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Speaking The Truth In Love

By Grady Miller

In Ephesians 4:15 Paul defined true gospel preaching as "speaking the truth in love." This cuts to the heart of the matter.

If any of us — and not just "the preacher!" — are to be pleasing unto the Lord, our message must be embodied with truth and tempered by love. If either key ingredient is missing, our words will be empty and vain.

Still, it must be emphasized that "preaching" is not gospel preaching unless the truth of the gospel is presented. This is why we strive to give a "thus saith the Lord" — book, chapter and verse — for every thing we declare.

Yes, the preacher could size up his audience and determine what they want to hear. A "God does it all, we don't do any thing" sermon appeals to a lot of folks! Who wouldn't want to believe "once saved, always saved" is the will of God? Millennial speculations, current events and politics, and an exclusive emphasis on feelings and needs will always be popular.

But the truth must be preached. Jesus said, "The truth shall make you free" (John 8:32). Paul declared his readiness to declare "the whole counsel of God" (Acts 20:27, KJV). The plain and simple truth of the gospel has always and will ever be unpopular with many. Those who are searching for something fresh and different will always reject the "strait and narrow way." The herald who calls for a walk in the "old paths" will not suit some people.

He will be dismissed as "narrow-minded," "judgmental," a "trouble-maker." The faithful gospel preacher, how ever, must stand firm and "abide in the doctrine of Christ" (2 John 9).

But just as important, gospel preaching is also characterized by love — love for the Lord, His truth, and love for lost souls as well. True love will not hesitate to say things that may hurt for a while, but may cause someone to see and grasp the truth. True love will declare such truths in kindness at all times, and in gentleness when possible. True love will prompt the speaker to "make a difference" (Jude 22), knowing that some have been hardened by sin but other hearts are yet tender. True love will move us to build up and promote that which is good and right, but it will also move us to tear down that which is wicked and sinful.

"And this is love, that we walk according to His commandments" (2 John 6).

Welcome to the services of the Grandview Pines church of Christ

We are thankful to be able to gather to worship our God (John 4:24). Visitors, please take time to fill out a card and place it in the collection plate. If you have questions about what you see or hear we would be glad to answer them after the service. We hope all leave edified and uplifted.

Upcoming Youth Events

- •February 12th **Area Wide Devo** @ Grandview Pines congregation
- •February 24-26 **Challenge Youth Conference**

3rd Sunday

After morning services we will be having our monthly fellowship meal. Visitors, please stay, eat, and let us get to know you!

This evening's worship will emphasize singing, prayer and scripture reading.

Congratulations!

We will be celebrating Jim and Diane Cox's 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 5th from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to join in on this wonderful celebration! If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Ricky or Chris May.

Barnabas Board

We want to encourage everyone to use the board in the foyer for posting notes of edification, thanks, etc.

Deepest Sympathy

Our condolences go to Glenda Gregory and family, her sister-in-law passed away this past week.

Ladies Retreat

January 20th - 21st. The bus will be leaving from the building between 3 and 3:30pm.

There will be a meeting regarding the trip after services Sunday evening.

Creation/Evolution Debate

The recent debate will be made available on DVD. More info will come.

Downstairs Fellowship Hall

To prevent any unfortunate accidents, please help us keep children away from the construction downstairs. They do not need to be down there unsupervised.

Soles for Souls

We have set up a collection box for shoes for the less fortunate. Please assist in this community service project. Please see Levi Colquitt or Christopher May for more information.

Youth Devotional Sign-up List

A new sign-up sheet for our fourth Sunday youth devotionals has been placed in the foyer.

We also have a sign-up sheet for the men who are willing to give the devotionals.

Our Shut-Ins

Please take the time to call, visit, or send a card to our Shut-Ins.

Linda Bush - Prattville Rehab & Nursing Home, RM 212.

Katie King - Room 308, 95 Charlton Place, Old Prattville Hwy. 290-2966

Shut In Communion Sign-Up List

A sign-up list for taking communion to our shut-ins is posted in the foyer.

Please help us serve our shut-ins in this manner. (James 1:27)

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

Topic: The letter to the Romans.
Teacher: George Vinson
Ladies' Class

Wednesday @ 10:30am Wednesday Night

Topic: The book of John Teacher: Terry Claunch

Monthly - February 10th @ 6:30pm
Topic: How to Study your Bible
Teacher: George Vinson

Lord's Supper Sign-Up List

Ladies don't forget to sign up to prepare the Lord's Supper for 2012.

Do You Know Your Bible?

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. — 2 Timothy 2:15

Last Week's Question and Answer:

This Week's Question:

Who made the golden calf while waiting for Moses to come down from the mountain?

