



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

December 9, 2018

This Weeks Events

Today:

10:00AM: (Grange)—*1 Corinthians*—Pastor
11:00AM: (Grange)
Bible Reading —(*John Chapter 7:14-36*)—Rev. Wasilausky
Message—*The Hearing and Seeing of Jesus*—Pastor
6:00PM: (Grange)—*NO EVENING SERVICE*—Pastor

Upcoming Events

Dec 23, 2018

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

Jan 6, 2018

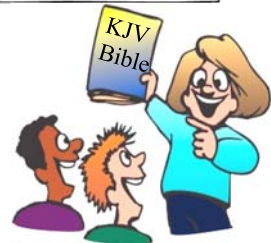
2:00PM: (Fir Lane)—*Shut In Saints*—Matthew Coale

Jan 13, 2018

NOON: (Grange)—*Church Business Meeting*—Pastor

“The right way and attitude to ask God for something is to tell Him what we desire but to ask Him to give us what He desires.” - Ron Coale

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So what if someone goes to Hell



By Ron Coale

1 Corinthians 9:16... For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel!

Too many Christians have given up on the salvation of the lost. There is no good way to describe this situation of apathy. It is a hard thing, but I must say it: if we are not helping people see, and accept God's gift of salvation, then feigns of caring are vanity because we don't care one iota if people live or die. As long as we are saved, and get to live forever, who cares if Joe down the street dies or not? I'm going to heaven, so what if Jane does or not. If we are not getting out the gospel, then we are despicable liars when we pretend that we care for someone's tragic circumstance. Without the love of Christ being shared, then is nothing.

As I tried to win a young woman to the Lord last week, God penetrated my mind with these thoughts. We do not have very long to live on this planet. Every day that goes by where we don't actively do something to tell someone about Jesus is a day that we wasted our life.

There is nothing more important, or profitable than telling someone about Jesus. There are people all around us who are rushing straight to hell when all most Christians think of is how comfortable they are at church or look at what miss so-and-so is wearing. We justify our lack of caring by hiding behind the "I'm not good with people" excuse, while yet another soul slips quietly off into a lake of eternal deadly fire. Why? Because we just didn't care.

God put us here to preach the gospel. He did not leave us in this world to enjoy it and live life to its fullest. He didn't leave us here to fulfill our ambitions or goals or even to make a mark on this world. He didn't intend for us to have a great career or impact. He left us here to preach the gospel so that others might go to heaven and live forever as well. Seriously, what are we doing?

When God put our church in Shelton many years ago, I went to the city offices to get occupation permits for our first location in Gateway Plaza. The clerk told me, "Hmm, another church! We have 38 bars in this county and now we have 38 churches as well." The insinuation was that we now had

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The Russell Family Missionaries to Mexico

Dear Brethren,

Normally I would wait until next month to update, but I wanted to give the Lord praise that will hopefully encourage you. As most of you know, three weeks ago I sent out some late night emergency prayer requests for my son Cristian and his appendix surgery. We woke up early that morning for an appointment to renew our passports, but he was sick. It appeared that he had the 24 hour flu bug, but due to his pain we took him to a doctor to have him checked out to make sure we weren't missing anything. The doctor checked him out, including his appendix, but she concluded that he just needed rest with liquids. Later that evening he took a turn for the worse. He started with a mild fever that just kept climbing high, and later in the night, around ten 'o clock pm, he was so sick he couldn't even move without assistance.

At this point we knew we needed to take him to the hospital but we didn't know where. We only knew of one Americanized hospital an hour and a half away, but after calling a family from the church to see if they could watch the younger kids (which were sleeping by this time) they talked us into seeing a good doctor that is on call only 10 minutes away. Long story short, we quickly ended up at a building that looked nothing like a hospital, looked dirty, and smelled like urine, with the doctors telling us they needed to take him back right away and cut him open for appendicitis!! This is where the Lord showed himself mighty; my wife and I experienced a peace from God that we normally would never have when it comes to something terrible happening to our children. The Lord told us that he's in good hands and HE is in control. Come to find out, it was a great thing that we didn't trust our own wisdom and we followed the Lord's direction through other people. Cristian's appendix had ruptured into the colon, and the colon, along with the appendix, had started to become necrotic and gangrene; the doctor said that if we would have waited even thirty more minutes, his colon would have needed to be removed in addition to the appendix!

The situation was worse than we could ever have imagined, but the Lord was showing himself mighty to many. Everything from the timing, to the people the Lord put in our path, to the faithful prayers of the saints was amazing. After three weeks of recovering, Cristian still has another month of recovery ahead of him. He has to watch how much he eats, and he can't exercise until his colon is completely recovered and Lord willing he won't have any problems with it in the future. We sincerely appreciate the prayers and encouragement from everyone during that situation! God is great!

