



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



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



We're trying to raise money for our VBS this year. We need donations and volunteers, Help us get more kids saved this year.

The sale will take place the last Saturday in May (28th) from 9-5, at the Pastors house.

Contact Matt or sally Coale for information.

More Important than Restrooms.

By Rev. Ron Coale, Pastor



This fight over the use of public restrooms with trans-genders has become an all consuming argument for today's society. No one wants to rub elbows with a pervert or molester in any way. That's why we make them register where they will be living when they are known. I know that I would not want any of my loved ones sharing a room with someone like that in such an intimate and private setting. It seems like me to be a recipe for disaster. Still, as I stand back and examine this controversy, it seems to me to be both petty and silly from a spiritual vantage point. Is where we go to the bathroom the biggest thing we have to fight over? While this is certainly an issue, it can be easily solved. Surely there must be more important things to fight over.

I wonder how God thinks as he looks at His creation locking horns over where to go to the bathroom. Yes! He gave certain rules already about this grand issue, but does He think, "Is that all they have to fight over? Don't they see anything more important to fight for?"

One day the Pharisees came to Jesus and asked Him why His disciples didn't wash their hands

like tradition demanded before they ate. It didn't matter that their hands were clean, or that they had washed them. What mattered was that they had to wash their hands according to the traditions of their elders (Matt. 15:1-3). What a petty thing to bring up to a man who was going around the land of Gennesaret healing people and making them "perfectly whole" (Matt. 14:34-36). Jesus was miraculously healing people and the Pharisees wanted to know why they were not washing their hands right!

Jesus didn't like this very much. They overlooked the important thing and wanted to argue about a petty, childish thing. He asked them, "...Are ye also yet without understanding? Do not ye yet understand, that whatsoever entereth in at the mouth goeth into the belly, and is cast out into the draught? But those things which proceed out of the mouth come forth from the heart; and they defile the man. For out of the heart proceed evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies: These are the things which defile a man but to eat with unwashed hands defileth not a man." (Matt 15:16-20).

I wonder if God has similar feel-

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The Loewen Family *in the Yucatan Peninsula*

March & April 2016

Dear Pastor & Praying Friends,

As the saying goes — our month of March “came in as a lamb and went out as a lion” — like a ball rolling down a hill with building momentum. The construction of our baptismal tank was in full swing preparing for a baptism at the end of the month. We also had been invited to an all-day conference, 3 hours away, and we were getting a good response from our people. In the midst of this, we were pushing forward in buying a motorcycle to create a motor-taxi. The plan was to record an audio file that would be announced throughout the city streets.

It began with Erica, a recent convert who we've mentioned in a recent prayer letter, who was growing spiritually. She, a staunch catholic, doing everything a good catholic would do, was now changing those habits. Her family noticed it, and was giving opposition. This led her to firmly step forward and request to get baptized. Erica's husband is in the USA, and before she went to visit him, she got baptized on March 20. Keep in mind, Erica and Elvia are daughters-in-law to a witch doctor. Yesenia, living around the corner from the church, came for the first time at the start of this month. She got saved the first night, and we began to disciple her. She soon decided she wanted too wanted to get baptized. We baptized 4 before the month was over, Erica, Yesenia, Saphina & Calen. We are glad our children, Saphina and Calen made the decision to take the next step of obedience.

When I first announced to our congregation about an all-day conference, I got a good response from them, even though it meant leaving at 5am, and getting back at 2am that night. That March 22 morning, 23 people went to the conference. We were in our glory to be able to send that many. The following Sunday we had testimony time of their trip, and it was exciting to see how the Lord worked in their hearts.

Here in Mexico, or at least in our city, we daily have cyclists, motor-taxis, or vehicles drive Today, Luis drives it through the streets announcing the record some short salvation passages, with some foundational truths, and I

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took time to

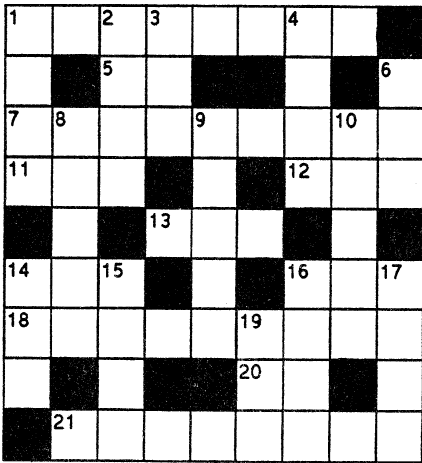
So, the third exciting thing that took down our streets, advertising their goods or their events, via sound systems big and small. I had an idea that if they can do it, then we can advertise God's Word the same way. place in March, was the preparations for our 'Gospel Taxi'. put it together with attractive wholesome music. Jorge found a bike, and began modifying it into a taxi, and before the month was over, it was coming together. gospel. How exciting!