In the parable of the ten virgins, what did the unprepared virgins not bring?

Extra oil for their lamps
Matthew 25:1-13

Bulletin Updates, Changes & Removal of Names

Don't forget to let us know if prayer list or other bulletin information needs to be changed.

Please email Trey Harvell by Friday night. members@grandviewpineschurch.org

(in alphabetical order by last name)

Brandon Arnold and family - (Friend of Caleb Colquitt) Father passed away.

Beverly Barrett - (Friend of Goldens) Awaiting a kidney for transplant at UAB.

Don Brannan - diagnosed with cancer. He is an elder at Eastern Meadows.

Lee Bowren - (A. Sadler's mother) in nursing home in Heber Springs, AR.

Linda Carpenter (friend of the Fullers) had heart valve surgery at Jackson this past week.

Jenny Cook - (Diane Cox's sister) having throat problems.

Hulon Cooper and his wife Barbara - (B. Little's family) In motorcycle accident, sister-in-law broke her leg.

Jackie Cooper - (B. Little's family)
Rickey Cooper - (B. Little's family)
Russell Cooper - (B. Little's family)
Jerry Davidson - (Director of Guyana missions) Parkinson's Disease.

Charles Dobbins - (friend of the May family) under hospice care. **Sydney Fuller** - (G. Fuller's bother) has two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.

Addison Hall - will be seeing another doctor for second opinion.

Fredrick Harbaugh - His mother at 93 is dealing with various ailments. Pray that she will be comforted at this time.

Marilyn Hatcher - (E. Howard's mother) Returned home from chemo treatments.

Tim Johnson - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments. Cancer has spread to his liver.

Rayford Lee - (J. Sadler's father-in-law)

Amos Luster - Diagnosed with acute leukemia, under hospice care. Cards, calls, or visits would be appreciated.

Walter & Cheryl May - (R. May's parents) both facing physical ailments.

Vera Mixon - (Myra Hall's grandmother) At home recovering from stroke, health is in decline.

Ann Morris - (friend of the Fullers) additional surgery on Tuesday

Alen Nix - (friend of Gwen Shelton) diagnosed with cancer. Will be going to Texas for treatment.

Peggy Rice - (Janice Claunch's mother)

Holly Sadler (Jay's wife) - diagnosed with diabetes and liver damage.

Peggy Stabler - Fourth Stage Kidney Failure

Ginger Sanders - (Friend of Angel Ashley) Diagnosed with cancer.

Tina Tatum - Admitted to Bapt. Hosp. Prattville, still not doing well. Mickey Thomas - (former member) Room 313 Prattville Rehab.

Amy Turner - continuing to deal with illness.

Talia Underwood - recovering from surgery on her hand.

Juanita Waggoner - (M. Stinson's aunt) advanced stage of Parkinson's Disease.

Lisa Wright - Recovering from recent surgery, will be having additional surgery on the 23rd.

Lisa Woodard - (friend of Toni Colquitt)

Nancy Woodall - (friend of the Moodys) suffered a stroke **Brittany Young** is recovering from a procedure this week.

Military personnel & their families

- Joshua Corey deployed
- David Howard Afghanistan, address is on the bulletin board if anyone would like to send him a card. Please do not include his rank when addressing the card.
- Britt Shores Afghanistan
- Stewart Burkey deploying to Afghanistan.