We were able to renew our passports at the American Embassy in Puerto Vallarta about two weeks ago. It was a little difficult for Cristian, but the Lord helped him through it. I would ask for continued prayers for those because we still don't have them in hand. They are supposed to be mailed to us in a few more weeks and that is the part that concerns me. Pray they would arrive timely with no problems.

Our family is doing well for the most part. My wife's stomach issues have popped

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back up out of nowhere. We know that her healing process is going to be a long one with flare ups every now and then, but this one is the worst in a while. This is why I keep her on the prayer list to the side; it's hard to keep up on everything while she is down. Keep her in prayers please.

Along the lines of the ministry, things seem to be going great. There are people faithfully coming every Wednesday to do the outreach ministry and pray together as a church. We have seen some fruit from it as well. Two weeks ago, the very first house that I approached we ended up spending about a half hour with a lady and she received Christ as her savior!

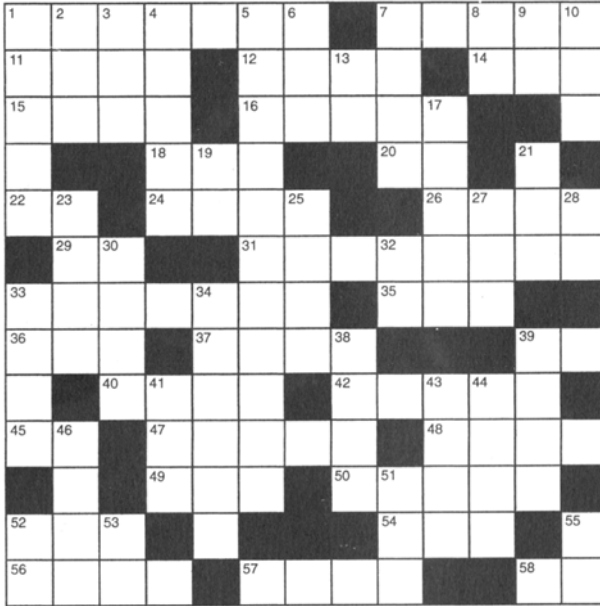
We are also starting to fill up the church on Sundays as well...with foreigners. From November through April in this area is a time of snowbirds. There are many Canadians and Americans that live here six months a year, and through the years they have been a huge blessing to this church. For a few weeks now, I have been doing bilingual services. It's been quite a task to flip back and forth, especially because I'm still learning Spanish, but God has been giving me grace to get through it, and it seems the message is getting across; after all, it is the Holy Ghost that does the work in the hearts of the people, and that's what I'm praying will happen each week.

We've been having children's church each week for about 2 months now, and it is going very well! A young woman named Esperanza is helping Sarah with that ministry. Next week will be the start of a weekly bilingual women's bible study. This is a ministry that we inherited from years past and have recently taken on as a church ministry. Sarah will be leading that simultaneously in both Spanish and English. Also this month, we will be taking food, blankets, and clothing to a mountain village to give to the elderly in need. The church has visited this village many times in the past, and they have asked for someone to come and start a work as well. We will be presenting the gospel to them, and be returning to that same village in January with school supplies for the children. We are praying that God would give us the opportunity to present the gospel to them as well; the school has never allowed it in the past. I've always prayed that God would allow us to start many works within our time in Mexico, so we are keeping the door open for a possible future opportunity. As always, please keep praying for our Spanish skills to improve with the many things God has us doing already, and for the various ministries that we are looking forward to in the future.

Through all of the things we experience, it reminds me of the whole body working together as one. We feel unqualified for many of the things the Lord would have us do, but through the mighty prayers of many and the faithful financial giving of others, God is able to accomplish many works in and through all of us. Just as he grows, matures, and uses us for his purpose, glory, and honor- he is doing the same through you. We continue to pray for you, and we are seeing the works of your prayers for us. Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ really is amazing!

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!

God bless- The Russell Family -Adam, Sarah, Cristian, Kendra, Braden



ACROSS CLUES

1. _____ is the man. (Ps. 1:1)
7. Of the same quantity.
11. Why do the heathen _____. (Ps. 2:1)
12. They shall deceive the _____ elect. (Matt. 24:24)
14. _____ brought forth her first-born son. (Luke 2:7)
15. Object of worship.
16. _____ into his gates with thanksgiving. (Ps. 100:4)
18. A bird of the _____. (Ec. 10:20)
20. The ungodly are not _____. (Ps. 1:4)
22. Why _____ I mourning? (Ps. 43:2)
24. He is our _____ and our shield. (Ps. 33:20)
26. Make thy face to shine _____ thy servant. (Ps. 31:16)
29. Veterans' Administration (abbr.).
31. Under the shadow of the _____. (Ps. 91:1)
33. Let go.
35. _____ word is a lamp unto my feet. (Ps. 119:105)
36. Thy right hand, and thine _____. (Ps. 44:3)
37. Italic (abbr.).
39. Associated Press (abbr.).
40. Indian garment.
42. Thou shalt have none _____ gods before me. (Deut. 5:7)
45. Printer's measure.
47. Commander of Saul's army. (1 Sam. 17:55)
48. Came down.
54. Precious stone.
56. Army _____ hall.
57. Arise, O Lord; _____ me. (Ps. 3:7)
58. _____ are his people. (Ps. 100:3)

