



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

March 3, 2019
This Weeks Events
Today: 10:00AM: (Grange)— <i>1 Corinthians</i> —Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)— <i>Bible Reading</i> —(<i>Gospel of John</i>)—Rev. Wasilausky — <i>Message</i> — <i>Do You Love Your Lord?</i> —Pastor 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>NO EVENING SERVICE</i> —Pastor
Upcoming Events
Apr 7, 2019 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)— <i>Shut In Saints</i> —Matthew Coale



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

Pastor Bill Lytell

Bro. Lytell entered the ministry in 1976. In 1992 he became pastor of the Gospel Baptist Church in Ft. Myers, Florida. He is one of those "walking-balls-of-energy" that you occasionally meet. We have stopped by his church when passing through the area. He is always friendly and gives you a good message from the Scripture. He has been faithfully serving the Lord for over four decades. That, in itself, is a worthy goal for anyone to seek to achieve!

Is the Grass Greener on the other side?



By Ron Coale

2 Thessalonians 3:6...
“Now we command you, brethren, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that ye withdraw yourselves from every brother that walketh disorderly, and not after the tradition which he received of us.”

There are many difficulties in life and being a Christian does not mean that you get an easy pass. Christians are still human beings subject to all the difficulties that every other human being is subject to. However, because of their relationship with God, Christians do have it much easier than an unsaved person.

Some people preach that Christians have more to worry about than the unsaved. That is Satan trying to deceive you into thinking you are worse off than the unsaved. If he can convince you of that, then he can get you stymied, frustrated and unfruitful. All too often this happens to our present-day Christian. Their eyes get taken off the Lord and the blessings they receive when accepting their gift of eternal life. Through the daily living of life, and because they have so long lived with the blessings the Lord provides, they become inconsequential. When that happens, Satan can easily

convince them that they have a more difficult life than the unsaved does. He points to the unsaved and whispers in your ear, “Look! They don’t have to tithe. They don’t have any money problems.” Or “Look! Their children don’t get troubled in school for being a Christian. They can be in sports. They can be popular. They can have their Sundays free.” He says, “Look, they can wear anything they want, read anything they want, go into bars, drink and be popular. They don’t have anything kept from them.”

Many Christians are blindly convinced they are worse off for becoming a Christian and wish they were like the unsaved. Because they cannot give their salvation back to God (i.e. He won’t accept it.), they backslide (Pro. 14:14) away from it. They want to be like the rest of the world who is having “fun.” Worse yet, they want to be like another Christian whom they witness living for the world without any cares at all. This is only on the surface. There is a simple truth behind this situation.

A Christian living for the Lord isn’t missing out on anything. On the contrary, they are experiencing more than a backslidden Christian ever will. They are experiencing peace, joy, hope, freedom and love like the worldly

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#113, An Essay

Treasure Valley Baptist Bible Institute

During the evening service on Sunday, January 6, 2019, Pastor Rick DeMichele appointed me as the president of Treasure Valley Baptist Bible Institute. He has been president for over 30 years. No, his health isn't failing. He pastors a church of over 1,000 people and does a tremendous job of it. He simply has enough on his plate and asked me to do it.

The school has been in existence for over 30 years and has graduates pastoring churches around the country as well as many missionaries serving on fields around the world. The goal has always been to train men for the ministry and/or educate church members so as to benefit the churches they attend.

Fears & Charges

Any and every Bible institute/college/university gets hit with some standard charges. I have heard many men say concerning Bible colleges, "He built that church off the school. If there was no school to feed it there wouldn't be a church." Well, Treasure Valley Baptist Church has existed for 41 years. When Pastor DeMichele took the church it had 175 people in it. Although he doesn't count attendance every Sunday the church runs around 1,000. There are four buildings on the property, the latest one houses Treasure Valley Baptist Christian School. Attendance figures for the Bible institute are not huge so it can hardly be said the school built the church.

I have also heard some say of Bible colleges, "If I send my young men there they'll keep my most talented people after they graduate. (God forbid that GOD might direct them somewhere that isn't right back home!) Neither Pastor DeMichele nor I view **any** church as existing solely to feed its young people into TVBBI or any other school. Neither of us intend for TVBBI to be a "Talent Magnet" so we can suck the best people from someone else's ministry simply to add them to TVBC.

