



*A Great Place To Grow in
Christ*

For the Entire Family

January 15, 2017

This Weeks Events

Today:

10:00AM: (Grange)—*Bible 101*—Pastor

11:00AM: (Grange)—*The LORD'S Supper, Video, Business meeting*—Pastor

6:00PM: (Grange)—*Advanced Bible*—Pastor

Upcoming Events

July 9, 2017: MISSIONARY TO GREENLAND—J.R. Wright Family

Note from the Pastor

If God blesses us with this building, it is going to take a lot of work to use it as an influence in our community. It will also take sacrifice of time, treasures and talents. I want us to all be aware of that so we can be prepared to do what we can do for Christ. I know that you would like to reach our community with the Love of Christ, just like I would. Let us pray towards that end. Let us be cheerful givers. And, let us be a wonderful alternative to wicked activities, especially for the young people here. As always, I look forward to serving with you! - Pastor



Children's Church and nursery services are available for every service. Our staff is highly trained and offers the best in child development of the spirit.

Note: children are usually excused by announcement from the pulpit if you wish to take advantage of these services.

How to have a good attitude



Ron Coale

Attitudes are funny things. One morning we wake up and everything is wonderful; our attitudes are good. The next morning, we wake up and it seems as if the world has gone awry; everything seems bad. Although it is implied, sleep does not really determine our good or bad attitude since our attitude is a frame of mind. Too much or too little sleep can certainly affect our attitudes, but it does not control them. Sleep cannot control our minds. Only we control our minds. We can determine if we will approach things with a good attitude or with a bad attitude.

When we think of the state of attitude, we may use modern day phrases like: positive, negative, drama, love or peace. These things are not attitudes. Neither do they determine our attitudes. They can however, be affected by our attitudes. Our attitudes are a state of mind, and therefore can only be determined by whoever is controlling our minds--us!

There are times when we don't feel like being loving or kind, so we act mean or grumpy. We don't need to act mean or grumpy. We can act nice and loving if we so choose. All we should do is ignore our attitude and do what we know is right. Of course, this is easier said than done.

When I was a child, there were

times when my parents would tell me, "Wipe that look off your face young man!" I would wonder what kind of look I was showing. Now that I am grown and have raised children myself, I have seen the "looks on faces" that my parents saw in me. I would tell my children from time to time, "Wipe that look off your face." I knew they were displaying a bad attitude, just like I had done with my parents. When my mom would say, "You better wipe that look off of your face or I'm going to wipe it off for you," I was always left struggling with exactly how to wipe a look off of my face. Deep down, I knew she was talking about my attitude. I knew my face was betraying my heart, but how could I change it?

The bible gives us a very practical formula for "adjusting our attitude." It tells us how to both maintain a good attitude as well as how to change our attitude if it slips. I guess that God knows we are all going to need some help in this area so He tells us how to control this all-important state of mind. He tells us in some verses of Scripture that I like to call the "Whatsoever verses." They can be found in Philippians 4:8:

- Whatsoever things are true,
- Whatsoever things are honest,
- Whatsoever things are just,

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Robert and Sherah Trump Missionaries to Germany

Make ye mention to the nations... Jer. 4:16



Dear Brothers and Sisters in the Lord,

October 2016

In October, we celebrated Sherah's 27th birthday as well as our 4th wedding anniversary. We're thankful for the last four years and pray for another blessed four.

I have finished the text portion of the tract (or more like *booklet*) about the historical case for Jesus' life and am now working towards getting it formatted and printed. I solicited the help of our journalist friend Julia in order to have the text proofread. We don't believe she is saved, but she has found the content "exciting", in her words.

I also solicited the help of Shelby Caron, member of the Seminole String Band, to format and design the tract and she gladly took on the project. **Pray that at least this first tract would be completed and ready to hand out before the end of this year.**

As to our Christian sisters in the Lord, Christel and Michaela, I've asked for their help in proofreading the gospel portion at the end of the tract. I did this so that they might feel involved in the ministry. They haven't gotten back to me since and I feel more and more that the conviction that they once felt has worn off. **Please pray that, if the Lord would have Christel and Michaela minister with us and be ministered to, He would get a hold of their hearts. Pray also that others would join the cause in Stuttgart, Germany.**

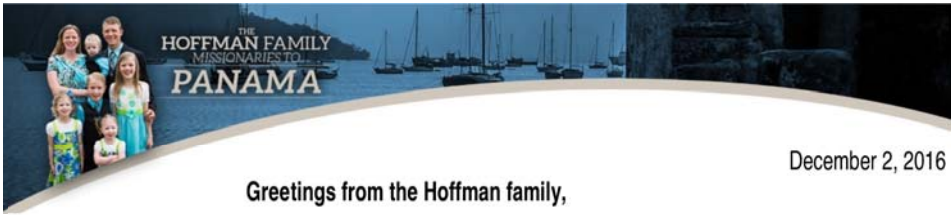
Concerning the second and more important tract (the resurrection), I resolved to contact one of the American authors of a rather good book about the resurrection, Dr. Michael Licona. The book is to the point and has a solid outline that I think would be good to adapt to the tract, especially for the sake of time. I imagined that the adaptation would be stretching the rules of general usage, so contacting the author seemed to be the proper thing to do. He informed me that he was fine with idea, but that the decision was really up to the publisher. **I'm dealing with the publisher now, so please pray that the best result would come out of this endeavor.**

Please pray for my wife's health. I feel stupid for not mentioning this in our last prayer letter, but Sherah has been going through a physical trial for a few months now. Since last summer, she's been experiencing back pain that keeps getting sharper and she's lost a lot of sleep over it. We've tried several different mattress options and physical therapy exercises, but the pain still persists. She's scheduled to see a chiropractor soon, **but please pray that the Lord intervenes and makes Sherah's condition more manageable.** She remarked the other day, that whenever the ministry is about to make new progress there is always a fight to be had. That seems to be about standard in every Christian's life.

