



*A Great Place To Grow in
Christ*

For the Entire Family



November 5, 2017
This Weeks Events
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Matthew Chapter 12</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Paul's Charge to False Teachers</i> —Pastor 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>The Grace of Giving</i> —Pastor
Upcoming Events
November 26, 2017: 11:30AM: (Grange: Banquet Style)— <i>How Giving Thanks Helps Us</i> —Pastor Coale NOON: (Grange)— <i>Annual Church Family THANKSGIVING POTLUCK</i> —Dee Coale <p style="text-align: center;"><u>Bring your friends. Everyone's INVITED to eat with us.</u></p>

The church will provide the turkey and ham. Potluck signup sheet will be passed around for other goodies. Volunteers will be needed to cook, setup and cleanup for the meal. There will be no evening service this day.

*"Don't tell God how big your problems are...
tell your problems how big your God is."*



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

If you are interested in being on the Grace Baptist Church "call list," use your cell phone to send the word: **GBCLIST** in a text message to **84576**.

God's Will



Ron Coale

Ephesians 5:17.....Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

The greatest place a Christian can be is the WILL OF GOD. George Truett said, "To know the will of God is the greatest knowledge. To do the will of God is the greatest accomplishment."

David Livingstone said, "I'd rather be in the heart of Africa in the will of God than on the throne of England outside the will of God."

God has a plan and design for your life. You are not a leaf that fell by chance to be scattered by an autumn's wind. Scripture says the steps of a good man are "ordered" by the Lord. Much of the will of God is wrapped up in becoming the Christian we ought to be. If we are being the Christians we should be, we will do what we should do and end up where we ought to end up.

People want guidance. The popularity of horoscopes and palm readers show that people covet it. In the Bible one king randomly chose an arrow for direction. Another king looked in the liver for direction. Several times in Scripture lots were cast. God has used: dreams, visions, angels, pillars of clouds, fire and stars to guide people in the past.

God's "will" means God's purpose, desire, or intentions (John 6:40; Gal. 1:4; Eph. 1:9). In Elijah's life, God was very specific (1 Kings 17:2-4, 9-10). Before Jeremiah was born, God planned for him to be a prophet to the

nations (Jer. 1:5). God too, has a specific, and wonderful, plan for your life!

God's will is not running out of gas in front of a Chinese restaurant and thinking God wants you to be a missionary to China. It is not a treasure hunt or traumatic experience. God's will is not always difficult to find. God wants us to know His will even more than we want to know it.

The word of God has already told us much of the specifics of God's will. He wants us to: Read the Bible daily (Josh. 1:8), Pray (1 Thess. 5:17), Be faithful in church attendance (Heb. 10:25), Witness (2 Tim. 4:2), Live a holy life (1 Cor. 6:19-20), Marry a Christian (Amos 3:3), Rear children for God (Pro. 22:6), Tithe (Mal. 3:9-10), Be separated from the world (1 John 2:15) and Obey our parents (Eph. 6:1). God will not reveal more of His will to you until you practice what He has already shown you. As God's commands are revealed to you, do them immediately. Once a Christian obeys all he has learned, God will reveal more to him.

Be careful about cutting out or substituting any Christian activities you are now performing. The first step to backsliding is to cut a string such as not attending a certain church service, dropping out of the choir, bus route, or Sunday school class. **BE CAREFUL!** Keep so many strings on you that it would be hard to backslide.

You will never know God's will for your life until you lose your own will. "I've always wanted to be..." "I've always wanted to live..." When we can sing the songs, "Wherever He Leads

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The Loewen Family

in the Yucatan Peninsula

Hello to all our Pastors, Church Families, Friends and Family,

As mentioned in our last prayer letter, knowing it was God's divine coordinating, I handed over the work in Tekax to Pastor Charly Bautista, on July 1, 2017. God is sure using him in a mighty way to reach our city of Tekax. He and those that go with him, see souls saved regularly, as well as these new converts are taking the next step in getting baptized. Very encouraging to us!

