



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

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| March 26, 2017 | |
| This Weeks Events | |
| Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible 101: Matthew 7</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Dinner with a Pharisee</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible: Regeneration</i> —Pastor | |
| Upcoming Events | |
| April 16, 2017: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>RESURRECTION BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP</i> —Dee Coale | EASTER  |
| July 9, 2017: <i>MISSIONARY TO GREENLAND</i> —J.R. Wright Family | |

Spiritual Training



Dr. Al Hughes

“...herein do I exercise myself...” — Acts 24:26

For most people if they want to be successful in some pursuit they must receive

a certain amount of training. To be a successful teacher, parent, pianist, pastor, soul winner, mechanic, engineer, pilot, manager, athlete, etc. requires some training in that field.

The same is true in your Christian life. When you were first saved you were a “babe in Christ” that needed training to be a successful Christian.

The training process is called discipleship, **involves four things:**

First, we have a “training manual.” It is the Bible (2 Tim. 3:16-17). The Bible gives us all the information we need to live the Christian life. The reason some Christians and not successful is they have not been reading their “training manual.” As the cliché says, “When all else fails, read the instructions.”

Second, there is the “classroom” where we learn along with other classmates from an experienced teacher (Eph. 4:11-16). This classroom is the local church.

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There is no Nothingness



Ron Coale

Each year that clicks off the timeclock of life brings us closer to the day when we will stand in the presence of the Lord. I know that there are many who do not believe this. They put their hope in anything but God. For them, when the final year of their "life clock" ticks its final tick, they believe there is nothing; they cease to exist. And since there is nothing, why not have a good time while they are able. They have a hope. It is a hope in the cessation of existence. That is the band-aid that soothes their conscience while they live a self-centered and horrible life.

Both groups display a hope. One is in the future of life. The other is in the end of living. But often, there is overlooked the third, and most ominous option. It is the continuation of life in Hell. The saint believes in hell and places his hope in the Lord Jesus Christ. The heathen does not believe in hell; therefore, he can place his hope in death (if I die, what does it matter? I'll be gone. It

doesn't concern me one bit).

If a person believed there were consequences for their actions, then they would live in light of those consequences. The reason that people don't exceed the speed limit is because they know if they are caught, there will be a fine to pay. There are consequences for our actions. These consequences hold us in check.

There are consequences for what we believe to be true as well. If you believe that there is a heaven and God can get you there based on His merit alone, the consequences will be wonderful. However, if you believe there are consequences for unbelief, then you will be very inclined to believe in God, because those consequences are hell and death. If you believe there are no consequences for any actions for your entire life. You have stuck your head in the sand and hope that there is nothing when you die.

Listen, there is a heaven and there is a hell. How do you know? Because people die. That has been the dilemma.

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The Loewen Family

in the Yucatan Peninsula

Hello to ALL pastors, supporting churches, friends & family. Another two months have passed. I think we all know that time does not stand still. I am glad to be able to report of good things that have been happening in Tekax.

Pastor Charley and his wife Sandra continue to do a great work in Tekax, in our absence. It's a huge responsibility for him to step into someone else's shoes. Even a bigger challenge when there was no time to train him on how we were running things. After 8 months I can say with confidence that he was the right man. Just last week, Alfred called me. He is a brother there in the church. He wanted to let me know that he was very pleased with Pastor Charley and his leadership in the church as pastor. What a confirmation to me and how thankful I am that he, Charley, stepped in for me on such short notice.

The church in Tekax continues to grow. The attendance is increasing. They just had the church's 3rd anniversary. They filled all the old benches and all the new benches plus they had rented extra chairs. What a good problem to have! They had around 80 in attendance for the anniversary service.

There was a youth conference 6 hours away at Pastor Charley's home church. He was able to take some of the youth to it in the little-old-beater truck. It was a real encouragement to those that went.

They have visitation every week that the folks come out to and the two motor-taxis that the church has come in very handy for this. Pastor Charley continues to disciple and baptize new converts. This past week there was a number of baptisms again. One family is the Goerge Rosas family. I had taken a lot of time with this family but was not able to get thru. Shortly before we left I had to talk to him quite firmly and so they left coming. Some things happened in Goerge's family and now he was searching again. Pastor Charley has done an excellent work in trying to disciple them. This family wants to take the next step of obedience in baptism.

The church in Tekax is taking more responsibility for world wide missions. They support two missionaries. One is on the field in Thailand (Alfredo Uc) and the other is on deputation to Columbia (Abraham Linares).

Let me tell you about Misael. He is a step father to Ronny. We first met him when he brought Ronny to church one Sunday morning. He was concerned for Ronny's well being and left him there knowing that this was where he should be. Yes, Ronny grew in the Lord leaps & bounds and over time the joy seeped into his household. Slowly one by one, the family members started to come to church and making lifelong decisions for Christ. Misael was one of them. He got baptized while we were there in November. He now is showing a desire to do more for Christ through ministry work. He helps Pastor Charley whenever help is needed. What's more encouraging is that he desires to learn how to preach.

