



A Great Place To Grow in Christ

For the Entire Family



November 25, 2018

This Weeks Events

Today:

10:00AM: (Grange)—**NO SUNDAY SCHOOL**-Bring food, cook and prepare for meal.

11:30AM: (Grange) **Banquet Style**—How Giving Thanks Helps Us—Pastor Coale

NOON: (Grange)—**ANNUAL CHURCH FAMILY THANKSGIVING DINNER**—Dee Coale

6:00PM: (Grange)—**NO EVENING SERVICE**—Pastor

Upcoming Events

Dec 2, 2018

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

Dec 23, 2018

NOON: (Grange)—**CHRISTMAS DESSERT SOCIAL**—Dee Coale

Note from the Pastor

To our visitors: THANK YOU for coming to eat with us today. We realize that we are a small country church, but we pray that God will make you comfortable here as we grow.

Thank you to all of those who worked so hard on this meal. Thank you for your selfless giving in bringing something to make the Potluck successful. We appreciate all of you who volunteered to cook, setup and cleanup.

— Pastor Coale

PS: There will be no evening service this day.

Keep Stirred Up



Ron Coale

By Ron Coale

*2 Timothy 1:6...
6Wherefore I put
thee in remem-
brance that thou
stir up the gift of*

*God, which is in thee by the
putting on of my hands.*

*1 Timothy 4:14... 14Neglect
not the gift that is in thee,
which was given thee by proph-
ecy, with the laying on of the
hands of the presbytery.*

Timothy was not backslid-
den. He didn't need his "fire"
to be "rekindled". What he
needed was to be encouraged in
the ministry. God was speaking
about Timothy's ministerial
gift. Although we are not all
pastors or ministers, we can
draw something from this pas-
sage to help us inspirationally.

As Christians we have each
been given specific gifts (1
Cor. 12:4-11). These gifts are
designed to help us in our
Christian walk. When we use
the ones given to us in the
proper way, we are doing the
work of God as He intended.
We feel much closer to God
because we are in His will.

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Thanksgiving Lady

Thanksgiving might not be cele-
brated in the United States today
where it not for a patient persistent
woman named Sarah Hale.

It is well known that the first
Thanksgiving Day was celebrated by
the pilgrim fathers in 1621 to give
thanks for their winter in the New
World.

In 1789, President George Wash-
ington issued a Thanksgiving Day
proclamation to commemorate the
first Pilgrim celebration. But Thom-
as Jefferson, the third president of
the United States discontinued at
calling Thanksgiving, "a kingly
practice."

After this Thanksgiving what giv-
ing was observed by some individual
states, and on whatever date suited
their fancy.

Then in 1828 Mrs. Hale, the editor
of the magazine *Godies Lady Book*
and author of the poem "Mary Had a
Little Lamb," began campaigning

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



THE MEYER FAMILY

Michael, Carol, Abigail, & Lydia
MISSIONARIES TO

MEXICO



SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER 2018

I would like to thank the Lord for those of you who have allowed me to come and present our mission work in Guadalajara, Mexico this past year. Through your kindness and sacrificial giving I have been able to travel around the states with the Lord taking care of the needs while on the road. Many thanks to those who have decided to take us on for support. As of this letter we are at ninety percent support level with hope of more churches taking us on that we visited these past few months.

I have enjoyed hearing the special speakers at the missions conferences I have attended recently. Their advice and challenges to us have encouraged me as we get ready to finish up this third furlough. One such challenge applies to every aspect of life as we grow in service to our Lord: Practice! Preaching, teaching, music, language...the more you practice the better equipped you will be in serving our wonderful Saviour. I also enjoyed going out on the street with folks from my home church recently. It was a blessing to see young men lift up their voices and preach the gospel at an open air event in Tennessee.

On a family note. Please pray for Carol's health as she has been recently diagnosed with Meniere's disease. Lydia has been to a few specialists for her learning disability, and we praise the Lord for the help she is receiving. The hearing aids she now has are helping her, and she is undergoing speech and occupational therapy.

I am in the process of getting our Mexican plated truck road worthy for the trip back to Mexico next month. Also, some other preparations for that transition include Mexican passports renewed for our three children, and getting auto and health insurances for Mexico up to date. Pray for the wisdom and finances needed to get it all done.

My plans for heading to Mexico in December to find a house for my family before bringing them to Guadalajara are drawing closer. Pray that I find a place to stay while house hunting, and that it will not take long to find just the right house and area of city to live. I am looking forward to preaching and witnessing to the multitudes again and seeing souls respond to the gospel.