January Reading List

01 Genesis 1:1-2:25	Matthew 6:1-24	Psalm 11:1-7	Proverbs 3:33-35	Proverbs 5:1-6
Matthew 1:1-2:12 Psalm 1:1-6 Proverbs 1:1-6	Psalm 7:1-17 Proverbs 2:1-5	Proverbs 3:11-12 14 Genesis 30:1-31:16	20 Genesis 41:17-42:17 Matthew 13:24-46	26 Exodus 2:11-3:22 Matthew 17:10-27
02 Genesis 3:1-4:26 Matthew 2:13-3:6	08 Genesis 18:16-19:38 Matthew 6:25-7:14 Psalm 8:1-9	Matthew 10:1-23 Psalm 12:1-8 Proverbs 3:13-15	Psalm 18:1-15 Proverbs 4:1-6	Psalm 22:1-18 Proverbs 5:7-14
Psalm 2:1-12	Proverbs 2:6-15		21 Genesis 42:18-43:34	27 Exodus 4:1-5:21
Proverbs 1:7-9	09 Genesis 20:1-22:24	15 Genesis 31:17-32:12 Matthew 10:24-11:6	Matthew 13:47-14:12 Psalm 18:16-36	Matthew 18:1-20 Psalm 22:19-31
03 Genesis 5:1-7:24 Matthew 3:7-4:11	Matthew 7:15-29 Psalm 9:1-12	Psalm 13:1-6 Proverbs 3:16-18	Proverbs 4:7-10	Proverbs 5:15-21
Psalm 3:1-8 Proverbs 1:10-19	Proverbs 2:16-22	16 Genesis 32:13-34:31	22 Genesis 44:1-45:28 Matthew 14:13-36	28 Exodus 5:22-7:25 Matthew 18:21-19:12
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Proverbs 1:20-23	11 Genesis 24:52-26:16	17 Genesis 35:1-36:43 Matthew 12:1-21	Matthew 15:1-28 Psalm 19:1-14	Matthew 19:13-30 Psalm 24:1-10
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06 Genesis 13:5-15:21 Matthew 5:27-48	12 Genesis 26:17-27:46 Matthew 9:1-17 Psalm 10:16-18	Matthew 12:22-45 Psalm 16:1-11 Proverbs 3:27-32	Psalm 20:1-9 Proverbs 4:20-27	Psalm 25:1-15 Proverbs 6:6-11
Psalm 6:1-10	Proverbs 3:9-10		25 Genesis 50:1 - Exodus	31 Exodus 12:14-13:16
Proverbs 1:29-33	13 Genesis 28:1-29:35	19 Genesis 39:1-41:16 Matthew 12:46-13:23	2:10 Matthew 16:13-17:9	Matthew 20:29-21:22 Psalm 25:16-22
07 Genesis 16:1-18:15	Matthew 9:18-38	Psalm 17:1-15	Psalm 21:1-13	Proverbs 6:12-15

Elders:

Terry Claunch	. 285-4142
Jim Cox	. 303-0414
Glenn Fuller	. 365-4923
Lary Sadler	. 285-7455
George Vinson	. 262-3440

Deacons:

Lonnie Burkey	467-9444
Jason Hall	549-1869
James Woodruff.	285-2947
Luke Wright	. 205-280-6454

Minister:

Study	285-6327
Home	285-4142
Cell	313-1539

Work of Evangelism:

Home Bible Studies **Bible Correspondence Studies Biblical Tracts Staton & Tutwiler Prisons** Sermon CDs & Cassettes **Gospel Broadcasting Network**

Work of Benevolence:

Guyana Missions - Summerdale Congregation 1st Sun. singing - Autumn Place 2nd Sun. singing - Merry Wood Lodge Clothes for Panama Eye Glasses for Thailand Assistance to those in need

Work of Edification:

Sunday

Bible Class	9:00 AM		
Worship	10:00 AM		
Worship	5:00 PM		
Wednesday			
Ladies' Class	10:30 AM		
Bible Class	7:00 PM		

Internet

www.grandviewpineschurch.org contact@grandviewpineschurch.org Look for us on Facebook! (Grandview Pines church of Christ & Grandview Pines church of Christ Youth)

Where We Meet

165 Deatsville Hwy, Millbrook, AL, 36054

Privileged to Serve

Sunday Worship Services					
	Today: January 15th	Next Week: January 22nd			
AM Service					
Announcements	Jason Hall	Tom Young			
Song Leader	Tim Ashley	Jeremy Claunch			
Opening Prayer	Sammie Girod	Jim Hammonds			
Closing Prayer	Cliff Cleveland	Luke Wright			
Scripture Reading	Nick Girod 2 Timothy 4:1-5	Coby Mayne Colossians 3:12-17			
Lord's Table - Head	David Conyers	Sammie Girod			
Lord's Table - Serve	Tom Young Christopher May Garrett Young Lary Sadler	Jason Hall Trey Harvell Charles Price Bryant Weldon			
PM Service					
Announcements	Jason Hall	Tom Young			
Song Leader	Tim Ashley	Jeremy Claunch			
Opening Prayer	Lonnie Burkey	Glenn Fuller			
Closing Prayer	Robert Golden	Coby Mayne			
Lord's Table	David Conyers	Sammie Girod			
3rd Sunday Invitation	Tom Young				
	Sunday Helpers' Li	ist			
Foyer Attendant	Jim Cox	David Conyers			
Greeters	Jim Cox Chris May	Christopher May Glenda Gregory			
Wednesday Bible Study					
	This Week: January 18th	Next Week: January 25th			
Song Leader	Coby Mayne	Lary Sadler			
Invitation	Tim Ashley	Alex Stinson			
Closing Prayer	Trey Harvell	Luke Wright			
If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement, please contact Jim Hammonds.					

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