



The church of Christ  
at  
**Grandview Pines**

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### A TRIP TO JERUSALEM

Terry Claunch

“Now his parents went to Jerusalem every year at the feast of the passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up to Jerusalem after the custom of the feast. And when they had fulfilled the days, as they returned, the child Jesus tarried behind in Jerusalem; and Joseph and his mother knew not of it. But they, supposing him to have been in the company went a day’s journey; and they sought him among their kinsfolk and acquaintance. And when they found him not, they turned back again to Jerusalem, seeking him. And it came to pass, that after three days they found him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the doctors, both hearing them, and asking them questions. And all were astonished at his understanding and answers” (Luke 2:41-47).

Have you ever made a trip to the Bible lands? Would you like to go some day? Many would like to make this trip of a life time. However, we may never get to visit the places where Jesus walked and the events of the Bible took place. One can journey back through the ages to the time of Jesus and the apostles by reading the New Testament. Come along for a trip to Jerusalem. WARNING—you may be “astonished” at the answers Jesus gives. The people in his day were.

Traveling to the city of Jerusalem we see the building of the church. On the first Pentecost following the resurrection of Jesus the prophecies came to pass. “And I say unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hades shall not prevail against it”(Matthew 16:18). Jesus told his apostles to remain in Jerusalem (Luke 24:49) until “endued with power”. That power (Acts 1:8) would come when the Holy Spirit came upon them. The Holy Spirit came upon them (Acts 2:1-4) as a fulfillment of Joel’s prophecy (Joel 2:28-32; Acts 2:16-21). The Lord “added to the church” (Acts 2:47) those that “gladly received the word” and were “baptized” (Acts 2:41). If the church of which you are a member was not built (started) as recorded in Acts 2 can it be the right one? Some will be astonished and amazed that it matters, but it matters to God! It should matter to us!

Returning to the city of Jerusalem we see how one is saved and becomes a member of the church. “And it shall come to pass, that whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved” (Acts 2:21). Yes, one must call on the name of the Lord. But what does that mean? Peter says that people need to hear the gospel (Acts 2:22). They had to believe that the Jesus they had crucified was Lord and Christ (Acts 2:36). In this city they were told to repent and be baptized for the remission of sins (Acts 2:38). This is how they called on the name of the Lord for salvation. Is this what you did? Which one do you think is the right way?

In Jerusalem we see the Lord’s plan for the church’s organization. “And when they were come to Jerusalem, they were received of the church, and of the apostles and elders, and they declared all things that God had done with them” (Acts 15:4). Here are mentioned elders. Elders(1 Peter 5:1) are called bishops (Titus 1:7), overseers (Acts 20:28), and presbytery(1 Timothy 4:14). Their place in the church was to rule, lead, guide, and feed the flock. There was always a plurality of these men in each and every congregation (Acts 14:23 and Titus 1:5). They must meet the qualifications found in 1 Timothy 3:1-7 and Titus 1:5-9. Within the organization of the church there were deacons. “Wherefore, brethren, look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business” (Acts 6:3). Deacons find their work in serving the congregation. Their qualifications are listed in 1 Timothy 3:8-13). Paul gives the organization of the church at Philippi(1:1) and it is the same as Jerusalem and elsewhere.

This trip has revealed the beginning of the church, how one becomes a member of the church, and her organization. It’s astonishing to see how far some have changed since the first church in Jerusalem. Is it not time to return to the model?

# Welcome to the services of the Grandview Pines church of Christ

## The Lifesaving Station

Author Unknown

On a dangerous seacoast where shipwrecks often occur there was once a crude little lifesaving station. The building was just a hut, and there was only one boat, but the few devoted members kept a constant watch over the sea, and with no thought for themselves, they went out day or night tirelessly searching for the lost.

Many lives were saved by this wonderful little station, so that it became famous. Some of those who were saved, and various others in the surrounding areas, wanted to become associated with the station and give of their time and money and effort for the support of its work. New boats were bought and new crews were trained. The little lifesaving station grew.

Some of the new members of the lifesaving station were unhappy that the building was so crude and so poorly equipped. They felt that a more comfortable place should be provided as the first refuge of those saved from the sea.

They replaced the emergency cots with beds and put better furniture in an enlarged building. Now the lifesaving station became a popular gathering place for its members, and they redecorated it beautifully and furnished it as a sort of club.

Less of the members were now interested in going to sea on lifesaving missions, so they hired life boat crews to do this work.

The mission of lifesaving was still given lip-service but most were too busy or lacked the necessary commitment to take part in the lifesaving activities personally.

