



GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Grow in Christ



Dec 8, 2019



This Weeks Events

Today:

- 10:00AM: (Grange)—*Sunday School*—Pastor
- 11:00AM: (Grange)—Message—*The Privileges of a Manger*—Pastor
- 6:00PM: (Grange)—*NO EVENING SERVICE*—Pastor

Upcoming Events

Jan 5, 2019

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

Dec 22, 2019

- 10:00AM: (Grange)—Christmas dessert social—Dee Coale



The Wordless Christmas Story



Ron Coale

Merry Christmas! Every year, people all over the world get ready for Christmas by putting up a Tree and decorating it. They buy presents and wrap them in pretty papers and put them under their Christmas Tree. But, do you know why Christmas is celebrated and what the Tree and the presents mean? Christmas is when we celebrate the birth of the Lord Jesus Christ. Let's take a closer look at His story.

A long time ago, an angel appeared to a virgin named Mary in the land Israel. *Luke 1:30-32* "And the angel said unto her, Fear not, Mary: for thou hast found favour with God. 31 And, behold, thou shalt conceive in thy womb, and bring forth a son, and shalt call his name JESUS. 32 He shall be great, and shall be called the Son of the Highest..." At the birth of the Son of God, a star shone above where He lay for all to see. A star is put on the top of the Tree to represent this majestic star. Some wise

men from the East followed this star to where the Son of God lay. *Matthew 2:9-11* "...and, lo, the star, which they saw in the east, went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was...And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him..." God had a special plan for His Son, who left His royal throne in heaven to become man in order to bring salvation to all men.



The colors on the Tree have special meaning which tell His story. White represents Jesus' purity and sinlessness because only the Son of God was born without a sinful nature.

Black represents sin which brings death. *Romans 6:23* "For the wages of sin is death..." Every man is a sinner by nature, so without intervention, everyone will die and go to Hell (Orange is the color that represents the torturing fires of Hell).

Red represents the blood of

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'Twas the Night Jesus Came

'Twas the night Jesus came and all through the house
Not a person was praying, not one in the house.
The Bibles were left on the shelf without care,
For no one thought that Jesus would come there.
The children were dressing to crawl into bed,
Not once ever kneeling or bowing a head.
And mom in her rocker with baby in her lap
Was watching the Late Show while I took a nap.



When out of the east there rose such a clatter,
I sprang to my feet to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash
Tore open the shutters and lifted the sash!
When what to my wondering eyes should appear
But angels proclaiming that Jesus was here!
The light of His face made me cover my head--
It was Jesus returning, just as He said.



And though I possessed worldly wisdom and wealth,
I cried when I saw Him in spite of myself.
In the Book of Life which He held in His hand
Was written the name of every saved man.
He spoke not a word as He searched for my name;
When He said, "It's not here" my head hung in shame.
The people whose names had been written with love
He gathered to take to His Father above.



With those who were ready He rose without a sound
While all the rest were left standing around.
I fell to my knees, but it was too late;
I had waited too long and thus sealed my fate.
I stood and I cried as they rose out of sight;
Oh, if only I'd known that this was the night.
In the words of this poem the meaning is clear;
The coming of Jesus is now drawing near.
There's only one life and when comes the last call
We'll find that the Bible was true after all.



--AUDRY PATRICIA WOOLVERTON

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the Lord Jesus. The shedding of blood is the only payment for sin, and only the pure blood of the Son of God could pay the sin debt for all mankind.

The brown branches on the Tree represent the tree upon which Jesus was crucified. After His death, His body was placed in a tomb and sealed. *1 Corinthians 15:3-4 "...that Christ died for our sins ...And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day..."* On the third day, Jesus Christ rose victorious over sin and death. By rising from the dead, He conquered death that He might give life.

The green branches of the Tree represent life. Because Jesus now lives, so can we. What is the gift that God offers to man? *Romans 6:23 "For the wages of sin is death; but the gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."* The gift which God offers us is life, which we can receive through Jesus Christ.

The gifts under the Tree represent the precious GIFT which Jesus extends to all. If we accept the gift of eternal life, we will live with the Lord Jesus in heaven forever.

Yellow is the color on the Tree that represents heaven. It is nigh unto the color of gold, and gold is the substance of the streets in heaven.

What about YOU? You and I and every person in the world are sinners by nature. Sin causes death which means that without intervention, you will die and go to Hell. However, the good news is that the Lord Jesus paid the price for your sin and now offers YOU the gift of life, which is known as salvation! You can be saved from your sins! Will you accept the gift? What a great tragedy it would be for you to choose to spend eternity in Hell separated from the Lord Jesus who paid such a high price for you!

If you are serious about receiving God's gift, then you can tell God directly by praying a prayer like this one to Him and He will save you:

Dear God, I see that Your Son the Lord Jesus Christ has paid a high price for me. I'm a sinner on my way to Hell. I don't deserve Your gift, but I ask You to save me. Thank You, God, for saving me. Amen. ~



The Klein Family

Missionaries to the Mapuche People
of Argentina and Chile

Jeff, Nanci,
Emily, JonathanPeter, Philip

Third Quarter 2019

OCTOBER! SPRING! This was our first full winter in Coyhaique, Chile. God blessed us with a faithful church family and many opportunities as a church to edify one another. We have had many meaningful times together which have strengthened our relationships and have given us liberty to share the Gospel with the people around us.