In His Service,

Michael & Carol Meyer (I Peter 4:10-11)

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However, when we misuse these gifts, or even worse: don't use them at all, we begin drifting away from God. If we continue that course, we may find ourselves in a full-fledged backslide.

This happens to every Christian at some time in their Christian walk. Why doesn't God give me what I want? Why did God let that loved-one pass when I asked Him not to? Where is God? Why is He not real to me anymore? We all have experiences that cause us to question God. We all doubt things about Him. Why else would people stay home from church when they know that it is prescribed by God to help them keep fellowship with Him (Heb. 10:25)? Why would people leave off reading their Bibles (Joshua 1:8; Acts 17:11)? What is it that would entice Christians to abandon prayer (Eph. 6:18; Rom. 12:12)? Somewhere along the way, they began neglecting the gift that God gave them. Doubt set in and the backsliding began.

What can a Christian do about situations like this? The Bible formula for rectifying this situation is to "stir". More exactly, to "stir up" that which is already in us. God chose His words very

wisely. If you don't stir something long enough, things begin to settle and separate. They get comfortable in their separated situation. If you don't want them to mix anymore, you are very careful to keep from stirring them back together.

The backslidden Christian is like this. Things have separated, and everything is all settled in their certain layers. More practically speaking, they don't come to church because it might just stir them up and that can be a little painful. They won't read their bible or pray because that would stir and mix things up. Again, that would be a little painful and confusing. They conclude their best course of action in lieu of this situation is to not stir things up because it might just "upset the cart." What they don't realize is that once the mixing is all complete and the stirring is done, then things get easier. Once things are mixed together, it's easier to stir. But that initial stirring, well that is just too much for people to go through. They should be looking for the outcome instead of focusing on the stirring process. Once they are integrated into walking right with

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God, things will keep stirred together just through regular use.

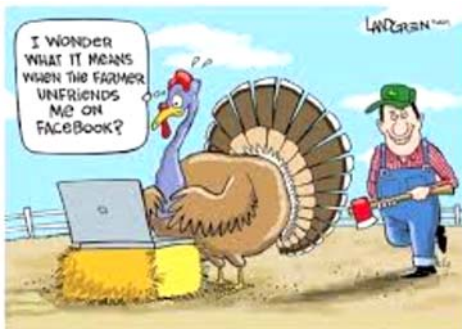
Each Christian needs to keep stirred up about walking with God. Unless the ingredients for a cake are stirred together, there is no cake. There is a jumbled assortment of ingredients sitting on the counter waiting to be transformed into the image of the cake pictured on the recipe.

Stir it up. Begin with one ingredient at a time. Start slow and get ever more intense in your mixing process. Nobody who is successful starts with the mixer on the highest setting and then puts it into the bowl. If they do, they are usually cleaning up a big mess they have caused.

The key is not how fast or slow you stir, but that you stir continually. That's why Paul said, "Neglect not the gift that is in thee...". If you don't neglect it, then you will be using it. The more you use it, the better it gets.


Think about sharpening a knife. If you continually use a specific knife, you end up cleaning and sharpening it automatically because it becomes a natural part of using it. If you take that same knife and toss it in a drawer for many months before you use it, you will have to sharpen it first. It will lose its edge. You may even have to clean it first because it may become rusty. But if you use it every day, you will keep it up. Because it is the knife that you use, it will be comfortable to you. You will have confidence in it and you will keep it clean and sharp.

This is how it works with a Christian using the gifts that God has given him. If he uses them, they will be sharp and clean. They won't need to be sharpened or remove the rust because they have been sitting unused for so long. Used gifts become familiar to you. They are comfortable to you. They become a natural extension of your life. So, stir up the gift that is in you. ~



PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
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.
1030.	Machen	6 year old Azreal's brain tumor surgery.
1034.	Sally	Mr. Johnson recovery from stroke.
1038.	Machin	Ariel Marrero diagnosis for cause of pain.
1039.	Duane	Azriel's comfort/strength for undergoing chemo.
1040.	Pastor	Judy Carr's quick healing from back surgery.
1041.	Duane K.	Jordan will see God's presence during the rough times he is in.


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 Grace Baptist Church "notification list,"
 use your cell phone to send the word:
GBCLIST in a text message to **84576**.
 You can Opt-out at any time.

