



*A Great Place To Grow in
Christ*



For the Entire Family

October 9, 2016
This Weeks Events
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Sermon on the Mount</i> —Pastor 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>CHILDRENS MINISTRY</i> —Dee Coale 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Triumphant Following of Jesus</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>CHILDRENS MINISTRY</i> —Dee Coale 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Finding the Lord's Will</i> —Pastor Wednesday: 7:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Discovery Group</i> —Pastor
Upcoming Events
October 31th Monday <i>BUILDING CLOSING DATE</i>
November 6, 2016: 2:00PM: (Fir lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale
July 9, 2017: <i>MISSIONARY TO GREENLAND</i> —J.R. Wright Family

Note from the Pastor

Since last week, I have been working with the septic system designer on the design of the new system. Upon approval, they will get the permits necessary to begin work.

Please BE AWARE that there are several holes dug in the back yard for the perk test of the soil.

— Pastor

How to live a victorious Christian Life

By Ron Coale, Pastor



Ron Coale

Jeremiah 12:5..... If thou hast run with the footmen, and they have wearied thee, then how canst thou contend with horses? and if in the land of peace, wherein thou trustedst, they wearied thee, then how wilt thou do in the swelling of Jordan?

The Christian life requires vigilance and resilience. It is important to keep running your course until the very end. If ever there was a time for Christians to “dig in” and keep on, “keeping on” it is now. But for many Christians this simply is not so. They have a difficult time “contending with horses” so they weary in spirit and don’t even run with the footmen any more.

It is important to keep up so that you stay strong. If you don’t keep up with even the footmen, then there is no way that you can tackle the horses. If you don’t keep up with the little things required of a Christian life,

when the big things rear their ugly head, (and they will), you won’t be strong enough to even have a chance.

The Apostle Paul said we should, “...not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap if we faint not.” (Gal. 6:9). If we are faithful in the little things, when the big things come along, we won’t be so out of shape (spiritually speaking) that we are defeated by them. If we are going to live a victorious Christian life, then we need to have victories, not defeats.

Nobody likes to put their all into the battle only to be defeated. Defeats cause us to lose heart in what we believe in. They cause us to be demoralized and tired. Defeats cause us to be wearied and not want to join in the next battle. They directly attack our faith and confidence, even after the battle is long finished. Nobody enters a contest to be defeated. They always work hard to being victorious.

Victories on the other hand, cause

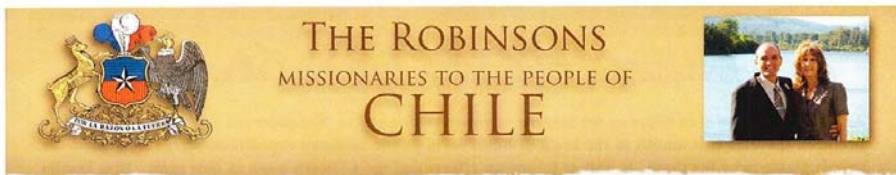
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY REGINA

We appreciate your service to our Lord. You are here every Sunday to play piano for Him. You are a good testimony of dedication to God.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



August 2016

A month that seemed like three

A few prayer letters back, I opened by commenting on how quickly the previous month seemed to have gone by; this past month has been basically (and unusually) the exact opposite: every day has seemed like three. Some of the “external” reasons as to why this was so will be forthcoming below, but without a doubt I can say that I have been under more aggressive spiritual attack this month than at any time in recent memory; I believe I can safely say the same about others among us, especially in the Bible Institute ministry. It is apparent that the Adversary’s objective is to prod, pressure, push, and pound us to the point of failing in that particular objective (as well as all others, of course), so we urge you to be in prayer specifically for us to be “strong in the LORD, and in the power of HIS might”, against this direct and concentrated “frontal assault.”

