



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

**October 15, 2017**

*This Weeks Events*

**Today:**

10:00AM: (Grange)—*Matthew Chapter 12*—Pastor

11:00AM: (Grange)—*The Unseen Wound*—Pastor

6:00PM: (Grange)—*The Grace of Giving*—Pastor

*Upcoming Events*

**November 5, 2017:**

2:00PM: (Fir Lane)—*Shut In Saints*—Matthew Coale



"God has not promised you smooth sailing, but He has promised you a safe landing."

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

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## **Is This America?**



Ron Coale

There are those who have always been proud to be American. Recently, that ironclad faith in our country is coming in question. I remember when I was growing up; we would say the pledge of allegiance every morning. We loved doing so and I don't remember one student who did not like saying the pledge. Before that, the school day began with the playing of the national anthem. We were just 6 or 7 years old, but we remember it. I remember going to community parades; the color guard

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would pass by and everyone lining the route would stand as Old Glory passed by. I don't remember anyone being apathetic about the flag and especially don't remember anyone being disrespectful. There was a great sense of national pride and for the life of me, I can't imagine where it has gone. I can only think of the fall of great nations and how they have fallen from corruption from within (Job 8:13-15). Is that the way it is with us now? (Zeph. 3:1-4)/

America has always been a nation that is intricately tied with freedoms. More specifically, it is tied with the freedom to worship God without oppression. We are a nation who boldly claims, "In God We Trust." Therefore, the undoing of America can be accomplished by attacking the trust that Americans have in God. When enough Americans are turned from their trust in God, then America will fall. It is no accident that we are encouraged to "*Trust in the LORD with all...*" our hearts, and to "*...lean not unto thine own understanding.*" (Pro. 3:5).

Belief in God has always been one of the pillars that America has stood upon. The attacks on America have been attacks on the pillars that hold America up. The greatest attack of these is the attack on religion. Not any religion, but that which speaks of a belief in the one and only true Living God. Americans have been duped into accepting any God except for Jehovah. When He is mentioned, or even alluded to, that is when the devil jumps in to convince Americans to turn their backs on Him. Unfortunately, each time an American turns his back on God he's turning his back on America itself. Why? Because the two have been intertwined since the

foundation of this great nation. To try to separate God from America is like trying to separate America from itself. It cannot be done.

When people are convinced to put their fear in other things than God, this is when their faith in God begins to waiver. God says that the fear of man brings a snare but whoso put his trust in the Lord shall be safe (Pro. 29:25). Because we have put our trust in the Lord, America has prospered and become one of the richest Nations in the history of the world. But now that America has been faltering from its trust in God, it has begun to fall from his once enlightened position. This fall has been orchestrated from within. I'm not talking about Communistic influences. I'm talking about the devil. He knows how to make America fall. He's done it before another Nations. And he will do it in this nation. Why? Because he really cares what this nation accomplishes or not? No, he cares about the people's trust in the Lord God Almighty. Like a young child throwing a temper tantrum the devil just wants to hurt God. He wants to get back at God for throwing him out of heaven from his exalted position of the Cherub who is once anointed and covered God (Eze. 28:14).

Recently, there has been a grand disrespect of America on a national level. So duped are the protestors in their protest that they don't even see that they are being used by the Devil to contribute to the fall of this nation. People can rarely see beyond their sphere of influence. Self always wants to support self. To disrespect America is not only to disrespect Americans, it also disrespects the God in whom we trust. It is He who made us great and it is He who can tear us down. ~

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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.
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.
1043.	Regina	Lori Sylvia passed away. Pray for her family.
1044.	Pastor	Victims of hurricane in Texas and Louisiana.
1045.	Pastor	Mark Poe-heart attack.

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