therefore, we must be somewhat adamant when trying to convince one to give up his independence and come to Christ; understanding that it is not natural to submit.

Independence is thought to be a good characteristic, but it is not. Dependence is far better, but only if it is a dependence on God. Every Christian should strive for a greater dependence on God as well as convince others to depend on Him.

It takes humility to give up a person's independence. It takes a giving up of all "rights." This is a very foreign concept to man. We think we have all sorts of "rights", but the child of God must give up his rights to follow Jesus.

Jesus gave up His rights to the throne to come to sin full earth to redeem fallen man. ~

cold. Heat is energy. Cold is not the opposite of heat, sir, just the absence of it.

(There was pin-drop silence in the lecture theater.)

Student: What about darkness, Profes-

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April 1, 2016

Hello from the Hoffman Family,

March has been a crazy month for us as we had meetings from Montana to Mississippi. Fortunately, I was able to leave the family in Idaho for the Mississippi conference so they could take a break from the fast traveling pace of deputation. We have really enjoyed traveling around the western part of the country going to different churches and meeting fellow Christians that love the Lord. We have made some good friends on deputation and God has really blessed us and increased our faith. We are working on increasing our patience too. Since we have seven people living in a 29' motor home, we could use a little more patience, but we're much better than we used to be. The kids have been making good friends and a couple of the pastors are having a friendly argument over who is our kids' favorite pastor. One had a four-wheeler and a couple horses that the kids rode so he is the leader for the time being. The kids might be a little bias though.

At the missions conference in Mississippi, several people from the church and I went to a St. Patrick's Day parade and passed out gospel tracts and invitations to church. One of the girls with us invited an older man, Jose, to church the next day. Usually people will be polite and say they will think about it but it's rather rare for someone to follow through and come to church. Jose not only came to church the next day, but he also accepted Jesus Christ as his personal Savior. It's encouraging to see that inviting people to church still works!

I was also able to preach to a large group of troubled youth in a military program in Montana on a Friday night. After I finished preaching, the director told the cadets that if they had any questions that they could come up and talk with me after the service. A 17-year-old boy named Ryan came up to me and asked me a question about forgiveness. He said he was praying like a Catholic, always asking for forgiveness but he never had a peace about it. I was able to talk to him for ten minutes or so and after we were done, he bowed his head and asked Jesus Christ for salvation. I was really excited to see him get saved. God can and will save anyone!

We are heading into spring with a full schedule and will be in 14 different churches in April alone. Please pray that the family does not get worn out. We are excited to see things moving us closer to getting to the field but we are also enjoying watching the Lord move everything into place just perfectly. Thank you for all your prayers and support, we need and appreciate them so much.

In Christ,

Brent, Jen, Gabby, Joab, Keira, Vienna, & Judah

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 influence & 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.
989.	Regina	Son (Richard) to let God be his all in all.
991.	Pastor	Rylander family return to GBC.
992.	Pastor	Roger Crowe healing from cancer of spine & bladder.
994.	Pastor	God's will on buying the Grange Hall
997.	Pastor	Successful and full recovery of use of foot.
999.	Pastor	Roy Turk recovery from hip surgery.
1001.	Pastor	Kyle's friend Zach-health.
1002.	Pastor	Saloum's— multiple health issues
1003.	Pastor	Florence Saloum healing from Congestive Heart Failure.
1004.	Regina	Debra Rameriz-Recovery from lung cancer surgery.
1005.	Pastor	Wisdom on purchasing the Grange Hall
1006.	Pastor	Florence Saloum taken to hospital for stroke.
1007.	Pastor	State Grange Assoc. to accept our offer on the building

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sor? Is there such a thing as darkness?

Professor: Yes. What is night if there isn't darkness?

Student: You're wrong again, sir. Darkness is the absence of something. You can have low light, normal light, bright light, flashing light. But if you have no light constantly, you have nothing and its called darkness, isn't it? In reality, darkness isn't. If it

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is, well you would be able to make darkness darker, wouldn't you?

Professor: So what is the point you are making, young man?

Student: Sir, my point is your philosophical premise is flawed.

Professor: Flawed? Can you explain how?

Student: Sir, you are working on the premise of duality. You argue there is life and then there is death, a good GOD and a bad GOD. You are viewing the concept of GOD as something finite, something we can measure. Sir, Science can't even explain a thought. It uses electricity and magnetism, but has never seen, much less fully understood either one. To view death as the opposite of life is to be ignorant of the fact that death cannot exist as a substantive thing.

Death is not the opposite of life: just the absence of it. Now tell me, Professor, do you teach your students that they evolved from a monkey?

Professor: If you are referring to the natural evolutionary process, yes, of course, I do.

Student: Have you ever observed evolution with your own eyes, sir?

(The Professor shook his head with a smile, beginning to realize where the argument was going.)

Student: Since no one has ever observed the process of evolution at work and cannot even prove that this process is an on-going endeavor. Are you not teaching your opinion, sir? Are you not a scientist but a preacher?

(The class was in uproar.)

Student: Is there anyone in the class who has ever seen the Professor's brain?

(The class broke out into laughter.)

Student: Is there anyone here who has ever heard the Professor's brain, felt it, touched or smelt it? No one appears to have done so. So, according to the established Rules of Empirical, Stable, Demonstrable Protocol, Science says that you have no brain, sir. With all due respect, sir, how do we then trust your lectures, sir?

(The room was silent. The Professor stared at the student, his face unfathomable.)

Professor: I guess you'll have to take them on faith, son.

Student: That is it sir... Exactly! The link between man & GOD is FAITH. That is all that keeps things alive and moving.

P.S.: By the way, that student was EINSTEIN.

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