In regards to my needing a kidney transplant — both possible donors that came forward have been declined as suitable donors for one reason or another. Currently it's a waiting game till another donor comes forward to see if they are compatible. Please continue to pray that God would provide a donor in his timing, who is willing and able to donate. I am so thankful for the ones that were willing to see if they could donate. What a tremendous heart for others! I had a meeting with my transplant doctor to ask questions and thru this meeting I found out that it was not because of my antibodies that the donors were not matching. In actuality, the Dr said I had zero antibodies and therefore there should be no reason why a transplant would not work if the correct donor comes along. I continue to ask the Lord to give me the patience to wait on his timing. I want God's will to be done in all this. We continue to ask for clear direction in what His will is for my life. Thank you to ALL who have prayed for me, who have sent cards & emails making mention of your prayers on our behalf. We continue to serve the Lord to the best of our abilities and pray you are doing the same. May the Lord be glorified in all we say and do.

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

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ma man has been confounded with throughout his entire existence. People die! It is a sure thing that you will die one day. When you die, one of two things will happen. I know that you believe there will be a third option, but that option is so hopeless that it is hard to contemplate. How hopeless a person must be to put their hope in a future nothingness. But, people do so. It is the only way that they can soothe their conscience.

You will either go to hell or heaven after you die. There is no "nothingness". Even if there was, how hopeless of a life you would live if you did so in the light of a future

"nothingness."

For most people just put this behind them because they want to eat, drink and be merry with their pals now. But, when death comes knocking on the door, all of that partying seems to be a waste of precious moments in an unfulfilled life. The only way to turn that around is to believe on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Don't risk death. It comes quicker than you think.

Accept Him at His word and confess to Him you are a sinner. If that is hard for you, ask Him to help you in your unbelief. Ask Him to help you believe in Him.

Don't risk death. It comes quicker than you realize. Sometimes it comes suddenly.~

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Third, is our "training ground" is the world in which we live (John 17:6-18). God has placed us in an environment where we learn to exercise what we've learned in our "training manual" and in the "classroom."

Fourth, the Holy Spirit is our "coach" (John 14:26). He helps us to put into practice what we are learning. He is with us to correct (convict) us when we do the wrong thing and encourage us when we do

the right thing.

How is your spiritual training going? Are you growing in your work for the Lord? Let's take advantage of these four training resources God has provided for us to accomplish what He has called us to do for His glory!

Please post your comments at this LINK: <http://biblebaptistcares.com/2016/11/08/spiritual-training/>

Feb - March, 2017



Chase & Vaida Smith

Missionaries to Lithuania

...whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.

1 Cor 10:31

Pastor and praying friends,

Thanks for your constant prayer and support, especially while I am going through Language School!! Wow, learning Lithuanian isn't for the lazy (or anyone over 30)!! I have finished about five weeks of class, and I am amazed at how much they cram into your brains in that short amount of time! My wife has told me many times that she wouldn't be able to teach me her language, and now I see why. Grammatically, Lithuanian is quite challenging, and they say it is the 2nd hardest language to learn. The words are not difficult to memorize, but learning and remembering all the rules that accompany said words makes it tricky. I am also learning not to compare English to Lithuanian, because it will jumble up what you want to say, and make you sound confused, i.e. word for word translations don't work here like they do with other languages. The fact that we are in country makes it much easier though, as I can use what I learn everyday in town, and my wife has been a HUGE help in my learning. She helps with my homework when I don't understand something, helps with my pronunciation, explains why certain words are used and why, etc.. We also made a bunch of flash cards which is helping build up my vocabulary. Our mid-terms are coming up in about a week and a half, so again, your prayers are much appreciated!!

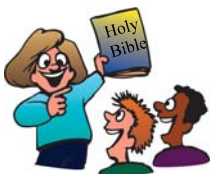
My permit came back approved to live here for five years!! We just have to go back to Kuršėnai (my wife's hometown) to pick my id in a couple of weeks.

Thanks and God bless!!

Chase and Vaida Smith

PRAYER REQUESTS

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| 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. |
| 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. |
| 1013. | Duane K. | Ben's Salvation. |
| 1014. | Tom | Sisters wisdom and comfort in dealing with cancer decisions. |
| 1017. | Kail | Friends healing from stroke. |
| 1018. | Kail | Friend Zach is in lockup. |
| 1021. | Pastor | Friend Victor Paloino's wife died. Comfort. |
| 1023. | Pastor | Regina's health and recovery. |
| 1024. | Pastor | Larry's successful surgery and recovery. |
| 1027. | Pastor | Sister Regina needs encouragement. |
| 1028. | Pastor | Ramona Gullett in hospital. |
| 1030. | Machen | 6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery. |
| 1031. | Pastor | Lori Sylvia's cancer testing. |
| 1032. | Pastor | Tom and Dee– Traveling mercies and strength for the departure of Tom's sister (ref. 1014). |
| 1033. | Pastor | Bud Ludlow-Traveling mercies and cancer treatment. |



Children's Church and nursery services are available for every service.