Regarding the status of needing a kidney transplant. Last year at about this time, I requested an explanation from the transplant/dialysis staff as to how long it takes to get a transplant. Their response was if received from a live donor, possibly up to a year. At the same time, the waiting list I'm on, is a 8-10 year wait for my Type O Blood. Assuming it wasn't difficult to find a match, I thought that soon that year would be up and I would be on my way to good health and forward I could go, returning to Mexico. Due to what I felt was a "dragging-of-their-feet", I called the transplant coordinators to see what was going on. In the end, they were not able to give me much information because of the privacy act, but they did say that there is no one being "worked-up" at this stage. They encouraged me again to get the word out, for people to call and try to donate. In the last 6 months I have heard of a number of people, including our 2 oldest daughters, who have made that phone call and tried to donate. Unfortunately our girls along with the others were not suitable matches. On the other side of this coin, I find it so humbling to learn how many have come forward. To each of you I am indebted, and only God can bless you for stepping forward. I know God is in full control of my situation, and He knows of the perfect match, He's just waiting now for the perfect timing.

I continue to gain physical strength and better health, month by month since May. I am so thankful that the dialysis is working right now. I have been able to be a better help physically, around the church and also help others in the church who are in need as well as teach one class in our weekly bible institute. One thing I find exciting is that I've played some tennis with Justin as well as playing volleyball with the youth weekly. The last time I was this active would be about 1.5 years ago. I praise God for every morning that He gives me, that I can serve Him and for how good I feel. With this good health report, the Dr allowed me to consider traveling. I am glad to report that we are able to go back to Mexico for 9 days. Pastor Charly has asked me to preach for his family conference that he scheduled while we are there. Once some of the church folk in Tekax found out we were coming, they got very excited and expressed their anticipation to see us again. This trip involves taking all my dialysis solution along, which takes up more than 8 check-in luggages. Please pray that all the traveling goes well without any glitches.

We have a decision to make regarding the house that we are renting in Tekax. We had made a contract for 4 years and that is up now at the end of November. Presently, Pastor Charly is living in it. We are considering to build a mission/pastors house on the church property which would serve a multitude of purposes. First, it would give a place for the pastor and his family. Second, it would give a place where we can store our belongings that are still there. Thirdly we would have a place to stay whenever we travel there.

Here is an item of prayer. There is a family that comes to church who is from another city about half an hour away. A year ago this brother requested that we would come and start a church in that city. I recently discussed this need with Pastor Charly and he confirmed that this too was still on his heart. He already had contacted a national brother to see if he would work with him together on this. We have arranged to see if we can put this in motion when we go to Mexico in a couple weeks.

We continue to financially support Pastor Charley and IBF and please pray with us for health, safety and wisdom for him, his wife Sandra, & Lea. We thank all of you for sustaining us in prayer, as well as financially supporting us. May God richly bless YOU as you serve HIM!

Yours for souls in the Yucatan Peninsula,

Niles & Pam Loewen and Family



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Dear friends and co-labourers in Christ, August & Sept. 2017

Greetings from Cambodia! We are thankful that we can share with you all what God has been doing the past couple of months.

We are thankful to see some fruit from the ministry with the deportees. Johnny and Posey have been coming to church for the past couple of months. Johnny made a profession of faith on August 3rd, and Posey claims to be saved already. These are the names of some of the other people we are working with: Map, Dre, Bait, Flip, Makara, Tha, Peter, Spade, Noy, Cam and Stacy. **Please pray for Johnny and Posey's spiritual growth and that these other deportees will get saved also.**



We are very grateful for the opportunity to have this deportee ministry and we have heard recently that the United States government will deport at least 100 more very soon. This is definitely a mission field in this country. All of these people who are being deported are basically Americans even though they are of Cambodian descent. They don't know the culture here in Cambodia and most of them struggle to adapt. **Please pray that we will continue to show God's love to them and that He will do great things in this ministry.**

Please continue to pray for our deaf ministry. Grace, one of our single missionary ladies and the one who started the deaf ministry, is going on a short furlough soon and it's up to my daughter and I to keep it going. We have anywhere from four to ten deaf folks come every Sunday morning and to our small group in the afternoon.



Hon Hor and Srey Nath are a deaf young couple in our church. Hon has already made a profession of faith but Srey Nath has not. We are very grateful that they have been coming faithfully for the past couple of months. **Please pray for Srey Nath to get saved soon and that they both will learn to give their life to God.**

On September 17th we had another celebration service. 18 people followed the Lord in believers' baptism. One of the people who were baptized is Rathana. He made a profession of faith in August but his wife is not yet saved. Please pray that his wife, Srey Vorn, will receive Christ as her Saviour soon. Please also pray for the people who were baptized that they will grow spiritually and live for God.