Let me tell you two instances that will convey the heart of Pastor DeMichele. Last year we graduated an outstanding man who is a good husband, father and dedicated Christian. He came here because he knew I was teaching. He feels called to preach. After graduating he spoke with Pastor DeMichele, not sure of what he should do. Instead of saying, "Well, just stay around here until you hear from God." Pastor DeMichele said, "Why don't you go back to your home church and help your Pastor? He could use the help and it will be good experience for you." That man is now in another state helping the church he came from.

In another instance, a very good Brother with a very successful ministry called Pastor because he was thinking about relocating to our church. Pastor did an honest assessment and told him that the base for his ministry was better where he already was and that he might be wise not to move. He didn't.

I share those with you so you know the heart that runs this ministry. None of us guarantee that all students will return home but I want you to know this pastor is not a predator.

Desires & Goals

The desire of TVBBI is that every student, even if they don't graduate and only take a few classes, will learn their Bible in such a way that their lives will be improved for the glory of the Lord.

In the case of those who are called to preach, we want to instill Bible knowledge that will best equip them for the ministry. In addition to that we want the atmosphere here to have a positive effect on their life spiritually. Head knowledge alone never made **anyone** a “Man of God.” The preaching at TVBC that comes from Pastor DeMichele and his guest speakers has been a real blessing to my wife and me. I told Bro. DeMichele, “You have been my friend for over 30 years but my pastor for only two and Kathy and I love having you as our pastor.”

I am also impressed with the members of TVBC. They **legitimately care** about visitors. I’ve watched what happens whenever someone visits. Someone always goes up to them and talks with them so they don’t feel like an outsider.

The economy in Meridian and the area around Boise is quite strong. Last week we had a married man and his family move here to go the TVBBI. His very first interview landed him a good job.

“Pastoral Authority” comes with the job. No man can pastor a church who doesn’t automatically inherit the authority to make judgement calls, both physical and spiritual. But, some have “gone to seed” on this truth and turned it into a dictatorial doctrine. Disagree with the pastor and not follow his advice and you are “out of the will of God” never to be right with God until you apologize. Pastor DeMichele does not feel that anyone who disagrees with him is “out of the will of God” and that it is his **duty** to see to it that he never succeeds in the ministry. He has an amazing amount of grace and wisdom.

Again, the first goal of TVBBI has always been and will continue to be training men for the ministry whether it be the pastorate, foreign missions or evangelism. The school faculty has men with years of practical experience in all three of these fields. Nobody gets taught anyone’s theory of how to do it. You get reports of how successful ministries were founded and sustained.

The TVBBI curriculum includes classes exclusive to the ministry. But it also has some that are exclusive to helping Christian ladies in their walk with the Lord as well as their responsibilities as a preacher’s wife. Again, there are numerous women in the church who can offer years of wisdom to young wives and mothers in their endeavor to be their best for the Lord.

In 1970 God called me to go to Bible college. I told the preacher that led me to Christ I wasn’t going to go because **I knew** the Lord would return before I would graduate and I didn’t want the Lord to come back and find me sitting in a classroom when I could be out doing something for Him. This Brother said, “If God wants you in Bible School that better be where you are when He comes!” **Great advice!** I entered the ministry at graduation in 1973 **far better equipped** than I would have been had I followed my own wisdom. (Or lack thereof!)

If you or someone you know desires to learn their Bible in a compressed, intense atmosphere that comes fully equipped with a great church, Treasure Valley Baptist Bible Institute might be for you. I can assure you we here will do our best to help in every way possible. You can go to the Internet site at: <http://www.tvbc.org/Ministries/BibleInstitute.aspx>. If you would rather, you can call Treasure Valley Baptist Church at: 208-888-4545.

I can say this from my heart, we will try in every way possible to help God’s people to improve themselves to better serve the Lord!



Buenos Días, mis Queridos Hermanos, (Good Day, my Dear Brethren,)

This last month we took our final trip to the village of Zapotan for this year. There were hundreds of articles of clothing, shoes, diapers, baby formula, blankets, shampoos, toothbrushes, and many other items that were donated to our church from generous people in America, Canada, and Mexico with the purpose of distributing it to the people. Before we did the distributions, we held a church service in the community building as well as a kids/teens service outside. We sang some hymns that lifted up Christ, and preached a convicting message on the need for salvation from sin. There were well over 100 people in that building and by the end there was at least a third of the people that sincerely received Jesus Christ as their savior!