About this time a large ship was wrecked off the coast, and the hired crews brought in boat loads of cold, wet and half-drowned people.

They were dirty and sick, some had skin of a different color, some spoke a strange language, and the beautiful new club was considerably messed up. So the property committee immediately had a shower house built outside the club where victims of shipwreck could be cleaned up before coming inside.

At the next meeting, there was a split in the club membership. Most of the members wanted to stop the club's lifesaving activities as being unpleasant and a hindrance to the normal pattern of the club.

But some members insisted that lifesaving was their primary purpose and pointed out that they were still called a lifesaving station. But they were finally voted down and told that if they wanted to save the life of all various kinds of people who were shipwrecked in those waters, they could begin their own lifesaving station down the coast. They did.

As the years went by, the new station experienced the same changes that had occurred in the old. They evolved into a club and yet another lifesaving station was founded.

If you visit the seacoast today you will find a number of exclusive clubs along that shore. Shipwrecks are still frequent in those waters, but now most of the people drown!

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This was read during our Monday night Bible Class. Let us not lose sight of the fact that our duty first and foremost is to seek and save the lost. - Trey H.

And He said to them, "Go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature. He who believes and is baptized will be saved; but he who does not believe will be condemned." - Mark 16:15-16

- ◆ **Vacation Bible School:** Our VBS is next week May 29 — June 2. The theme will be about various dreams in the Bible. See David Howard for more information or to volunteer.
- ◆ **VBS Meeting:** We will have a meeting after morning services for all helping with VBS this year.
- ◆ **VBS Refreshments:** Donations are needed so we can provide refreshments during VBS. Please give money to Glenda.
- ◆ **VBS Work Day and Door Knocking:** We'll have another work day and door knocking coming this Saturday starting at 10am. A big thanks to all who showed up for the door knocking yesterday!
  - ◇ David, Austin, Hannah, Jackson, William, and Emma Howard
  - ◇ George Vinson
  - ◇ Alex Stinson
  - ◇ Nicole Nihart
  - ◇ Levi Colquitt
  - ◇ Gina, Anaia, Taleah, and Madyson Underwood
  - ◇ Gwen Shope, Sabrina and Devin Shelton
  - ◇ Luke and Alex Wright
  - ◇ Jason and Jackson Hall
  - ◇ Terry Claunch

# VBS Next Week!

## 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.

**Guyana Missions:** We will be taking a load to the Summerdale congregation. See Glenn Fuller for a list of needed items.

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

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

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

**Teachers' Meeting:** We will have a teachers' meeting tonight after services.

**Items Needed For the Pantry:** Canned fruit and juice. Canned meats. - tuna, chicken, chili. Household cleaners. Paper Towels. Please check expiration dates when buying canned goods. Thanks.

**Young Men Leading 5th Sunday Services:** Please be here at 3:30 this afternoon to prepare for next Sunday.

**Youth Devotional:** June 26th after evening services. Host family will be Lisa Wright and Jackie Conyers.

**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

**Charles Price** - Recovering from illness.

**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.

**June Stringer** - broken arm.

**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** - continuing to deal with illness.

**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

-Todd Wheeler-being deployed

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

## 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 & devo—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 22nd	Next Week: May 29th
<b>Greeters</b>	S. Moody C. Price	J. Woodruff T. Colquitt
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	S. Moody	A. Sadler
<b>Foyer Attendant</b>	L. Sadler	B. Weldon
<b>Shut-In Communion</b>	L. Sadler	K. Moody
<b>AM Service</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	T. Harvell	J. Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	J. Claunch	T. Young
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	G. Fuller	J. Woodruff
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	A. Stinson Proverbs 10:9-21	T. Harvell Proverbs 10:22-32
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	Head: G. Vinson L. Wright B. Cooper A. Howard J. Woodruff	Head: J. Hammonds D. Stabler N. Girod T. Harvell K. Moody
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	D. Howard	G. Vinson
<b>PM Service</b>		
<b>Announcements</b>	T. Harvell	J. Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	J. Claunch	Worship Service Conducted by Young Men
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	S. Girod	
<b>3rd Sunday Invitation</b>	--	
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	G. Vinson	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	L. Wright	
<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>		
	This Week: May 25th	Next Week: June 1st
<b>Song Leader</b>	G. Vinson	TBA
<b>Invitation</b>	L. Sadler	TBA
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	D. Conyer	TBA

\* 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

**How many times did Israel have to march around the walls of Jericho to make the walls fall down?**

### Answer to Last Week's Questions

Answer in next Week's Bulletin

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

**The names Jesus and Joshua are identical in the Greek language.**

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