Answers in next weeks bulletin

DOWN CLUES

1. They shall still _____ forth fruit (Ps. 92:14)
2. Young boy.
3. Id, _____; superego.
4. Hebrew word in some Psalms.
5. His mercy is _____. (Ps. 100:5)
6. Animal home.
7. Our _____ wait upon the Lord. (Ps. 123:2)
8. ...the glory which shall be revealed in _____. (Ro. 8:18)
9. Word of contentment.
10. _____ God arise. (Ps. 68:1)
13. Route (abbr.).
17. Not smooth.
19. That is.
21. The ungodly shall _____ stand. (Ps. 1:5)
23. Above.
25. _____ bargain.
27. Physician (abbr.).
28. New York (abbr.).
30. Do not your _____ before men. (Matt. 6:1)
32. _____ is a good thing to give thanks. (Ps. 92:1)
33. Rejoiceth as a strong man to run a _____. (Ps. 19:5)
34. A large plane.
38. O _____, rebuke me not. (Ps. 38:1)
39. Barren.
41. Automobile Association of America (abbr.).
43. I _____ put my trust in the Lord God. (Ps. 73:28)
44. They came to _____. (Ex. 15:27)
46. It is he that hath _____ us. (Ps. 100:3)
51. Mine _____ is as nothing before thee. (Ps. 39:5)
52. I _____ troubled. (Ps. 38:6)
53. District supervisor (abbr.).
55. Judge _____, O God. (Ps. 43:)



Puzzle 45



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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one church per bar. But that is a wrong insinuation. What that means is that 37 churches before ours had been full of Christians who were not doing what God wanted—preaching the gospel of salvation. He expected us to come into this county and begin working on the lives of others for the purpose of salvation. God will keep sending people to do what He wants until someone finally takes Him seriously.

Why have Christians gotten so sidetrack about doing what is commanded? Why has Gods ministry been replaced by “Anything but preaching the gospel?” We have lost sight of the life and death matter of acceptance of God's free gift. We need to get that vision back. Personally, every one of us in this church must do something each week to tell somebody about Jesus. If we do not, God will find us just

as useless as other churches and turn to those who are obedient to His command. We must do it. It is laid upon us. Woe are we if we do not.

Every Christian reading this should right now begin thinking of some way of getting the gospel out to people. Then we should do it. Don't worry if it makes you feel nervous or shy. That is just Gods way of affirming you are in His will. You will never be able to take, “I was just shy” to God in light of what His son did for you. It would seem ridiculous to everyone (you included) to try to pit your lack of love for others to Paul's obedience, Or Stephens, or Peters, or Eusubius', or Polycarp's, or Martin Luther's, etc.

Where there is a will to do something, there is always a way to do it. The reason it doesn't get done is not because there is a lack of a way. There is a lack of will. ~

NOTES:

BIBLE COMPARISON

	King James Authorized Version Reading Level –12	New International Version Reading Level—7-8	English Standard Version Reading Level—10	New Living Translation Reading Level—6	The Message Bible Reading Level—5
Matthew 1:25	And knew her not till she had brought forth her <u>firstborn</u> son: and he called his name JESUS. [Textus Receptus]	But he did not consummate their marriage until she gave birth to a son. And he gave him the name Jesus. [LXX]	But knew her not until she had given birth to a son. And he called his name Jesus. [LXX]	But he did not have sexual relations with her until her son was born. And Joseph named him Jesus. [LXX]	But he did not consummate the marriage until she had the baby. He named the baby Jesus. [LXX]
<p>There is something about that word: “firstborn” that all of the roman catholic manuscripts (LXX) do not like. Of course, it is an attack on the deity of Jesus Christ to leave it out. In Exodus 13:2 God made it very clear that all of the firstborn, “...both man and of beast...” belongs to Him. Therefore, Jesus is not just Mary’s first son, as if she had female children prior to Him. Jesus was the firstborn of Mary. He belonged to God, and God wanted His name to be called Jesus (Saviour). Joseph didn’t give Jesus a name. Neither did Mary. God instructed Joseph what name He wanted the child to have—JESUS. Notice in the King James Bible all of the letters of Jesus’ name are accentuated. No other bible gives Jesus this honor.</p> <p>Somebody doesn’t want us to think that Jesus was a “firstborn” belonging to God. They want to deceive us into thinking that there may have been other children before Him. That way people will be convinced that anybody could be the Saviour. Somebody wants us to think Joseph or Mary gave Jesus His name, Not God! Only the King James Bible teaches that Jesus is God. All other Bibles are translated from Roman Catholic manuscripts.</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth</i></p>					

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