



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

<b>August 27, 2017</b>
<b>This Weeks Events</b>
<b>Today:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Matthew Chapter 11</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>It's HIGH TIME pt. 2</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>Advanced Bible: Temptation</i> —Pastor
<b>Upcoming Events</b>
<b>September 3, 2017:</b> 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale



"What the caterpillar calls the end of  
the world, the master calls a butterfly."  
- Richard Bach

Children's Church and  
nursery services are avail-  
able for every service.

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the Grace Baptist Church "call list?"  
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## **Getting to go to church**



Ron Coale

*Psalm 122:1.....I was glad  
when they said unto me,  
Let us go into the house of  
the LORD.*

The psalmist is not the on-  
ly one who is glad when it  
is time to go into the house

of the Lord. Despite the world's great-  
est efforts, there are many Christians  
today who get happy when it is time to  
go to church. They know that they are  
going to meet God in a special way.  
They know that, after a long time of  
being battered by worldly influences,

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they are going to be with God's people. They know that they are doing what they were told to do (Heb. 10:25). They know that they are going to be spiritually renewed by the preaching of God's word (Eph. 4:23). They know that this is a place where people can be saved (1 Cor. 1:18).

But, sometimes, Christians get discouraged and lose sight of the joy of being in church. They need to be encouraged. So, in this case, did the psalmist. He was glad, but it was after **THEY SAID UNTO** him. His gladness about going to church was a reflection of what someone did to encourage him to go. Someone said to him, "Hey, let's go to church." And that made his happiness begin. There are times when all we need to do is encourage someone to go to church to make them happy. I have found that people will wait until someone asks them to go to church because they want to know if anyone cares about them. When someone encourages them to go to church, it makes them glad, but only if it is a mutual thing.

The psalmist said, "...let US go into the house of the LORD." This means that he included himself. He wanted to go together. That is where the real joy is: when someone shares with you the things that they love. When I was a child, my parents sent me down the street to go to church while they stayed home. I guess in a way, I resented that. I really had no gladness about going to church because I was alone. I would sit there wondering what I was missing out on at home. But in the rare occasions when my family went with me, then it would be fun. It is always fun

to do things with people whom you know. I had a friend who would volunteer to help me do things when I asked him. After making all of the arrangements, he would then tell me that he was going to get his children to help me. Then he would leave. In a short time, his children would show up to help instead of him. His method of helping his friends was to pawn it off onto his children. They weren't happy. I wasn't happy. I am glad that the verse doesn't read, "I was glad when they said unto me, Let my children go up to the house of the lord together with you."

One thing you can depend on by going up to the house of the Lord, is that you will meet with the LORD. Many people today don't see it that way. After hearing a sermon, they think, "Well, that was nothing new for me. I had already heard that before." They neglect to think that the LORD may have wanted them to hear it again. Perhaps there was something else he wanted them to glean from it. OR, maybe He wanted them to think about it because they were going to need it to encourage someone else the following week. Whatever the reason, there is never a time when you go into the house of the Lord that you are not blessed in some way or another. It's just that sometimes you have to look for the blessing. It's always there in some form or another.

I have seldom ever had the feeling that I **HAVE TO GO TO CHURCH**. More often than not, I feel like I **GET TO GO TO CHURCH**. It's a privilege. It's fun. It's wonderful. ~

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## *PRAYER REQUESTS*

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
755.	Regina	Grace Baptist Church to grow in influence & membership.
763.	Sally	Brother Nathan called to preach. Strength & direction.
849.	Sally	Jonny seeks God's will in making decisions for future.
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
1013.	Duane K.	Ben's Salvation.
1023.	Pastor	Regina's health and recovery.
1027.	Pastor	Sister Regina needs encouragement.
1030.	Machen	6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery.
1033.	Pastor	Bud Ludlow-Traveling mercies and cancer treatment.
1034.	Sally	Mr. Johnson recovery from stroke.
1035.	Pastor	Lori Sylvia- terminal
1037.	Don Tripp	His pastors healing from hashimoto's disease.
1038.	Machin	Ariel Marrero diagnosis for cause of pain.
1039.	Duane	Azriel's comfort/strength for undergoing chemo.
1041.	Kail	Friend in hospital with eye problem.
1042.	Pastor	Anna's surgery and healing.

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