



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

December 16, 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 visit of the wise men*—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

“God’s criteria for wisdom is... if you seek out His Son you are wise. If you don’t you are not.” - Ron Coale

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We want Him to be pleased



Ron Coale

Every person who has ever accepted the Lord Jesus as their personal Saviour instinctively knows that they should share that experience with others. The young Christian may not know exactly WHY they should tell others, speaking from a doctrinal standpoint, but they know they should be doing something, they are just not exactly how or what to do. This motivation is placed in their life by the residence of the Holy Spirit and their desire to obey God out of love for Him and what He did for them. This desire is called "witnessing"; witnessing with the intent of winning souls; that is to say, "Witnessing with the intent of compelling people to see the truth about our Lord Jesus Christ." So, every child of God should be growing in the Lord to the point they are able to be involved in this task.

Before becoming a child of God, every believer realized one terrible thing—they were guilty of the judgment of God. They realized they were a sinner and could not possibly live up to God's standard of holiness—perfection. So it is easy for the newborn child of God to identify

with the unsaved that are facing the terrible fate of the soul that may die without Christ. For that reason, many new Christians are better soul winners. Their compassion for the perishing is greater because they are freshly rescued from suffering forever in the lake of fire.

This is no excuse for the aged in Christ. People are still dying and being swept into eternity without the Lord. People are still being lost forever. The world is not going to tell people about salvation through Jesus Christ. It is only God's people on this earth who will do this job. It is only God's people who He commanded to do this work.

2 Thessalonians 1:7-9 And to you who are troubled rest with us, when the Lord Jesus shall be revealed from heaven with his mighty angels, 8In flaming fire taking vengeance on them that know not God, and that obey not the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ: 9Who shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the Lord, and from the glory of his power;

The wicked are those who do not agree with, nor obey God. They are to be punished by being separated from God forever in the lake of fire. It does not matter if you don't know God or if you have taken great effort to try to be unanswerable to Him. All people who forget Him will be put into hell.

Without someone to tell him about the free gift offered to him, the sinner has no hope. Since only God's children are the ones with the message of

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THE LANTZ FAMILY

MISSIONARIES SERVING IN SÃO PAULO, BRAZIL

An Extension of the World Wide Mission Ministry of The

CROSSROADS BAPTIST CHURCH

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Bill Riffée - Pastor

Dear Prayer Partners,

October 31, 2018

Greetings from Brasil. September arrived with us celebrating Brasil's Independence Day. We had a church wide picnic along with games and activities. This year we introduced Corn Hole to the church family and they enjoyed it. A greater success was a completion game we saw on our last furlough in Ohio. It is an upright board with 9 round touch activated lights. The objective is to throw a beanbag and attempt to hit the light turning it on with the goal of turning on as many lights possible in one minute's time. One of our ladies got extremely good at this. I never saw her happier or giggle more than while she was playing this game. I later asked her if she was visualizing someone's face on the light. Of course she didn't answer.

Later that evening after we got home from church I needed to make a special support to use inside of our refrigerator. It was then that I discovered that my table saw likes white meat especially if it is part of a thumb and index finger. Well 6 hours, 21 stitches and a good portion of humble pie later, we were home from the emergency room recovering. I am doing fine but it will take a little while for a full recovery and regain full mobility in my thumb and index finger. As such it will be a few months before I can play the guitar again. It's a bit of an inconvenience at the moment but it doesn't stop me from doing what I need to do. Just need an extra hand now and then on some items.

October was election month in Brasil. Unlike the United States, legal voting age begins at 16 but doesn't become mandatory until 18. Also it is a multi party system. There are over 8 different political parties in Brasil. There is no Electoral College thus the winner must have 50% plus one vote to win. If no candidate gets a clear majority of over 50% of the votes the top two vote getters go to a run-off election three weeks later. Already the winner is seeing resistance for some of his policy moves even from people who voted for him. Although not everyone is pleased with the election results we know that God is still on His Throne and has a purpose in allowing those who won to win. Please pray that the Brazilian people will have the patience to wait on God to reveal His Plan in the election results.

At the church, we had an unexpected and unwanted visitor show up in the middle of the night. Whoever it was stole two of the floodlights that illuminate our lot which we use for parking. Won't he be surprised to learn that one of the lights he stole was burned out and already needed to be replaced.

Also in October Atalias and I were able to visit one of the missionaries the church supports. We were able to participate all day in the services and preach the evening service. The Saturday evening before was a special service for a missionary to come by and give a report. Once again a special unwanted visitor appeared and caused all sorts of panic and confusion. You might say that many in the congregation almost acted "Pentecostal" in nature. I guess that is to be expected when a large rat enters the sanctuary running across the feet of many in attendance including Atalias'. The rat was quickly apprehended and promptly shown the door and requested not to come back.