A month of physical infirmities

For starters, just about everybody here in the 2 churches and the Bible Institute battled with some form of the flu this month, and it’s been one of those 3-week-plus bugs (in my case, 28 of the past 31 days, which made what follows below all the more “interesting”). Sis. Ximena of the Paillaco church also had to be briefly hospitalized due to muscular and nervous issues that at first appeared to be a heart attack (she was soon released after being diagnosed as previously indicated). Bro. Hector’s dad, Bro. Hector Sr., had a pacemaker installed recently and soon after was suffering adverse effects, which led to him falling down and being hospitalized again; he’s out and stable now, but expresses his desire to go on home and be with the LORD, as the LORD wills (at 82 years old, with his wife recently gone on before, and with his failing health, it’s even more understandable; please pray for him in that regard). Bro. Vince’s older son Nathan experienced a couple of severe nose-bleed events, to the point where it almost seemed necessary for him to be hospitalized; thank the LORD that He mercifully allowed for it to be controlled and the boy is now fine. In a more long-term-prayer-need-matter, Bro. Gerardo (Paillaco church and Bible Institute student) has been diagnosed with some kind of corneal-degenerative disease, which will require quick surgical intervention; this represents a direct “threat” to his being able to continue faithfully in his Bible Institute commitment. Similarly, Bro. Joaquin (Valdivia church) has also been discovered to have some kind of degenerative eye condition, which is in the process of specialized diagnosis (for which he and his mother have had to travel to the national capital, Santiago). Bro. David, in addition to being sick, has been completely out of the pulpit these past few weeks due to

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exigent work-related circumstances (it's been everything he can do just to continue to teach in the Bible Institute on Monday nights); please pray for him, as the overwhelming stress posits a danger of triggering his cavernoma-related seizures. And Bro. Raul's long-awaited back surgery finally took place in the middle of the month; as explained previously, we had exactly zero preparation time due to the nature of the medical system here (suffice to say that it wasn't exactly the most "convenient" moment, in light of everything else that was going on). The last 2 situations meant that I got to "take on" all three main "divisions" of the ministry here (the 2 churches and the Bible Institute), and spent the better part of this past month in some pulpit and/or some meeting somewhere literally all seven days of each week (this has put me exceedingly far behind in Bible Institute preparation, so I really appreciate your prayers for me in that area, too). "BUT GOD" is always faithful, merciful, gracious (and about 3 dozen other adjectives we'll have to forego in order to finish this letter before the end of the page), and allowed Raul to have the only surgical and recovery experience better than my own (4 years ago) that I am aware of: almost no pain at all since the operation (just a "tad" from the healing incision and vertebra; this is invasive back surgery we're talking about here), and he is recuperating at about twice the expected rate (at 50 years old)! Your prayers at work, amen!

A month of strictly local and "situational" evangelism

As a result of the foregoing, most the souls witnessed to one-to-one this month were in various hospitals and clinics - the believers here are spiritually aware enough to understand that the LORD had simply changed their regular "venue" this month, because there were/are lots of folks who need the LORD JESUS CHRIST in the establishments of medical attention they visited. Please pray for the salvation of Jose, Camila, Paola, Dr. Reyes, Rosa, and a young man from Los Lagos (whose name escapes me at the moment), as well as for those who gave a solid salvation testimony and expressed the desire to learn more and grow spiritually, among whom are Jose and Robinson. There were others whose names I don't have, but many tracts went out along with the verbal witness, so pray the LORD will bless the seed sown in those hearts. As regards our regular Itinerant Public Ministry Circuit, we "kept it close" also, street preaching and tracting solely within the city limits of both Valdivia and Paillaco (and very grateful to the LORD to have "even" those doors still open before us).

A month that...makes us look forward to NEXT month!