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for the restoration of Thanksgiving as a national holiday.

She wrote letters and sought appointments with national leaders from the President down.

Time after time she was politely rebuffed, sometimes being told it was "impossible" and "impractical," and sometimes being dismissed with a this-is-none-of-your-business scolding.

Finally, in 1863 President Lincoln listen seriously to her plea that North and South, "lay aside enmities and strife on (Thanksgiving) Day." He proclaimed the fourth Thursday of November to be the official "National Thanksgiving Day." This day was finally ratified by the U.S. Congress in 1941.

[Tan, Paul Lee, \(1985\). *Encyclopedia of 7700 Illustrations*. Assurance Publishers, PO Box 753, Rockville, MD.](#)

ACROSS CLUES

1. Whether it be _____ or ewe, ye shall not kill it. (Lev. 22:28)
4. A strong _____ from the enemy. (Ps. 61:3)
9. Thy god, O _____, liveth. (Amos 8:14)
12. Stand in _____, and sin not. (Ps. 4:4)
13. Representative.
14. The wheat and the _____ were not smitten. (Ex. 9:32)
15. _____ is the man that trusteth in him. (Ps. 34:8)
17. No man _____d for my soul. (Ps. 142:4)
18. Piece out.
19. Led him unto the _____ of the hill. (Luke 4:29)
21. Jonah was gone down into the _____ of the ship. (Jonah 1:5)
24. I sat down and wept, and _____. (Neh. 1:4)
27. In the beginning was the _____. (John 1:1)
28. And Jacob _____ a vow. (Gen. 28:20)
29. Thy servants are _____ spies. (Gen. 42:11)
30. Not willing that _____ should perish. (2 Pet. 3:9)
31. All thy house shall be _____. (Acts 11:14)
32. I took the little book...and _____ it up. (Rev. 10:10)
33. Greek letter.
34. What _____ thee, O thou sea? (Ps. 114:5)
35. Poems.
36. The whirlwind shall _____ them. (Isa. 41:16)
38. Sound of contempt.
39. Bring forth the _____ robe. (Luke 15:22)
40. Given to hospitality, _____ to teach. (1 Tim. 3:2)
41. When thou wentest out of _____. (Judg. 5:4)
43. Fed.
47. Giants dwelt therein in _____ time. (Deut. 2:20)
48. Cast him into _____ darkness. (Matt. 22:13)
50. Unrefined mineral.
51. A time to be born, and a time to _____. (Ec. 3:2)
52. If I come again, I will not _____. (2 Cor. 13:2)
53. And I saw a _____ heaven. (Rev. 21:1)

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Answers in next weeks bulletin

DOWN CLUES

1. The fourth part of a _____. (2 Kgs. 6:25)
2. I am like an _____ of the desert. (Ps. 102:6)
3. Tiny.
4. Fulfil your works, your daily _____. (Ex. 5:13)
5. Molding.
6. Married.
7. _____ passant. (French)
8. Direction (abbr.).
9. He is _____ away of his own lust. (Jam. 1:14)
10. The birds of the _____ have nests. (Matt. 8:20)
11. Born.
16. Thy _____ shall be great. (Job 5:25)
17. Ever the silver _____ be loosed. (Ec. 12:6)
19. They _____ the knee before him. (Matt. 27:29)
20. Regretted.
21. Trades.
22. Pertaining to a charged particle.
23. I will _____ up thy rivers. (Isa. 44:27)
24. A pestilent fellow, and a _____ of sedition. (Acts 24:5)
25. _____ into his gates with thanksgiving. (Ps. 100:4)
26. What _____ thou here, Elijah? (1 Kgs. 19:9)
28. Manservant.
31. Perches.
32. Why make ye this _____, and _____ weep? (Mark 5:39)
34. The children of _____ of Hezekiah. (Neh. 7:21)
35. He goeth _____ meet the armed men. (Job 39:21; 2 words)
37. Who can _____ in the fierceness of his aneer? (Nahum 1:6)
38. Seed.
40. Clown.
41. And Jacob _____ pottage. (Gen. 25:29)
42. Samuel ministered unto the Lord before _____. (1 Sam. 3:1)
43. Depot (abbr.).
44. Not (prefix).
45. How long will it be _____ thou be quiet? (Jer. 47:6)
46. Like a cloud of _____ in the heat of harvest. (Isa. 18:4)
48. Bone (prefix).
49. The thorns grew _____, and choked it. (Mark 4:7)

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