



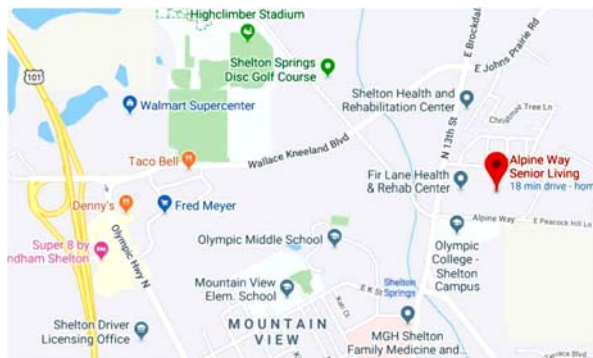
# GRACE BAPTIST CHURCH

Grow in Christ.

<b>Feb 2, 2020</b>	
<b>This Weeks Events</b>	
<b>Today:</b> 10:00AM: (Grange)—Sunday School—Pastor 11:00AM: (Grange)—Message— <i>Why did Noah find grace</i> —Pastor 6:00PM: (Grange)— <i>NO EVENING SERVICE</i> —Pastor	
<b>Upcoming Events</b>	
<b>Feb 2, 2019</b> 2:00PM: (Fir Lane)—Shut In Saints—Matthew Coale	 Children's Church and nursery services are available for every service.
<b>Feb 13, 2019</b> 6:30PM: (Alpine Way)—Bible Study—Pastor	

## Mid-week Bible Study

On February 13th, 2020 we will be starting a weekly Bible study at the Alpine way senior living center. Class will begin at 6:30 PM and last for approximately 45 minutes. Alpine Way is right across the street from Olympic college extension in Shelton. We will focus on the all important foundational things which one must know in order to have a happy and healthy with God. I hope to see all of you there. For further questions please contact me I'll do my best to help you. The map is given so that you can have directions.



## Spirit and truth



Ron Coale

John 4:23-24..... **23** But the hour cometh, and now is, when the true worshippers shall worship the Father in spirit and in truth: for the Father seeketh such to worship him. **24** God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth.

The word worship indicates that you have established something that has worth to you. Any Christian in their right mind would feel from time to time the need to worship God. God knows that this is good for the Christian. So He defines how to do it. He says since he is a spirit people that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth. If you're going to truly worship God in a manner that's acceptable to Him you're going to do so on the spiritual level. Not only that, but you're also going to do it in truth.

It does not seem odd at all that Jesus tells the Samaritan woman that if you're going to worship God that you have to do it in spirit. After all, He just said that God is a spirit. So you have to approach him on the spiritual level. God is not an idol or statue that needs to be worshipped. He is not a temple that needs to be worshipped nor is

He a wall that needs to be worshipped. He is a spirit and therefore you must worship Him in spirit. The good thing about worshipping God spiritually is that His spirit can be anywhere at any time. He can be with you all the time. If you are saved He is with you all the time. You can worship God anytime anywhere. As long as when you do, you are true about what you're saying to Him.

This does not mean that you need to make a show of your worship. People have this quite wrong. When they need to have over-exaggerated outward expressions of their love toward God it can cause others to be scared out of their wits. Something seems to be lacking. There may be a high degree of spirituality is what they might be doing when they're speaking in tongues but are they doing so in truth? How can you determine the truth? Jesus said of himself that he is the way the truth and the life and no man comes to the Father but by him. The truth seems to be a very important thing to God. The standard for truth is in the Bible itself. It is embodied in the life of the Lord Jesus Christ.

You must never lie to God. Always remember that He knows the thoughts and intents of your heart

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# The Johnsons

Missionaries to the "Children of the Dragon" in Mainland China



Hello again, Folks,

Well, I'm sure you've been hearing about China's novel coronavirus in the news if you watch it. We're still okay and taking precautions, but not worried.

Part of the reason it is spreading so quickly is because this week is Chinese New Year which is the biggest travel week of the entire year. Carolyn was at Walmart the day before the holiday started and, well, imagine Black Friday at Walmart in the US with triple the number of people and you've got the idea. I was out today and saw very few people.

Roads have been closed although all the ones in our city are still open. Tourist sites have been closed. Supermarkets are limited to being open between 9:00 A.M. and 4:00 P.M. Other places where people gather have been closed. Schools are delaying openings after the holiday is over. Instant noodles and face masks are sold out all over the city. Too bad. We knew we should have stocked up on ramen noodles last week.

Basically though, this is similar to the flu. The mortality rate so far is 2%. The mortality rate for general flu is about 10%. The deaths have all been in people with pre-existing conditions or who were elderly.

Carolyn is supposed to be extra cautious because of her asthma, but she's taking extra precautions. In our city, at last count, there were 56 suspected cases and 11 confirmed cases. Most of those suspected probably do not have the novel coronavirus.

So yes, we have been affected, but with a little bit of caution, we are unlikely to catch it. And, even if we do, the likelihood is that we would be fine. So, we would appreciate your prayers for safety, but all is well.

Oh, and we found out why all the SWAT guys were out. President Xi visited our school across the street last week. We didn't even know it until a couple of days later when we saw the news articles. I guess that's why all the visits from the police, too, since our apartment is across the street from the school. I'm surprised the road wasn't closed though.

And, we had snow this week. It's been a few years since we've seen snow. We don't get much snow here.

Well, I hope this helps those who were concerned. As always, we appreciate your prayers and we put our trust in the One who is able.