For the past few months, God has allowed us to go to Romdeng village in Preah Vihear province every couple of weeks. This village is about a 5 hour drive from where we live. We are thankful for Channy and her husband, Tay, for leading us there. The people in this village have a strong desire to know God. We are thankful to God for these people who have been saved the past couple of months in this village: Vichica, Sophear, Sophana, Sovannara, Srey Meas, Kanha, and Socheat. Lord willing, we would like to be able to start a church plant in Romdeng village. **Please pray that God would give us wisdom concerning this new ministry and that these new believers will grow in the Lord.**

Thank you so much for taking the time to read our updates! It is truly an honour and a blessing to serve our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ!



In Christ,
Touch Keo and Family
Touch, Debra, Justin, Andrew, Lynn, and Sophia



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I'll Go" and "I want to do they will O Lord—I want to do thy will O Lord— Take me, break me, mold me, and make me—I want to do thy will, O Lord," that is when God will bless us.

Have you ever totally and sincerely yielded your plans and future to God? Have you ever presented your life totally to God to use in any way He desires? What does God want you to be? A missionary, pastor, missionary nurse, bus driver, Sunday school teacher, bus worker, choir member, Christian school teacher?

Abe Lincoln was diligently studying one day when a friend asked if he thought he would one day be President. He replied, "I aim to study and be prepared for whatever God has planned for me." God has room in His service for Christians who are prepared (2 Tim. 3:17)." God can use a furnished (prepared) Christian faster than one who is unfurnished. Moses prepared 40 years for a 40 year ministry. Jesus prepared 30 years for a 3 year ministry. The disciples prepared 3 years for their ministry! The key is to follow the Boy Scout motto and "Be Prepared"! When God is ready to guide, advise, and direct us into His will, He will often do so through: The Bible, Prayer, Parents, Pastors, Friends or Circumstances.

God chose Gideon to lead Israel in victory against the Midianites. Gideon doubted God's Word and asked for God to give him a sign. So, he laid out a fleece and asked that it be dry, and the ground wet in the morning. God did it. Then Gideon asked God that the fleece be wet, and the ground dry. God also did that. This sign was not needed. God had already commanded Gideon to lead. An immature Christian asks for signs. Sad to say, some Christians have made life-changing deci-

sions by simple things such as if it rained or not. How sad when we have God's precious Word to seek. DO NOT ask God for additional teaching where His Word is clear. You do not pray about tithing, soul-winning, or being separate from the world. It is already answered in the Bible. Some have resorted to opening the Bible and pointing to a random verse for an answer. That is like the guy who opened the Bible to three different places. The result was:

1. "Judas went out and hanged himself,"
2. "Go and do likewise,"
3. "What thou doest, do quickly"

Much of life is discussed in the book of Proverbs. It is pure, easily digested wisdom. Pick the Proverb for the day, (there are 31 chapters) and read it, slowly. If it is the 15th day of the month, read Proverbs 15.

- Proverbs 1:5, "A wise man will hear, and will increase learning; and a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels:"
- Proverbs 8:14, "Counsel is mine, and sound wisdom: I am understanding; I have strength."
- Proverbs 11:14, "Where no counsel is, the people fall: but in the multitude of counsellors there is safety."

When making major decisions, a wise Christian always seeks counsel. Seek the counsel of your pastor. He knows you and may offer unique insight that you have not considered.

Several years ago, a policeman put on a regular tie with his uniform instead of the clip-on kind he usually wore. He thought nothing of it. While routinely giving out a traffic ticket that day, a per-

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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.
1046.	Pastor	Dads healing. In the hospital for foot infection.
1047.	Pastor	Someone to care for my mom during dads hospital stay.

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son grabbed his tie and strangled him with it. A clip-on tie would have pulled off. A seemingly insignificant decision may have devastating results! Life is a culmination of every decision we make: which clothes to wear, what to eat, what to buy, who to have as friends, what to read, who to marry, and where to work. Much of life has been the decisions which led us to where we are!

Lot pitched his tent toward Sodom and lost his family. Daniel purposed in his heart not to eat the king's meat and became Prime Minister. Felix decided to wait for a convenient season to get saved, but that season never came. David decided to sit out one battle and committed adultery. Achan decided to

take some garments, gold, and silver. It cost him the life his family and thirty-six other men. Elimelech decided to move to Moab. He and his sons died there.

Some decisions seem to be small ones, when in fact they have a huge impact on our lives. Choosing to move, go on a vacation, read the Bible daily, establish a daily prayer time, attend a church service, invite someone to church and even which church to join can be life altering decisions. Before making decisions that are so significant you should see if your Bible reading verifies it, check if your prayer life confirms it, verify that your counsellors are enthusiastic about it, Ask yourself "what would

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