Lastly, pray for our upcoming visa appointment with the immigration office. Up until now, the woman in charge has not felt comfortable filing for more than a one-year visa each time we go in. This has put us at a slight disadvantage in some areas. **Please pray that they grant us at least a two-year visa this time.**

Thank you all for reading our letters and praying over the requests. We thank all of you that support the mission endeavor around the world. "Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."—Eph. 6:10

In Christ,
Robert and Sherah Trump (Psa. 45:1)



December 2, 2016

Greetings from the Hoffman family,

The Deputation Trail
This Month

7 Churches Presented

Keira's 7th Birthday

4,686 Miles Driven

3,930 Miles Flown

Praises and Prayer
Requests

We will be at 100%
when we leave!

Prayers for us to learn
Spanish quickly

For safe traveling and
a smooth transition to
the field

As we finish up the home stretch of deputation, I was looking back thinking about how great God is. In the seventeen months that we have been on deputation, we have seen and been a part of so much. I can't explain to you how wonderfully the Lord has taken care of us. Coming from where I was, owning my own business, sometimes the mindset occurs that we are the reason for our own success because of working hard and getting the job done. Of course that is not the case but occasionally I had the tendency to fall into that mindset. But God has shown me on deputation that it wasn't me at all. It was His power and might. God has sped us along on deputation and has taken such great care of us, and we are so thankful for all he has done. God is so good!

November found us all over with last minute schedule changes. I had a flight from San Antonio, Texas with a connection in Salt Lake City. As I found my seat, I realized I was surrounded by 10 or so Mormon "elders," kids that were going home after a two year mission. I discovered that they never called each other by their first name, just elder. I had to be ornery so I found out all their first names and called them by that the whole flight. I had a good time talking with them for three hours or so, discussing the difference in our beliefs. I asked them what question they got asked the most and they responded, "How many wives do you have?" They told me that everyone goes to Heaven and I asked them why bother trying to be good then since no matter what I did, I could still go to Heaven? They didn't have an answer to that and I was able to tell them what the Bible says about Heaven and Hell. One of the boys seemed to be really listening to what I was saying and thinking about my answers versus his answers. Unfortunately, there were a couple others that were making sure he wasn't buying what I was saying.

This is our last prayer letter on deputation, the next one will be written from the field. We are so excited to get to language school and start learning Spanish. We ask that you would pray for us, that we will be able to learn the language quickly. We thank the Lord for getting us through the first phase of this "bootcamp." The funny thing is, deputation is the easy part, we are about to hit the ground running. Thank you all for your prayers and for your support, we are so blessed to have met you and to be one of your missionaries.

In Christ,
The Hoffmans to Panama
Brent, Jen, Gabby, Joab, Keira, Vienna, and Judah

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- Whatsoever things are pure,
- Whatsoever things are lovely,
- Whatsoever things are of good report;
- If there be any virtue, and
- If there be any praise, ***think on these things.***

If you spend some time thinking on things that are true, honest, just, pure, lovely, good report, virtue and praise, then you will keep a good attitude. You can never get a "look on your face" that needs to be wiped off.

The world does not think on these things very much anymore. When I was growing up they did. Today it seems as if the exact opposite is what people think on and therefore such poor attitudes are predominating. People think on lies, deceit, cheating, adultery, hate, misdirection, envy and self. Because the world has rejected God's formula for attitude adjustment, they are hopelessly unable to change.

Do you have anything in your life that is true? Is there not truth anywhere? The Bible clearly tells us that Jesus is truth (John 14:6). Even if you are not a Christian, Jesus is still in your life. He may not take up residence on the throne of your heart, but He is the Creator of all things. His handiwork can be seen throughout all your life experiences. I am

sure if you concentrate hard enough, you can think on truth. I am sure that you can abandon telling lies and always speak truth with other human beings or God.

Do you have honesty? Can you think of something honest? Surely not everything is dishonest. Bob Jones Sr. had a phrase that encompassed living honestly. He said, "Do Right!" If others do wrong, can you do, right? You will if you think on it.

Do you like it when people are fair with you? I am sure they like being treated fair, just like you do. Can you abandon thinking about how you were treated unfairly and focus on being treated fair?

Do you ever think of impure things? If you do, then I am sure you can think of pure things as well. If you have ever held a baby in your arms, then I am sure you can think of something that is pure. If you have ever held a Bible in your hands, then you have held something that is pure. Meditating on Jesus Christ is meditating on pureness in it's fullness.

Do you ever see lovely things? Are not flowers some of God's lovely things? Are not some colors and smells lovely? Perhaps you can meditate and come up with many more lovely things to think about.

Do you like good news? What is the best news you ever heard? Is not the gospel of salvation by grace good news? Isn't the imminent rapture

PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
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.
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.
1018.	Kail	Friend Zach is in lockup.
1019.	Mark Poe	Melody had a stroke and is home recovering.
1020.	Jim	Sister was told she had 2 years left.
1021.	Pastor	Friend Victor Paloino's wife died. Comfort.
1022.	Pastor	Bro. Tom Parker traveling mercies.

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good news? Isn't your home in heaven good news? In this world of bad things, there are good things to think upon that are also true and pure. You just need to take a moment and think about them. When you do, you will find a peace that you cannot understand.

Do you know what virtue is? It is things that are of good quality, value

or worth. What is more virtuous than God? What is your pearl of great price? If you know what it is, then you can think on it.

Do you have anything that you praise? Is it honest and true? What do you praise? Is it self? The world? Do you praise God? Who deserves your praise?

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