



The church of Christ  
at  
**Grandview Pines**

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**GRACE**

What a wonderful subject. Someone has created an acronym for the word. It is **God's Riches At Christ's Expense**. Where would we be without it? What would be the condition of man if it didn't exist? We need to learn as much about grace as possible. We need to learn to appreciate grace more every day that we live. "For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men, Teaching us that, denying ungodliness and worldly lusts, we should live soberly, righteously, and godly, in this present world" (Titus 2:11-12).

God is the **Giver** of this grace. This undeserved favor comes from our heavenly Father. Matthew records how that He will "give good things" (Matthew 7:11). Grace is the greatest thing that He can bestow upon us. We do not deserve this. We cannot merit this yet God freely offers this gift of grace (John 1:11, 12; Romans 5:15). God is abundantly rich in this grace (Ephesians 2:7). His gift will never run out.

Salvation is the **GIFT** of this grace. The result of one receiving God's grace is salvation (Ephesians 2:5, 8). How does salvation by grace occur? One must receive God's gift (2 Corinthians 9:15). That gift is Jesus Christ the savior of the world (Colossians 2:6). The Colossians had received the gift of God's grace, salvation, by being baptized into Christ (Colossians 2:12-14). One cannot have this gift and be disobedient to God. God's gift of grace is for the salvation of mankind. Jesus died to save sinners. We must be obedient (faith—Hebrews 11:6; repentance—Acts 17:30; confession of Jesus—Romans 10:10; and baptism for the forgiveness of sins—Acts 2:38) to this word of grace (Acts 20:32). Have you received this gift?

All men are the **GOAL** of this grace. God is no respecter of persons (Acts 10:34, 35). The gospel (Matthew 28:19) of grace is to be taught to all men. The invitation of Jesus Christ is made to all men (Matthew 11:28-30). Since all men are sinners (Romans 3:23) all men are in need of the grace of God. It is God's goal that all men be saved by His grace (2 Peter 3:9). This grace has been made available unto all men. No one has to be lost! His grace is powerful enough to save all mankind (John 1:29). Paul, who considered himself to be the greatest of sinners (1 Timothy 1:13-15), was not beyond the grace of God. Shouldn't we be glad that we aren't beyond that grace either?

This grace provides **GUIDANCE** through teaching. Paul told the Ephesian elders that he commended them to "God and the word of His grace" (Acts 20:32). God reveals His grace through His word. Therefore, it is vital that we be students of the "oracles of God" (2 Timothy 2:15; 1 Peter 4:11). The grace of God teaches us. First it teaches that we should deny ungodliness. The Christian should strive to resist all that is evil in this world (1 John 2:15-17). Without the word of God we would not know what is sin or not (Romans 7:7). Worldly lust is the second thing to be denied. God warns us to flee (2 Timothy 2:22) those things that are not good for us. He does this for our spiritual benefit. Regretfully many do not heed His advice. This grace leads us into doing that which is pleasing to God. We are to live soberly. This means that one properly think about things (Philippians 4:8). Being a Christian is not something to be taken lightly. Next there is to be righteousness in our lives. Simply put we are to do what is right. How do we learn right from wrong? It takes the word of God. Man can think what he does is right (Proverbs 14:12) even in matters of religion (Matthew 15:8, 9). But that does not make it right. Finally the grace of God teaches us that we should be godly. Jesus commanded us to become like the Father (Matthew 5:48). That means that we must learn about Him and His character from the Bible. God's grace is the means of being guided (Jeremiah 10:23).

Terry Claunch

## **NO TOMORROW**

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Peter said that scoffers would ask, “Where is the promise of His coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation”(2 Peter 3:3-4). Peter answers by giving assurance of the Lord’s return. What will happen when He comes? This question should concern every serious minded person!

When Jesus returns the resurrection will take place. “Marvel not at this: for the hour is coming in the which **ALL** that are in the graves shall hear His voice, and shall come forth: they that have done good, unto the resurrection of life; and they that have done evil, unto the resurrection of damnation”(John 5:28, 29). The emphasis was added to the word “all” in the passage. Everyone who has died prior to the Lord’s coming will be raised at the same time. This scripture shows that there will be only one resurrection regardless if people have been good or bad. There will be no tomorrow for people to change in order to get to heaven.

Time will end when Jesus returns. Paul writes in his resurrection chapter, “But every man in his own order: Christ the firstfruits; afterwards they that are Christ’s at His **COMING**. Then cometh the **END**...”(1 Corinthians 15:23, 24). Please note the emphasis supplied again. When Christ comes that will be the end. There will be no tomorrow the day after He returns. Peter further describes this day when he says, “But the day of the Lord will come as a thief in the night; in the which the heavens shall pass away with a great noise, and the elements shall melt with fervent heat, the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up”(2 Peter 3:10). Nothing of the material universe will exist the day after Jesus returns! There will be no tomorrow for the end has come to the world.

Paul said that God has “appointed a day, in which He will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom He hath ordained; whereof He hath given assurance unto all men, in that He hath raised Him from the dead”(Acts 17:31). Jesus said “of that day and hour knoweth no man, no, not the angels of heaven, but My Father”(Matthew 24:36). We do not know the time of the Lord’s return. However, there will be no tomorrow after He comes! Preparation must be made today! Can we be of service?

