



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

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| June 4, 2017 |
| This Weeks Events |
| Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible 101: Matthew 9</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Deception pt. 3</i> —Pastor 2:00PM: (Firlane)— <i>Shut in Saints</i> —Brother Matt Coale 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible: Temptation</i> —Pastor |
| Upcoming Events |
| June 11, 2017: NOON: (Grange)— <i>Potluck Bridal Shower for Stephanie</i> —Dee Coale |
| July 2, 2017: 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale |
| July 9, 2017: <i>MISSIONARY TO GREENLAND</i> —J.R. Wright Family |

Second Chances



Ron Coale

Everyone appreciates a second chance when they need one. Unfortunately, we usually need more than one. We need second chances all of the time. We are so disconnected with living a true and good life that we have often have times of failure.

If we turn to the world for a second chance, we quickly find that it is cruel and biased. The world plays favorites and is not ashamed to do so. God on the other hand is not that way. He is loving, kind and unbiased. He is always willing to forgive and then put us on the right path once again. He is truly long suffering, and the world is not.

The world is quick to stab its knife in the back of one of their own. The worldly concept of life is “kill or be killed.” This is the humanistic version of “Survivor of the Fittest” which has been shoved down the throats of

our children who have attended the public-school system. Life to the worlds way of thinking is: “sink or swim”. Therefore, they have little time to help others out with a second chance. They are too busy trying to make a name for themselves to worry about someone else. This is not the way of God though.

It has always baffled me how people will be so quick to reject God because He is “mean” or “unkind.” They will not recognize a God who will be so quick to punish sin and are vocal about their feelings. Whenever I hear this, I cringe because I know they overlooked God is loving, kind and forgiving; always willing to give another chance to those who have the courage to humble themselves. If they could but come to God, they would be able to see His lovingkindness. But they reject Him just like they would do to anyone else in the world whom they didn’t like. ~



The Johnsons

Missionaries to the "Children of the Dragon" in Mainland China



This week has gone by quickly. We were at a wedding last weekend. For those of you who knew Carolyn when she first came to China in 2000, the wedding was for her "little sister" from the family she lived with the first year she was here. They've stayed close and Jenny went to the university down here where we are now. So, when she invited us to her wedding, we knew it was important for us to go.

Last week was when the Beijing delegation came to my university, too, so last week was hectic for me and I couldn't leave until the day of the wedding so Carolyn went up the day before. Then we came back together on Monday. We didn't get home until almost 11pm and I had to be up at 5:30 the next morning to go to school. It's been a long week.

It was a good visit though and I'm really glad we went, it was just such a quick trip. Flying time each way was 6 and a half hours, but Carolyn did better than I thought she would. She's still recovering though. Plus, there's a lot more cigarette smoking in the north and she woke up with a nasty cold on Tuesday. And, because of the medicine she takes for the fibromyalgia, she's not allowed to take any kind of cold medicine. I've been trying to avoid getting too close and catching it.

Since coming back though, I've been busy with school and she's been too sick to go out so we haven't been able to do any grocery shopping. Don't worry, though, I've been bringing food home just haven't been able to get groceries.

Picking up groceries here isn't just running out to the store either. You wait for 5-20 minutes for a bus where, if you're on the bus and coughing and sneezing and sniffing, everyone gives you really mean looks. Not that we blame them. Bus. Cold germs. Not a good mix.

Then, you get off the bus and it's still a 15 minute walk to the grocery store. There are three floors at the local Walmart. The top floor is clothes, bedding, towels, and baby items. The second floor is processed food, cleaning supplies, and toiletries. The bottom floor is produce and meat, deli, and cold foods and is also the most crowded.

Then, there's almost always at least a 30 minute to 45 minute wait in line to check out. After that, it's another 15 minute walk to the bus stop in the other direction and another wait for the bus while you stand with a backpack and several bags stuffed full of groceries. When the bus comes, there are often no seats, so you stand with your bags of groceries and try not to whack anyone with your backpack as you also try not to fall over as the bus jerks around corners and comes to screeching halts at the bus stops along the way.

When you get off the bus, it's about a 3 minute walk home and up five flights of stairs before you get to set the now very heavy load down. So, in China, even a quick trip to the grocery store often takes 2-3 hours. Or, if Carolyn goes, 4-5 hours. We both trade off depending on who is not feeling well and whether or not I'm swamped with classes. This time of year, as we get ready for exams, I often need to stay late so she usually does the shopping, but with her sick, it really makes it difficult.

So, next time you drive 5 minutes to the grocery store and are in and out in 15 minutes and don't have to walk home carrying all your groceries, think about us and request that we'll have the strength to pick up groceries. That may seem like a really odd request, but with both of our health problems, just getting groceries each week can be a challenge.

Urgent Request: Carolyn is almost out of her fibromyalgia medicine. She has less than a week's worth left and the pharmacy is out. Only a few pharmacies are allowed to carry this particular medicine and they said they won't get any more in until sometime next week...maybe. We've only found one other pharmacy that sells this medicine and haven't been able to find that pharmacy the last two times we've looked for it.

If the pharmacy doesn't have the medicine by Monday, she's going to have to go to half doses to try to make sure she doesn't run out. Stopping cold turkey is not recommended and even though she is taking the lowest dose, if she forgets to take it, she wakes up in terrible pain. Going for several days without it is not an option. Please pray that the pharmacy gets it in by Monday or Tuesday or that we can find it elsewhere by then.

We greatly appreciate your prayers.

Daniel and Carolyn Johnson

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. |
| 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. |
| 1017. | Kail | Friends healing from stroke. |
| 1018. | Kail | Friend Zach is in lockup. |
| 1023. | Pastor | Regina's health and recovery. |
| 1024. | Pastor | Larry's successful surgery and recovery. |
| 1027. | Pastor | Sister Regina needs encouragement. |
| 1030. | Machen | 6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery. |
| 1031. | Pastor | Lori Sylvia's cancer testing. |
| 1033. | Pastor | Bud Ludlow-Traveling mercies and cancer treatment. |
| 1034. | Sally | Mr. Johnson recovery from stroke. |



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