Once again, thank you for your faithfulness in supporting us financially and/or prayerfully through the years. The churches in Jardim Varginha and Vargem Grande are here today because you prayed and invested in God's work. Please continue to pray with us that we will continue to see an even greater Harvest of souls for the honor and glory of our Lord Jesus Christ in 2018.

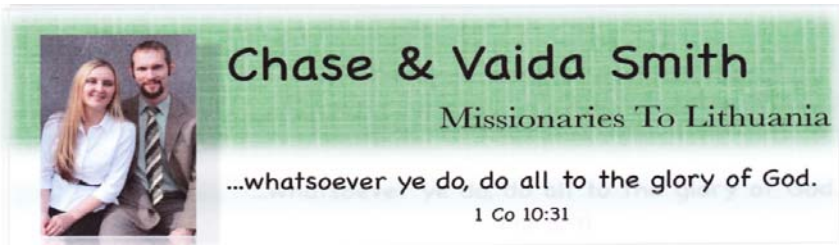
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All Because of JESUS.

September - October _____

Special Offering or gifts _____

Jerry & Atalias Lantz



Pastor and praying friends,

We hope everyone had a great thanksgiving! We have a new address! We have actually had it for a while now, I just kept forgetting to put it in a prayer letter. I realize this may not be the best time to be changing addresses (during the holiday season), however it is at the bottom of this letter, past the pictures, and under "Our mailing address is:".

Please continue to pray for our bible study. We have been going through the book of John, and I thought that it would elicit somewhat negative responses as it flies in the face of most religions with how John is always pointing to Jesus. Man likes to think that they contribute more to their salvation than simply the sins that made it necessary, yet there has been no complaining nor upset voices, in fact we have had some new visitors. Having said that, we are slowly working on a couple right now that really needs Jesus. They did not get married in the Catholic church, so they are not allowed to go to confession to have their sins forgiven. Unfortunately you see this kind of thing often over here, as many religions bully people if they don't toe the line. Vaida was able to take the wife through the Romans Road, and show her how there is freedom in Christ. We are praying for them to get saved, and to start coming to our bible study.

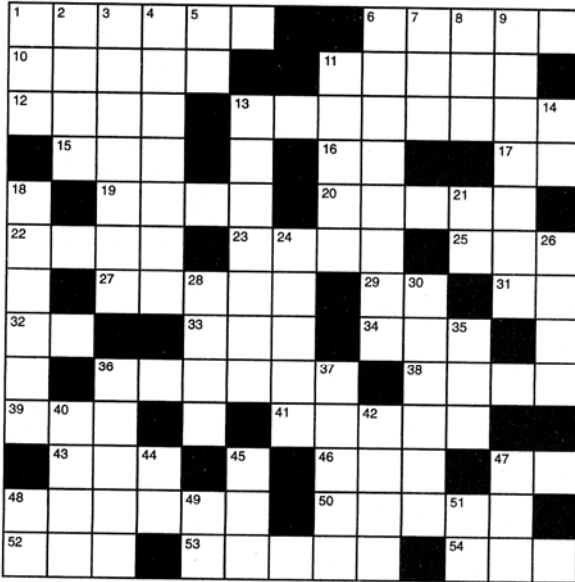
A couple of weeks ago we had a nice treat, a couple came from Vilnius and stayed the weekend with us. They helped us out by going door knocking with us, and got a lot more invitations into the hands of the people, they also were a huge encouragement during our bible study, as my buddies wife gave her testimony (she is Lithuanian, he is American), and they are both strong singers! We also had some great fellowship with them, and hope they are able to come back more often in the future.

Our mass outreach with Couriers for Christ is getting a lot closer! They will be sending three men next month to do some more research on the areas that we would like to reach during their time here. Of course we plan on reaching our town, but there are a few surrounding villages we would like to canvass, as well as the big city next door, Šiauliai. We are also excited to see Bro Don again, as we haven't seen him since our trip to Alaska, a little over two years ago! There is still much needed planing prior to the actual campaign in June 2019, so please remember to pray for that!

I also wanted to give you an update on my attempts to witness to the neighbor kids. I have had to put that on hold. The last time I was talking to them in the courtyard, they all started yelling out the worst profanity in English, because it is obviously the best way to show your prowess in a language, right? There was about 25-ish 9-10 year olds, and they all started yelling it loudly, so instead of getting mad, I left. There was a very weird spirit about the air, and knowing how easy it is to ruin your testimony I decided it would be better to try and work with them in smaller groups. I haven't seen them lately, because the courtyard is all torn up due to construction. Please pray that if I do get the chance to work with them that they will be receptive to the gospel.

Thanks and God bless!!

