



The church of Christ  
at  
Grandview Pines

May 15, 2011

## VACATION TIME

Summertime brings with it the opportunity for many families to go on a vacation. Children are out of school, parents may have vacation time saved up, and the weather is great. Let's take off to our favorite place or explore someplace new. Vacations allow families to spend quality time with one another. Parents get to take a break from the regular work week. Vacations can be great. Jesus told his disciples to "rest a while" because they "had no leisure" (Mark 6:31). We use vacations for the same purpose. However, there can be spiritual dangers for Christians when it comes to vacation time.

Will our vacation be a vacation from God? When some get away they also get away from God. They will not include time for worshiping with the saints. The writer of the book of Hebrews said we should not "forsake the assembling of ourselves together" (Heb. 10:25). Most vacations allow us to enjoy the wonders of God's creation. Hasn't He created some beautiful and wonderful places? Do we begin to worship the creation rather than the Creator? Paul says that is sin (Rom. 1:25). Those who would normally not miss services while at home, make an exception while on vacation. Isn't it a danger to take a vacation from God?

Will our vacation cause us to rob God? A serious question was asked in the days of Malachi. "Will a man rob God?" (Malachi 3:8). Some spend more on a vacation than they give to God in a year. The Jews of Malachi's day were busy taking care of their personal needs rather than offering the tithe to God that was required of them. That is how they became robbers. We are commanded (1 Cor. 16:1, 2) to give to God. We should not forget the work of our home congregation while on vacation. The work of the church continues while we may be on vacation. Will we allow the expense of a vacation to cause us to cut our contribution? It is a danger to rob God for a vacation.

Will our vacation include immodest clothing? Beginning with Spring Break and continuing through the summer many flock to the beach. Yes, immodesty is a danger when at the beach or at home. A Christian should be concerned about modest clothing at all times. Paul wrote that "women adorn themselves in modest apparel" (1 Tim. 2:9). God has no double standards (Tit. 2:5; 1 Tim. 5:22—women are to be *chaste* and men are to be *pure*, same word) when it comes to clothing. Men and women, alike, should dress modestly. The Jewish priest (Ex. 28:40ff) was required to wear clothing that covered their thighs. Bathing suits (definitely) and most shorts don't cover that much of the lower body. Suffice it to say that modesty is not on display at the beach. We don't want to dress in such a way as to cause someone to stumble (Matt. 5:28; 18:7). Vacation time doesn't permit the child of God to dress immodestly. It is a danger to dress immodestly.

There's nothing wrong with vacations. They can be great times. However, these are some dangers (sins) that we need to avoid when vacationing. Have a great time on your vacation but don't forget God, rob Him or dress immodestly.

Terry Claunch

## **Ranger Keefe Abrams**

Ranger was born in Montgomery, Alabama in February of 1993 at Jackson Hospital. Ranger has lived all of his life in Millbrook: attending school, participating in various activities, and attending Grandview Pines church of Christ. He became a Christian when he was 12 years old.

The following list is some of the activities Ranger was involved in during his high school years:

Active member of the Church of Christ

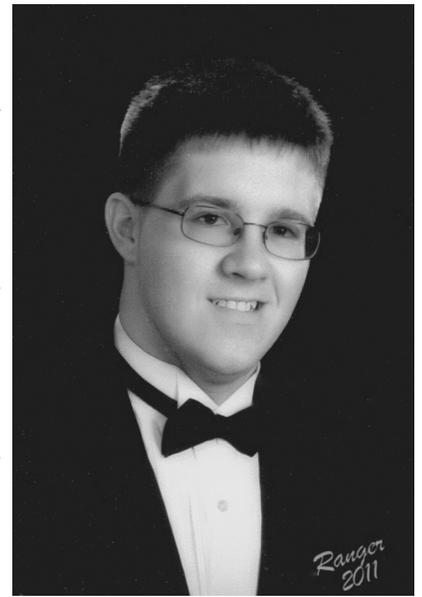
9th Grade: Stanhope Elmore Marching Band, JROTC 1, Convert Band, Honors Classes, Taekwondo, Robotics

10th Grade: Advanced JROTC, Concert Band, Honors Classes, Taekwondo, Robotics Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society

11th Grade: JROTC II, Honors Classes, Robotics, Mu Alpha Theta Math Honor Society, AP History, AP Chemistry

12th Grade: Honors Classes, Robotics, Mu Alpha Theta Math, Honor Society, AP Calculus, AP Literature

Ranger plans to attend Faulkner University in Montgomery starting in the fall of 2011. He plans to major in Forensics and / or possibly Psychology.



