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*A Great Place To Grow in Christ*  
 For the Entire Family



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

We're having a **YARD SALE FUND-RAISER** to raise money for our VBS this year. If you have items you could donate that we could sell, and/or you can volunteer to help, I need you. All proceeds will go to the VBS so we can have more kids get saved this year than ever before.

The sale will take place the last Saturday in May (28th) from 9-5, at the Pastors house (corner of Crestview and Agate Loop Rd).

For any questions or further information, please contact me or my husband, Matt Coale.



## The Power of the Christian

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor



*1 Corinthians 1:18..... 18For the preaching of the cross is to them that perish foolishness; but unto us which are saved it is the power of God.*

Today there seems to be a swelling amount of Christians who have lost the power of God on their life. They have silently sought ways to get it back. Some have even turned to drastic means to obtain it again. From a rededication to the reading of God's word, to a commitment to attend every church service, is attempted to get that power, (first love) back on their relationship with God. On the far extremities there is the pursuit of such things as: speaking in tongues, baptism in the Holy Ghost and handing out *Watchtower Magazines*. Some good things, and some bad things, but they all have a common religious pursuit to obtain the power of God that they first knew.

In the quest for the power of God, it is important to find the right power. You can have the most beautiful lamp in the world, but without the proper power, it will not work. You can have the most up to date computer in the world, but if

you plug it into the wrong power, it will be destroyed.

When I first moved to Asia, I brought my own computer from America. The first day in our new house, I plugged it in and it smoked. I was wondering how that happened. I had the correct adapters to plug it into the wall. Even the correct adapter did not change the 220 volts back to 110 volts like my computer needed. I had burned up the power supply because I thought I had adapted to the right power, when all along I was plugged into the wrong power.

The Devil has an imitated power that he would like the Child of God to adapt, and plug in to. It looks like everything is working fine until one day--poof! Then smoke fills the air and you realize too late that things were not as they seemed.

The power of God is not being able to lay hands on someone and heal them (Acts 8:10-19). That is no replacement for being in a good relationship with God. It is an ability that God has given to certain people so they can help others, but it will not get you back your first love (Rev. 2:1-5). The power of God is

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*Mothers,*

*We would like to honor you with a little gift today. We appreciate all of you for the great job you do in teaching our children.*

*Pastor*



# The Russell Family

Missionaries to Mexico



March-April 2016

Well, the Lord has answered prayer, done some great works, and is still teaching us important lessons along the way, as always. It's great, as I write these letters, to look back and remember what the Lord has done recently. As a family, we keep a "blessings" book that we write in on a monthly basis for prayer requests, answered prayers, and overall blessings the Lord has done for us, and also for the kids individually to help them see the Lord's work in their individual lives. It's really easy for everyone to get in the swing of the "here and now" and just keep plugging away at life and forget to look back at the answered prayers and other works the Lord has done with thanksgiving and praise. After all, He is worthy of praise!

If we read the first verse in each chapter of Psalms 143-150, we can see a picture of prayer and what it ought to be. A man prays and asks God to "Hear my prayer, O LORD" in Psalm 143; then we can see the prayer being answered with the "Blessed be the LORD" of Psalm 144, and "I will extol thee, my God" of Psalm 145. The rest of the Psalms 146-150 all start out with the same intro "Praise ye the LORD". Too often we forget to praise the Lord after we ask him to hear our prayer...and he answers it!! We are just too busy to stop and see what the Lord has done.



This was something I asked the Lord to help me with, to just slow me down and see the harvest field all around me, and to see His daily works in my life. Often times when we are in the midst of our "normal living": running errands, going to events and functions, grocery shopping, etc., we get in a hurry and don't see the mission field that is all around us. Sundays can be the worst, AMEN!, as we are frantically getting ready to worship the Lord, we don't see anything else around us.

One particular Sunday I was trying to get a couple last few things set up for a Sunday morning meeting at a church that meets in a hotel conference room, and this random gentleman was in my way. He started talking to me out of the blue about random things and all I wanted to do was get ready so I could worship the Lord for Sunday morning. As I kept trying to walk away, halfway through the conversation the Lord nudged me about "slow down and look". I finally stopped everything I was doing and focused on this guy and what he had to say. Long story short, I invited him to stay for the church services, and he agreed saying "I believe there is a purpose to everything". The service was a true blessing for this guy, with the message that morning titled "A Burning and Shining Light for the Lord". He was saved, but hadn't been living it, and he said the Lord really gave him direction on what he needed to do with his life. It's awesome to see the Lord work in someone's heart! To top it off- the man's name was Amin.

Having said all of that we are still continuing to serve in the field around us, and having a great time doing it. We have seen many encouraged, comforted, and directed by the Lord along with those that gnaw on us because of the message they really don't want to hear :) We have seen the Lord bless us time and time again with different medical, financial, and

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stability needs. The prayer request for prophet's chambers was answered mightily through some different churches and individuals we've met along the way. We were especially blessed by a family that housed us as a base that we could come and go as needed. It was beyond anything we imagined as an answer to prayer because they were our age, had kids the exact same age as ours, and we established a great friendship that is dear to our hearts. We really praise the Lord and ask Him to bless them mightily.

As I mentioned in the last prayer letter, there is power in the prayer of the saints! Please continue to pray that we could find prophet chambers, our support would increase monthly so we can reach the field, and the Lord would meet the needs that arise. We have finished up our meetings in California and are currently traveling north for our spring and summer meetings in WA, ID, and MT. Thank you for being faithful prayer warriors and having a true care for us and the calling the Lord has given us. And likewise we are praying for you as well.