Daniel and Carolyn Johnson

Hello Folks,

Even though fireworks have already started, it does not feel like Spring

Festival around here. Afternoon weather has been in the 60s and it's been nice and sunny. So far, the fireworks have been scattered. They should start in earnest around the 23rd which is the day before Spring Festival and the official 8 day holiday starts. Shops around the city are already shuttered as people head to their hometowns for the holiday.

We were able to sing Christmas songs and tell the Christmas story for our students with no problem. The students really enjoyed it and had a number of questions. And, we enjoyed our regular Christmas celebration at the house.

Around the city, several Christmas displays and an inflatable Santa were removed by police and the owners fined while Burger King and Walmart continued to play Christmas music. So, we're still not sure what the new law banning the celebration of non-Chinese holidays means.

We've also had almost weekly visits from the local police at our apartment checking everything from how many people were living here to how many square feet our apartment is. One of the times, we had about a dozen young officers in our stairwell which wouldn't have been so bad if it hadn't been close to 10pm when we were already ready for bed. Our Chinese neighbors weren't real excited either. They seemed to be going door to door in our complex. Usually, though, there are only two. Maybe it was a training exercise. They were very friendly trying to find English to explain. Now, we know square meters in Chinese. We offered to let them measure since we didn't know, but they declined.

The other day when we went out, there was a large SWAT presence checking manholes and sealing them. We're used to seeing more police out than most places in the US, but there have been a few more than average recently.

We also received two alerts from the consulate in the same week. One warning us to exercise caution since laws might be enforced arbitrarily and the second over a coronavirus outbreak up north. We're about as worried as we'd be in Tennessee if there was an outbreak of some kind in Montana.

Pretty normal stuff for January actually. I guess when you have around a dozen police knock on your door and you're only mildly surprised you've acclimated pretty well. Our biggest worry over the holiday is the cat's reaction to the fireworks. She really, really doesn't like them so far.

Hope everything is normal your way. Nothing to worry about when you know Who holds tomorrow.

Carolyn Johnson

Writer, proofreader, knitter



THE **MOOBERRY** FAMILY  
MISSIONARIES TO **BRAZIL**



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

November, 2019

For the missionary on deputation, the first thing he can't do without is the Lord, and the second thing is meetings. Since the beginning of our deputation God has faithfully provided an abundance of these, according to His mercy and grace. By my estimation, they have all been good meetings. Someone must be praying for us.

Living in a travel trailer, as nice at that is, limits us to meetings in warmer climates during the winter months. Recently, we have been migrating from the northern states toward the south. On our way southward, the cold caught up with us. Although our water lines froze up several times, this cold was an answer to our children's prayers. They had been praying for God to give them snow and He gave them a two inch blanket of snow to play in. Funny, how you find the same children who once begged to go out in the snow, a few minutes later are begging to come back inside.

We are currently in Tennessee, and look forward to spending Thanksgiving with some friends. Before reaching this far south, God blessed us with meetings in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia, and Ohio. We were glad to be able to do some tract distribution and open-air preaching with several of these churches. Thankfully, God laid it on the heart of some to take us on for support, on the spot. Amen!

We appreciate your prayers for Maggie's sinus infection! Please keep it up, as she is noticing minor improvements. "Minor improvements" are a thousand times better than no improvements at all.

While passing through a supermarket in the state of Maryland, a telephone salesman approached me about my "service plan." Although I was not in need of his services, I was waiting for Maggie to meet me at that particular part of the store. Having told me he was a church going man, I asked him if he had ever asked Jesus to save him. When he said that he had, I asked him to give me a few details. He answered, "I was going through some troubles in my life and I asked God to save me." Desirous to know if he understood salvation, I asked, "Did you ever ask Christ to save you from your sins, or from hell?" He answered in the negative. Khari, understandably, didn't understand Biblical salvation. His understanding of the word "saved" was limited to the idea of being "saved" from troubles in this life. I told him, "Just like Jesus is able to save you from the problems you face in this life, He is also able to save you from the even greater problem that is awaiting you in eternity. That is, paying for the punishment of your sins in hell, forever." Khari understood what I was saying, and he told me he had never considered being "saved" in that way before. After I explained Bible salvation, through Christ alone, Khari understood and prayed out loud, asking, Jesus to come into his heart and to "save" him from hell. Praise God! Hope you all have a happy Thanksgiving. Thanks for your prayers and support!

Sincerely, in Jesus Christ,  
Matthew, Maggie, Mark, Luke, Esther, and Ruth



# 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
1056.	Pastor	PRAISE for Melody's successful surgery.
1057.	Dee	Cathy Matson's uncle healing.

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long before you do. Don't split hairs and over exaggerate things to God. Don't leave partial truths out of what God says. Speak as in our present-day courts of law where you are bound to speak the truth the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you God. Just stay in the area of truth

I have learned a long time ago that it is always better, to tell the truth. Although I never considered myself a liar I certainly did over exaggerate things. Or whenever I was talking about myself I certainly would leave out the bad things that I didn't want to have people here. The truth will actually make you free although it might hurt at the onset, in the long run, you know that you are just and you have done the right thing. It hurts sometimes to tell the truth but it's always better. The more you worship God the easier it becomes to speak the truth to him and when you do so you tend to want to speak the truth to others as well.

Getting back to worship. It is good for a Christian to worship God. It is good for everybody to have something that is worth it. If you don't have anything that you value then you seem to be empty in life and questioning your very existence period often people who commit suicide do so because they just did not see that they had any worth in the world. They weren't good for anything. God says that He can be your worth. And this is where we get all of our hope. To God each and every soul on this planet, that is ever lived is valuable. They are so valuable

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