## **Spare Tire Religion Brandon Britton**

Most of us keep a spare tire in the trunk of our car to use in case of an emergency. We do not normally ride around on a spare tire, but use it temporarily while our regular tire is being fixed and then we put it back in the trunk. Now consider how many people there are who try to keep God in their trunk. To them He is nothing more than a quick fix in an emergency. God is not a part of their regular, everyday lives, but just someone they turn to when times get difficult and they have nowhere else to go. God is their spare tire, kept in the trunk until hard times come and then put back when they are gone. They want all the blessings and privileges of being a Christian with none of the responsibilities and obligations.

Modern day people are not the first to have this skewed and flawed concept of God. Long ago in the days before a human king sat on the throne in Israel the people were practicing "spare tire religion." While Eli was the high priest and his sons served as priests, the nation grew corrupt. Their service to God was not heart felt allegiance and devotion, but calloused rituals and vain repetitions. We would describe them as "going through the motions" instead of worshipping in spirit and truth (John 4:23-24).

(As a side note, this is a powerful lesson to elders and preachers: when the leadership is corrupted, the people will quickly follow.) In 1 Samuel 4 there is a record of a battle between the Jews and Philistines. "And the Philistines put themselves in array against Israel: and when they joined the battle, Israel was smitten before the Philistines: and they slew of the army in the field about four thousand men" (1 Samuel 4:2). How does Israel respond to this crisis?

Prayer? Repentance? Faithful obedience? No.

They cry to the elders, "let us fetch the ark of the covenant of the Lord out of Shiloh unto us, that, when it cometh among us, IT MAY SAVE US out of the hand of our enemies" (1 Samuel 4:3). They believed they had God in a box! They viewed the ark, which was the place where God met with the people, as a magic box they could pull out in hard times and be safe. They trusted in the ark instead of God. They found out the hard way that God will not be manipulated and abused in this manner.

The Philistines not only killed thousands of the Hebrews, but they also took the ark as a spoil of war. The lesson is simple, if you will not serve God in the best of times, do not expect Him to bless you in the worst of times. God is not a spare tire; He cannot be kept in a magic box and you cannot keep Him in your trunk in case of emergency.

Christians, abandon this spare tire religion!

From the East Hill News  
Pulaski, TN

## News, Notes & 'Nouncements

**Welcome Visitors:** We are thankful to be able to gather to worship our God (John 4:24). 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.

**Please Silence** cell phones so our worship services will not be interrupted.

**Barnabas Board:** in the foyer for posting notes of encouragement, thanks, etc.

**Vacation Bible School:** Our VBS will be May 29—June 2. The theme

will be about various dreams in the Bible. See David Howard for more information or to volunteer.

**Pantry:** On the bulletin board you will find a list of needed items. The pantry is low on some supplies at this time. Please check expiration dates when buying canned goods. Thanks.

**Volunteer Sign-up List** for preparation of the Lord's Supper for this year is now available. A few months are still available.

**Monday Night Bible Study** is tomorrow night. Class will begin at 6:30. Come and study.

**Guyana Missions:** We will be taking a load to the Summerdale

congregation. See Glenn Fuller for a list of needed items.

**VBS Refreshments:** Donations are needed so we can provide refreshments during VBS. Please give money to Glenda.

**Area Wide Youth Devo:** Rescheduled for tonight. 5:00pm @ Wetumpka church of Christ.

**Memorial service** on May 14th in Spanish Fort for Ben Cooper's grandfather.

**Please Stay for our Fellowship Meal** after morning services. We will be honoring Ranger Abrams' graduation and David Howard for completing his masters degree.

**Bulletin Updates:** If you have any information that needs to be in the bulletin, please let Trey Harvell know. 334-201-8803 or [trey.harvell@gmail.com](mailto:trey.harvell@gmail.com)

## Prayer List

(in alphabetical order by last name)

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

**David Brown** (Mont. Police officer)-recovering from serious motorcycle accident

**Linda Bush** (Prattville Rehab & Nursing Home, RM 212)

**Marilyn Bush** (Erin Hatcher's mother). She is awaiting results from various tests this past week at MD Anderson hospital.