Looking forward to His return,

-The Russells

#### **How You Can Pray:**

- Health & safety in our deputation travels
- Quick deputation so we can get to Mexico as soon as possible
- Church in Lo de Marcos and new Pastor Cesar
- Visas/Permanent Residency
- A national "Timothy" for our first church
- Prophet chambers to help with travels



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not even being able to speak in tongues. The power of God is not even prayer. People erroneously think that the more people they can get praying about a subject, the greater the chance is that God will change His mind about something. There is not one verse in the entire Bible that contains the words: "power" and "prayer" or "power" and "pray" in the same verse. Prayer is powerful, but its power is that it is a direct connection to the all knowing, all seeing, all powerful Father. The "power of prayer" is not in it's misunderstood application to change, influence or manipulate God's mind with our sin influenced opinions. We can

learn about communing with the great God through prayer, but He doesn't get His orders from us. He is not a grand genie waiting to grant us our every wish. Everything we face is according to His plan and we will not be able to change it by a group prayer, petition like, method of socialized lobbying. Remember-- GOD FIRST!

If we are to understand why there is a lack of power in our lives, then we must first understand what the power of God is. Acts 1:8 says, "*But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you: and ye shall be witnesses unto*

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me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." In this verse, most people connect the "power" to "Holy Ghost," but it says the power of God will come after the Holy Ghost comes upon a person. The Holy Ghost coming upon a person marks an event in time, not the subject of an ability. The power is connected with witnessing. "Hey guys, you're going to receive power, and after the Holy Ghost comes upon you, then you are going to start witnessing all over the place and every time you do, you will feel more powerful, because then we are going to be connected since you're doing what I commanded you to do!"

The power of God is connected with witnessing for the Saviour. If you have ever lead anyone to the Lord, you understand that whereof I am speaking. There is nothing like leading someone to the Lord to make you feel powerfully in love, and connected to God.

There are seven verses in the Bible containing the words power and gospel:

1. *Rom 1:16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.*
2. *Rom 15:19 Through mighty signs and wonders, by the power of the Spirit of God; so that from Jerusalem, and round about unto Illyricum, I have fully preached the gospel of Christ.*
3. *Rom 16:25 Now to him that is of power to stablish you according to my gospel, and the preaching of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery, which was kept secret since the world began,*

4. *1 Cor 9:12 If others be partakers of this power over you, are not we rather? Nevertheless we have not used this power; but suffer all things, lest we should hinder the gospel of Christ.*

5. *1 Cor 9:18 What is my reward then? Verily that, when I preach the gospel, I may make the gospel of Christ without charge, that I abuse not my power in the gospel.*

6. *1 Thess 1:5 For our gospel came not unto you in word only, but also in power, and in the Holy Ghost, and in much assurance; as ye know what manner of men we were among you for your sake.*

7. *2 Tim 1:8 Be not thou therefore ashamed of the testimony of our Lord, nor of me his prisoner: but be thou partaker of the afflictions of the gospel according to the power of God;*

I am guessing that you have often heard there is: "Power in Prayer"? Should that saying rather say, "Power in the gospel"? The reason the churches are filled with weak, powerless Christians is because the Christians in that church are avoiding giving others the gospel. They would rather do anything other than try to get the gospel out to someone. They would rather pray, or say they are praying on Facebook, instead of sending someone a tract that would tell someone about the gospel. They don't have any fear swell up within them when they post a photo on Facebook, but when they have to give a testimony for the Lord Jesus Christ, like a deer paralyzed in oncoming headlights, they are defeated. This causes a downhearted feeling that is quickly followed by a frantic search for any excuse to justify why they can't tell someone about the

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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	<b>Grace Baptist Church to grow</b> 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.
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	Pastor Saloum's family health & return to church full time.
1003.	Pastor	Florence Saloum healing from Congestive Heart Failure.
1004.	Regina	Debra Rameriz-Recovery from lung cancer surgery.
1007.	Pastor	State Grange Assoc. to accept our offer on the building
1008.	Pastor	Dr. Saloum's church attendance.
1009.	Pastor	Healing for Duane Gaddis.

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greatest thing in the world that ever happened to them.

The power for the Christian is in giving the gospel in one way or another. When he does, he will not have to contend with defeat, but with the joy of being in the powerful "first love" relationship with God. Churches where most of the members are somehow getting out the

gospel are churches that exude a vibrant atmosphere. Churches where most of the members are currently, and continuously, giving out the gospel are powerfully connected to the will of the Saviour. Their impact in the community is not social helps, but of spiritual confrontation.~

## **The Christian Mother**

1 Samuel 1:1-2; 10-11; 19-28

1. \_\_\_\_\_ **for her children.**

A) \_\_\_\_\_ *to have children (vs. 11, 27)*

B) \_\_\_\_\_ *to get an answer from God (vs. 17)*

C) \_\_\_\_\_ *her child to the Lord (vs. 11, 28)*

2. \_\_\_\_\_ **her children.**

A) \_\_\_\_\_ *over him. (vs. 22)*

B) \_\_\_\_\_ *him (vs. 22)*

C) \_\_\_\_\_ *him in the Lord (vs. 22)*

3. \_\_\_\_\_ **her children.**

A) \_\_\_\_\_ *for his potential (vs. 26-27)*

B) \_\_\_\_\_ *for his future (vs. 24)*

C) \_\_\_\_\_ *him to the Lord (vs. 28)*

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