The work we have started here in Lo de Marcos is going very well, praise the Lord! The church had been without a pastor for over five years, so the Lord led me to teach/preach about the local New Testament church from the bible along with basic doctrines that God gives the church to stick by. It seems as if they are excited to be learning it. For some, this is their first time hearing basic doctrinal principals from the bible. I haven't finished the series yet, but some things I've preached on are believer's baptism, the Lord's Supper, etc. Because of this, some people approached me about following the Lord in believers' baptism. Also we just had our very first Lord's Supper Service last week, and in another few weeks we will have our very first baptismal service! It gets me so excited to see others excited about Jesus and have a true desire in their heart to follow Him!

Praise God for the growth he has given me in the language because, although I still have a lot to learn, I am starting to actually almost fully understand the people around me. I can't explain with words how exciting this is! Just last week as we were doing our Communion Service Sunday evening, I was able to review exactly what we were partaking in, in Spanish, with out any notes. Hallelujah! Normally I would write out every single word that I want to say and then translate it and print it out to read from the pulpit. But this time I did it freestyle— no notes!

I have been teaching classes to the church, as well as a few individuals, on how to give the gospel to someone using your bible (The Romans Road & Johannian Road). There is a young lady who desired greatly to know how to do that, because she has been a professing Christian for three years now, and her family is very Catholic, and reject her Christianity. She specifically told me that she was going home to give the gospel with all the verses to her parents and asked us to pray for her. After four days she sent us a text beaming with exclamation points about how she used everything that she learned with her parents and after witnessing for a few hours, both her mom and dad received Jesus as their Savior!!! The gospel of Christ

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PRAYER REQUESTS

607.	Pastor	Souls saved in Shelton.
680.	Matt	Savings Account (Building fund) to reach —(\$10,000).
973.	Dee	Protection for Stephanie working as a nurse.
1040.	Pastor	Judy Carr's quick healing from back surgery.
1042.	Pastor	Michael, whom I witnessed to, mother would recover from stroke.
1043.	Pastor	2 Jehovah's Witness, whom I witnessed to would see the error of their "gospel" and get saved.
1044.	Pastor	God's will for his life.
1045.	Pastor	Thanks to God for taking 90 year old saint home.
1046.	Larry	Jane's traveling mercy to Seattle
1047.	Dee	Clear vision to make the game for kids on her heart.
1048.	Wally	Shirley healing and peace.
1049.	Matt	Brother in law Tim healing from brain surgery.
1050.	Matt	Sister Amanda healing from pulmonary embolism.
1051.	Sally	Sister in law Stephanie has successful delivery.

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is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth. Amen!

Also this month we had our very first missionary come visit us to present and preach. His name is Miguel and he was saved, trained, and sent out of Raymond Jones church near Guadalajara. He was a personal friend to us that first year that we lived in the area and sat under Raymond's ministry. He is a missionary to the drug rehab centers of Guadalajara as well as having his own rehab center in his hometown. He is a great servant for the Lord with an amazing testimony of God's grace in our life; and I believe the Lord used him mightily to encourage our people to a life of living for the Lord. I have a great desire to start teaching on missions as well as our own personal ministry of reconciliation in an effort to get everyone on board with the great commission that Jesus has given us; and I believe his testimony/ preaching helped.

I would really like to ask for continued prayers for our family and the work here in Mexico. I don't know how else to explain it other than just stating it plainly; we are experiencing a strong spiritual wickedness that is opposing the work going on here and with our family. I would like to ask you for specific prayers on this matter. We need God's protection over us and the various ministries we have here. Thank you very much for your faithfulness and love for our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters keep up the good fight!
God bless-

The Russell Family Adam, Sarah, Cristian,, Kendra, Braden

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Christian cannot hope to experience. The joy of a Christian living for God is always in the light of the blessings of eternity. They joy they feel now can take them through bad times without fret or fear of trying to work it out on their own. The hope is always in eternal life. Therefore, their hope is not in anything this world has to offer because their reward is in another world, universe and life without temptations of any kind. Freedom is not to give “rights” that must be fought over, or struggle to keep. Freedom is such that it is complete and unattached to this world. It is “freedom indeed.” Love is understood and reconciled. It is never a feeling, but a determined action towards God first.

The blessings of God are not taken for granted. Each day when the sun rises, it is seen as a miracle. It is not forgotten or thrown in the light of just another everyday occurrence. The Christian living for God is not left out of having a good time. He never needs to look on the other side of the fence and wonder if the grass is greener. He sees he is surrounded with the blessings of God and never wonders what it would be like to be somewhere else. Therefore, he never struggles with doing as little as he can for the Lord. He struggles with “How can I do more?” ~

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