**Maggie Colwell** newborn baby of friends of Christina Harvell dealing with several serious health issues.

**Amber Conrad** (Trey Harvell's cousin) recovering from surgery following an auto accident

**Russell Cooper** (B. Little's brother)

**Joel Couch** baby of Josh and Amanda Couch friends of Christina suffering from a seizure disorder that's affecting development.

**Joan Cox** (extended family of D. Boyd)-lung cancer

**Jerry Davidson** (Director of Guyana missions)-Parkinson's Disease

**Charles Dobbins** (friend of the May family) is under hospice care.

**Vicki Dobbins** (friend of the May family) fell off ladder with lower back pain—at home recovering

**Darla Dorsey** (daughter of Doug & Peggy Stabler) has been placed on bed rest due to complications from surgery.

**Glenn Fuller**-is doing some better.

**Sydney Fuller** (G. Fuller's bother) has two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.

**Charlie Gibbs** (Kim Cross's grandfather) health issues

**Addison Hall**—Going in for tests on May 17th.

**Myra Hall**--expecting

**Christina Harvell**-expecting

**Fredrick & Teresa Harbaugh** - Teaching in China & Health issues - Teresa is having some tests run.

**Katie King**-Rm 451, Charleston Place, Old Prattville Hwy.

**Tim Johnson** (Gwen Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments

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

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

**Rosie Price** - Recovering from knee surgery.

**Marvin Rice** (Diane Cox's brother) heart procedure

**Peggy Rice** (Janice Claunch's mother) has suffered a few falls lately.

I has been battling illness for the past few weeks.

**Susan Stringer** is recovering from cataract surgery.

**Tina Tatum**-continuing back problems and ongoing health issues.

**Mickey Thomas** (former member) serious condition, Jackson Hospital.

**Amy Turner** - Recovering from surgery.

**Kevin Turner**--ALS

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

**Military personnel & their families**

-Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT)

-Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

-Keith Cleveland (C. Cleveland's grandson, Iraq)

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-Joshua Corey-deployed

-Joel Jackson

-Barry Freeman

-Matthew Martin

-Stewart Burkey

-Ryan Quade (has returned safely home)

-John Drew (due home this week)

-Todd Wheeler-being deployed

**Changes & Removal of names:** Don't forget to let us know if prayer list information needs to be changed.

... but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

## Congregational Information

### Elders:

Terry Claunch.....285-4142  
 Glenn Fuller.....365-4923  
 Lary Sadler.....285-7455

### Deacons:

David Howard.....730-8080

### Preacher:

Terry Claunch

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:

Food Pantry  
 Guyana Missions—Summerdale  
 Congregation  
 1st Sunday singing & devotion-Autumn  
 Place  
 2nd Sunday 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  
 3rd Monday  
 Bible Study.....6:30 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: May 15th	Next Week: May 22nd
<b>Greeters</b>	G. Gregory R. Price	S. Moody C. Price
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	P. Weldon	S. Moody
<b>Foyer Attendant</b>	D. Howard	L. Sadler
<b>Shut-In Communion</b>	D. Howard	L. Sadler
<b>AM Service</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	T. Young	T. Harvell
<b>Song Leader</b>	G. Vinson	J. Claunch
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	J. Hammonds	G. Fuller
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	N. Girod Proverbs 10:1-8	A. Stinson Proverbs 10:9-21
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Head: S. Girod C. Price D. Conyer C. Mayne L. Sadler	Head: G. Vinson L. Wright B. Cooper A. Howard J. Woodruff
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	D. Stabler	D. Howard
<b>PM Service</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	T. Young	T. Harvell
<b>Song Leader</b>	G. Vinson	J. Claunch
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	J. Cox	S. Girod
<b>3rd Sunday Invitation</b>	D. Howard	--
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	S. Girod	G. Vinson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	T. Claunch	L. Wright
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>		
	This Week: May 18th	Next Week: May 25th
<b>Song Leader</b>	B. Cooper	G. Vinson
<b>Invitation</b>	T. Claunch	L. Sadler
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	C. Price	D. Conyer

\* If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement, please contact Jim Hammonds or David Howard.

## Do You Know Your Bible?

### This Week's Question

Answer in next Week's Bulletin

**What man's name has the same meaning as Jesus?**

### Answer to Last Week's Questions

Answer in next Week's Bulletin

John the Baptist was how much older than Jesus?

**Approximately 6 months  
 Luke 1:24-26**

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