## **Holes in the Darkness**

Before electricity the streets with illuminated by gas street lamps. The lamplighter could be seen coming down the street igniting one lamp after another. Someone asked Robert Louis Stevenson, the author, what was the benefit of having a lamplighter. Stevenson responded that he was poking holes in the darkness.

Our Lord came into this world to provide light to those in darkness (Matt. 4:16; John 12:46). If our Lord had not come we would still be in the darkness of sin (John 8:12). He came not just to “poke holes in the darkness” but to bring light to the world (John 1:29).

Christians, even youth, have a responsibility to “poke” as many holes in the darkness as possible. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). We sing about this “Little Christian Light” shining all around the neighborhood. Do you poke “holes in the darkness” when you are at school? Do you poke “holes in darkness” when you participate in extracurricular activities? What about when you are at home.

Darkness can be scary. Ever been in a cave where the lights were turned off? Sin is scary (Rom. 6:23). It brings death! But if we “walk in the light” (Psalm 119:105; 1 John 1:7) we can save ourselves and others (1 Tim. 4:16). The work of the lamplighter was for the good of others. Today will you help someone see the light?

Let us be like the “wise virgins” (Matt. 25) who had their lamps ready. Are you ready to poke holes in the darkness?

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### **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. [trey.harvell@gmail.com](mailto:trey.harvell@gmail.com)

## 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** is 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.

**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.

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

**Backwoods Christian Camp:** "Challenge to Change" July 10th - 15th If anyone would like to assist any of our kids financially, please see Terry. We hope all our youth will attend. It would be great to have some adults go as workers as well.

**3rd Sunday:** Due to it being Father's

Day today, we will postpone our monthly meal until next Lord's Day. Tonight we will focus our worship on singing, scripture and prayer. Men of the congregation are asked to lead in one of these areas. A sign up list will be available.

**Howards' address:** David and Erin's new address is: 15980 Formosa Lane, Brandywine, MD 20613. Their phone numbers will remain the same until August.

**Chance Stadlberger** was baptized into Christ this past Wednesday. His address is 128 Snowdrift Rd, Deatsville, AL 36022. We are thankful for his decision to become a Christian. Let's be sure to encourage this young man.

## 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

**Stuart Burkey** - (Lonnie's son) having tests run, doctors think he may have cancer.

**Kim Claunch**—at home. She will be monitored twice a week concerning the baby's heart rate.

**Amber Conrad** - (T. 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 C. Harvell) suffering from a seizure disorder that's affecting development.

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

**Charles Dobbins** - (friend of the May family) 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) recovering from oral surgery.

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

**Charlie Gibbs** - (K. Cross's grandfather) health issues

**Addison Hall** - going for follow-up tests in October.

**Myra Hall** - expecting

**Marilyn Hatcher** - (E. Howard's mother) Had surgery this past week. She will be taking a chemo treatments.

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

**Angel Koche** is having some complications with her pregnancy.

**Tim Johnson** - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments

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

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

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

**Rosie Price** - Starting physical therapy after knee surgery.

**Peggy Rice** - (Janice Claunch's mother)

**June Stringer** - broken arm.

**Tina Tatum** - at home following a stay

in the hospital

**Mickey Thomas** - (former member) Prattville Rehab

**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 returning home in June)

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-Joshua Corey-deployed

-Joel Jackson

-Barry Freeman

-Matthew Martin

-Stewart Burkey

-Todd Wheeler-being deployed

... 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

### 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: June 19th	Next Week: June 26th
<b>AM Service</b>		
Announcements	S. Girod	J. Hammonds
Song Leader	L. Wright	J. Claunch
Opening Prayer	G. Vinson	L. Sadler
Scripture Reading	R. Abrams Proverbs 12:15-21	K. Moody Proverbs 12:22-28
Lord's Supper - Head	R. Golden	T. Young
Lord's Supper - Serve	B. Weldon K. Moody D. Stabler A. Stinson	G. Young J. Hall N. Girod B. Cooper
Closing Prayer	J. Cox	J. Ezekiel

<b>PM Service</b>		
Announcements	S. Girod	J. Hammonds
Song Leader	L. Wright	J. Claunch
Opening Prayer	D. Conyer	C. Price
3rd Sunday Invitation	J. Claunch	
Lord's Supper	R. Golden	T. Young
Closing Prayer	G. Fuller	J. Hammonds

### Sunday Helpers' List

Foyer Attendant	L. Burkey	J. Hammonds
Greeters	C. May L. Burkey	L. Johnston M. Stinson
Nursery Attendant	G. Gregory	B. Little
Shut-In Communion	L. Sadler	K. Moody

### Wednesday Bible Study

	This Week: June 15th	Next Week: June 29th
Song Leader	N. Girod	L. Sadler
Invitation	L. Sadler	T. Young
Closing Prayer	G. Vinson	C. Mayne

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

### Do You Know Your Bible?

#### This Week's Question

*Can you name the seven churches of Asia found in Rev. 2-3?*

#### Answer to Last Week's Questions

*Acts 2 shows the church began on the day of Pentecost*

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