You could say we've been on a spiritual 'high'. It's been great! It hasn't come without its struggles, and this time it's been my health. Already in February, Pam and I had noticed a drastic drop in my energy and strength. So with this concern, we headed to Merida, our 'big' city, to talk with a good doctor. He looked at my blood work and found that I had become severely anemic. With that, we began to correct it. I couldn't stand or even sit up for too long without feeling exhausted. The Lord faithfully carried us through the next services, being mindful of my limited abilities. We had brothers from Cancun, Ticul, and Merida fill in for me. Our children have been a tremendous help during this period. We pray the Lord will bless them because of all the extras that they have been doing. Through this time, our church people have united with a unity that has helped us all keep going. We have consulted with several different doctors, and run some tests, but no concrete answers to the anemia. My hemoglobin and RBC count are on the rise, and as I keep resting I am noticing a renewed energy. Please pray with us as we look to please the Lord in all we do.

Towards the end of April, some of my men have been coming to me, telling me their personal struggles, and some are intense. Their desire is to do right, but it sure comes with a price! Please pray for these men, that they will stay strong in their walk with the Lord & stay true to their marriage and families. Their names are Alfred, Jorge, Luis, Rangel, & Ronny.

Thank you for your prayers and support. We couldn't be doing this if it wasn't for YOU! We are praising the LORD for what He has done here in Tekax, and for what HE WILL DO in the future!

Yours for souls in the Yucatan Peninsula,
Niles & Pam Loewen and Family



ACROSS

1. Like grasshoppers and locusts (Nah. 3:15)
5. Exclamation
7. Can be freewill or burnt
11. Negative
12. "To live is Christ and to . . . is gain" (Phil. 1:21)
13. "In your love you kept me from the . . . of destruction" (Isa. 38:17)
14. Double act
16. Discern
18. Father of Nahshon (1 Chron. 2:10)
20. Refusal
21. "I was a . . . and you invited me in" (Matt. 25:35)

DOWN

1. Night light
2. British driving side
3. Definite article
4. Generous do this freely (Ps. 37:26)
6. Employ
8. Where the brothers met Paul (Acts 28:15)
9. Rule
10. Son of Sheva (1 Chron. 2:49)
14. Son of Jacob (Gen. 30:6)
15. Leave out
16. They are worshiped in reverse
17. Father of Peleg (1 Chron. 1:19)
19. Girl's name

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ings when He sees us fighting over where to go to the bathroom? I wonder if He gets angry with us as He did with the Pharisees that day?

I am sure that you will agree with me that there are much more important things in the world that where we should go potty or not. Wouldn't you agree with me that one soul going to hell is worth much more than where we go potty? Wouldn't it be much more noble to fight for the soul of one person to be spared from going to hell than the sign's on a bathroom door? Isn't that something our Father in Heaven would be proud to see His children fight for?

We are very blessed in our country. We have clean bathrooms, closed sewers, toilet seats, tissue, mirrors, hand dryers, towels, trash cans, odorizer and even stalls in our bathrooms. Some even have music, baby change

stations, art and flowers. It's great! But I have to tell you that the vast majority of the world does not have it so nice. I have been in many restrooms where there was no toilet seat, tissue, or walls. Everyone just straddled one big long trench. At the end of the day a farmer would come in and shovel it out. If you want toilet tissue you must bring your own tissue packet. I have straddled between two boards over a pig pen, used corn husks in a field for toilet paper, urinated against the wall into the open public sewer, and many more unimaginable public restroom experiences. We have it really great here in the USA. I wouldn't change a thing. With this whole transgender thing, we might see the end of the availability of public restrooms. They may still exist, but they may be too dangerous to use. We may have to carry our own tissue paper with us once again. We may have to opt for a

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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 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.
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.
1010.	Regina	The Kelly family dealing with loss of loved one.

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"honey bucket" for safety. One thing that will always remain though; through all of these situations dealing with our draught, there will always be unsaved souls going straight to hell that need the gospel that we carry within us.

Do we not yet understand? There are more important things to fight over. The Devil would like to get every Bible believing Christian busy "spinning his wheels" over insignificant things, and ignoring the really important things.~