Chase and Vaida Smith



DOWN CLUES

1. Noisy bird.
2. Spread for bread.
3. Soiled.
4. Opposite of "later."
5. Pronoun (abbr.).
6. Make _____ paths for your feet. (Heb. 12:13)
7. Possesses.
8. Before.
9. Free from germs.
11. There came up out of the river _____ kine. (Gen. 41:18)
13. Run.
14. Rhode Island (abbr.).
18. Continent.
21. _____, every one that thirsteth. (Isa. 55:1)
24. Perfect model.
26. Nay, my _____, but to buy food. (Gen. 42:10)

Answers in next weeks bulletin

ACROSS CLUES

1. Older son of Rachel.
6. Lo, my _____ arose. (Gen. 37:7)
10. A place for sacrifices.
11. The sun and the moon and eleven _____ made obeisance to me. (Gen. 37:9)
12. Twelve months.
13. Joseph's position in Egypt. (Gen. 39:4)
23. Pharaoh took off his _____ from his hand. (Gen. 41:42)
25. The _____ of gladness. (Ps. 45:7)
27. Fear and _____ shall fall upon them. (Ex. 15:16)

(John 8:32)

29. Height (abbr.).
31. Colorado (abbr.).
32. There _____ none greater. (Gen. 39:9)
33. Consumed.
34. Road surface material.
36. Joseph dreamed _____ . (Gen. 37:5; 2 words)
38. _____ me in thy truth. (Ps. 25:5)
39. _____ a certain man found him. (Gen. 37:15)
41. Israel _____ Joseph more than all his children. (Gen. 37:3)
43. Trouble.
46. How...can I... _____ against God? (Gen. 39:9)
47. For example (abbr.).
48. Method of dyeing cloth.
50. Passage.
52. _____ Testament.
53. Delete.
54. Metropolitan (abbr.).



28. Seven _____ came up in one stalk. (Gen. 41:22)
30. Biblical unit of money.
35. Rosy.
36. And he _____ no more. (Deut. 5:22)
37. Receiver of the ten commandments.
40. I will fasten him as a _____. (Isa. 22:23)
42. I am the _____, ye are the branches. (John 15:5)
44. Doctor of optometry (abbr.).
45. Each.
47. Keep me as the apple of the _____. (Ps. 17:8)
48. Toward.
49. Whence come _____? (Gen. 42:7)
51. Room (abbr.).

Puzzle 46



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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hope, without them, the unsaved cannot hear. Christians must tell the dying world about the wonderful message of salvation. If not, sinners will go to hell.

People like to blame God for being a tyrant or unfair in allowing sinners to go to hell and not intervening. God has intervened. He has made the way of salvation and it cost Him quite a bit; more than we could ever imagine. He made the way and told us to pass the word. The reason that people die and go to hell not knowing that they don't have to is because we have "dropped the ball". We are disobedient

The church is composed of all believers from the beginning of time until now. When it is completed (when the last soul is saved) Jesus will come back again to receive His church to Himself (the fullness of the gentiles). Therefore, it is reasonable to think that as we win souls, we are helping the Lord to complete His church, and when He is ready, we

may be hastening His return

It is dishonoring to God the Father when we do not lead Souls to Christ. Not only are they continuing in their sin, but it shows the world that we are not serious about God. It is dishonoring to the Lord Jesus Christ when we do not win souls to Him. It makes a mockery of His death on the cross and does not reflect the importance of it. It is like Jesus died in vain; His sacrifice means nothing. It is dishonoring to God the Holy Spirit when we do not win souls to Christ. His work in the believer is quenched because He is being restrained from performing His work of convicting and drawing people. Our disobedience to give out the gospel message stifles the Holy Spirit. He cannot do His work if we don't take care of our responsibility of giving out the gospel.

On the other hand, when we win souls we are glorifying God. This is the greatest reason for us to be serious about winning souls. We want Him to be pleased. ~

NOTES:

BIBLE COMPARISON

	King James Authorized Version <small>Reading Level –12</small>	New International Version <small>Reading Level—7-8</small>	English Standard Version <small>Reading Level—10</small>	New Living Translation <small>Reading Level—6</small>	The Message Bible <small>Reading Level—5</small>
Matthew 17:2	Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting. [Textus Receptus]	(ENTIRE VERSE MISSING) [LXX]	(ENTIRE VERSE MISSING) [LXX]	(ENTIRE VERSE MISSING) [LXX]	(ENTIRE VERSE MISSING) [LXX]
<p>How could you leave an entire verse out of the Bible, especially when it contains the literal words of Jesus? Some LXX (i.e. Catholic) manuscripts leave a footnote saying, "some manuscripts leave this out. Compare with Mark 9:6." This shows that they knew the words of Jesus were left out and they did nothing about it. They intentionally follow the Catholic manuscripts and left out the words of God. Now who would want to do that?</p> <p style="font-size: small;"><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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