This winter we missed very few visitation days due to bad weather. On an average Saturday, we knocked on between 150 to 200 doors and were able to share the Gospel with many people.



In September our church had the opportunity to teach a three-day children's Bible class. Lyon College, a school in town, bussed in 225 children to our church. Tuesday we had 75 children ages 4 to 7, Wednesday we had 75 children ages 8 to 10 years old, and Thursday 75 children 11 to 14 years old. It was a very fun time with songs, games, and a chance to share the Gospel with attentive children.

September 18th was Chile's Independence Day. We had a special time of celebration at church with traditional food, clothes, and games. It was a good time to invite visitors, fellowship, celebrate Chile, and strengthen relationships.

If you are on our email prayer letter list, you will have known that Nanci had emergency surgery. We are very thankful that the surgery went smoothly, and she is healing well.

PLEASE PRAY

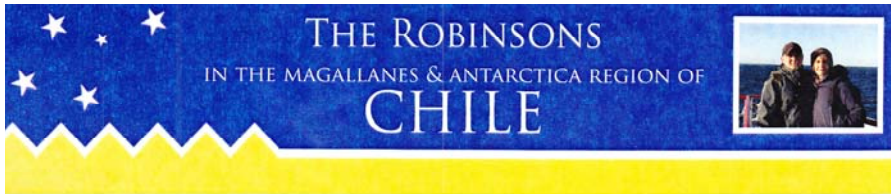
- That the church families will hunger for the Bible in their private devotions, apply Bible truths in their conversations and daily walk, and will desire to be at church every time the doors are open.
- For Gospel growth in Coyhaique and that people would be moved by the Gospel. Please pray that the lost would be saved, and the saved would share the Gospel.
- For unity of the people of Iglesia Bíblica Bautista de Coyhaique and that they would be of one mind - the mind of Christ!

PLEASE NOTE: To cut down on expenses we would like to start sending the prayer letter electronically. Please send an email to jeffkleinprayerletter@gmail.com to be put on our email prayer letter list. We will then have the ability for more communication and sharing of additional pictures and information. Please also watch our 3-minute video about our ministry, <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eyou1oZmy2k>.



Acts 17:34 Howbeit certain men clave unto him, and believed:

The Klein Family



SEPTEMBER 2019

New prayer cards and other updates

If you or your church receive a physical copy of our prayer letter, included with this month's mailing are examples of our new prayer card and updated introductory brochure; email-only recipients interested in getting an updated prayer card (or cards) will find a few options delineated in the cover message to which the letter is usually attached (please note that a few supporting churches who previously requested email-only prayer letters have been added to this month's hard-copy mailing list as a one-time exception, for the purpose of ensuring their receipt of the aforementioned examples). Additionally, we have updated our website (www.occupytillcome.org), which still remains (intentionally) unsophisticated, but now has additional and up-to-date information; in testing, we have noticed some minor formatting and placement issues depending on the browser and platform being used, but none so severe as to make it unintelligible. We have also redone our mission presentation video, which may be accessed via the Video Presentation page of the redesigned website (<http://www.occupytillcome.org/video-presentation.html>). Regarding the video, it is a 5-minute narrated slideshow presentation summarizing our ministry up until this point, which will be 15 years in November; due to the limited capabilities of our site service, the video file is necessarily stored in our Google Drive account, to which you will be redirected from our site upon clicking the link (the video icon itself), where the video may be viewed and/or downloaded - this is "secure," and does not require having or setting up any special account or other service (just internet access [hence, the quotation marks around "secure"] and a browser [ditto]).

Hands to the plow

As mentioned in our July letter, all of the foregoing "overhauling" has been effectuated in recognition of our recent change of location and beginning anew of our evangelizing, discipling, and church-planting labors amongst the eternal souls of this southernmost of regions. As noted in last month's report, we are still very much in the initial stages of plowing and sowing in this new field, and we request your continued prayers for the spiritual "**firstfruits**" to be made manifest as a result of the LORD's blessing the labor. Please pray for 2 different men named Carlos, each of whom stopped to talk during a public ministry outing; **Carlos** is already acquainted with the Hansens and has had the seed planted, and the other **Carlos** was at least interested enough to have me explain just exactly what was the message the tract I'd given him was trying to get across (his interest persisted right up until the issue was made personally applicable to *him*, at which point he chose to move on). Pray also for the salvation of **Mauricio**, a locksmith who seems somewhat "intrigued" by the idea of knowing God *without* needing religion, but still wary enough to require a good deal more of the Holy Spirit's John-16:8-reproving. Along these same lines, pray for **Max**, a young waiter who had read and "enjoyed" the *Flight 144* Chick tract previously given to him by the Hansens, and then at a later opportunity was willing to converse briefly with me about how these God-is-not-religion matters apply to him personally; LORD willing, we will get another chance with him when his heart is yet more open. And then there are **Isabel, Lorena, and Luis and his family**, different folks in the varied aspects of our "day-to-day," about whom we are praying for opportunities for direct personal witness, the LORD going before in the preparation of their hearts. Thank you for joining us in this intercession for their salvation, and for your continued "**fellowship in the gospel.**"

In Christ,

Philip & Brenda Robinson

NOTES:

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.
1044.	Pastor	God's will for his life.
1047.	Dee	Clear vision to make the game for kids on her heart.
1048.	Wally	Shirley healing and peace.
1053.	Melody	Grandson healing.
1054.	Pastor	Recovery for Mark's brother
1055.	Pastor	To get stronger physically

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