As the LORD wills, permits, and provides this coming month, we expect that Raul and David will be back in the pulpits of the 2 churches, that we will be able to get back out to the "regions beyond us" on our Itinerant Public Ministry Circuit, as

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well as receive a visit from a “far country”: veteran missionary to Colombia Marco Perez is scheduled to be here with us for 2 weeks to visit the ministry, encourage the brethren, and take part in what the LORD is doing here in the “deep south” of South America (he ministers in the “far north” of the continent, so I guess that makes him a “Latino Yankee”). Please keep all of that in prayer, as well as getting back on track with the Bible Institute material preparation. In closing, we trust that the frank and honest disclosure of this report hasn’t seemed like complaint or ingratitude; far from it: “It is GOOD for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes” (and, oh, what an exceedingly “light affliction” it is, amen!), and whether that be in spirit, soul, or body, the LORD has shown Himself stronger and more faithful on our behalf than ever, and has upheld us by His mighty hand in ways that aren’t readily perceived when “all is well” and things are “running smoothly.” And, after all, to quote Brother Lester Roloff once again, “It’s a battlefield, brother, not a recreation room.” We praise the LORD for His grace and mercy in allowing us to continue to “fight the good fight of faith”, “war a good warfare”, and (at least until now) “having done all, to stand.” We couldn’t do it without you praying for us continually, so the victory is yours as well, for HIS glory. LORD bless you all.~

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us to gain more strength. They give us confidence. The sweet taste of victory helps us to be willing to enter the next battle. Everybody likes a victory because they build us up as a reward for hard work does.

Many Christians today live defeated Christian lives. Their circumstances have overcome them because they have allowed themselves to become weak in the Lord. It is like the reverse-snowball effect: One defeat leads to another, then another, and so on. Most of the time these defeats come because they allow their circumstances to overcome them. They look at the way the enemy has prospered and wonder why they are not prospering the same way and they are unable to bear it. They get tired and sit on the wayside. Today, there are too many “wayside Christians.” The more Christians that fall to the wayside, the more other Christians are influenced to join them. In this way, Satan (the

greatest deceiver) decimates the ranks of Christianity. His goal is to have an army of defeated Christians who are unwilling to get into any fight with him or his legions.

Jeremiah 12:1..... Righteous art thou, O LORD, when I plead with thee: yet let me talk with thee of thy judgments: Wherefore doth the way of the wicked prosper? wherefore are all they happy that deal very treacherously?

Victorious Christians are not influenced by the prosperity of the wicked. It doesn’t bother them at all that the wicked are often times healthier than the saints. It doesn’t bother them at all that the wicked live happy lives while the saints struggle with sadness. The victorious Christian is untouched that wicked people are placed in positions of highest authority. The victorious Christian is content if they must live in poor circumstances while the wicked

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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.
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.
991.	Pastor	Rylander family return to GBC.
1012.	Pastor	A quick and friendly closing on the building.
1013.	Duane K.	Ben's Salvation.
1014.	Tom	Sisters wisdom and comfort in dealing with cancer decisions.
1015.	Jim	Sisters healing from cancer.
1016.	Jim	Uncles healing from hip replacement.
1017.	Kail	Friends healing from stroke.

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live in good homes. These things mean little to the victorious Christian because they are not living for the moment, but for the future. They live in light of eternity and not the present. They do not exchange the future for the sake of the expedient. They know they have a mansion waiting for them and they are able to put things in their proper perspective.

The victorious Christian has a determination, but it is not for worldly things. Their determination is for the things of God. They remain true even though things around them may seem forsaken. Sure, they feel discouraged at times, but

their determination for the Lord keeps them on the victory side of the battle. For them, victory is not living a fantastic life down here on earth. For them, victory is remaining true to the end. Their victory is in seeing Jesus face to face.

What kind of Christian are you? Does it bother you when you see the wicked prosper? Are you willing to stay in the battle even though you don't feel like it? Are you determined to stay true even though your Christian fellows are falling by the wayside?

Colossians 3:4.....When Christ, who is our life, shall appear, then shall ye also appear with him in glory.~

