



The church of Christ

at Grandview Pines

July 17, 2011

Cues From a Candle

By Neal Pollard

My mother-in-law makes them. There are usually a few in my office. They have been used to light the way for centuries. They are such simple devices, still a staple amid our technologically advanced age.

A candle requires a functioning wick. This is the catalyst for the candle to burn. That wick must be sufficiently long to hold and carry the flame. If the wick is too short, the flame dies. No wick and it's useless. Likewise, I need to be sure that my "wick" is fully functional, too. Too many have a "short wick" or seemingly none at all. They are quick-tempered, flying off the handle and into a rage (cf. Pro. 12:16; 29:11).

A candle requires wax. It is pretty hard before it is heated, but then it softens and melts. Scented candles emit an aroma, too. From this, I am reminded of the need I have to let God's Word, which is like a fire (cf. Jer. 23:29), soften my heart and melt it. As a child of God, as that Word works on my life it should cause me to emit an aroma pleasing to God (cf. 2 Cor. 2:14). It should also work to draw others to Him.

A candle is molded. Even if it does not have a glass or other container, it is preformed and shaped by the candle maker. That candle is designed to keep the shape given it by its creator. Just so, I remember that God wishes to mold and shape my life. If I let Him, He can change and transform me into something useful (cf. Rom. 12:2). I must be true to His design for my life, pursuing a higher purpose than just earthly matters (Col. 3:1).

A candle's color does not effect its ability. If you have been by a candle display, you have seen how diverse the color spectrum is. The color of the wax does not determine whether or not the candle works. What a reminder for man, so prone to prejudice. God, who created us all, gives no preference or priority to one race over another. Thanks to Christ, such distinctions have been erased (Gal. 3:28).

A candle eventually is spent. Manufacturers tout long-life candles, slow-burning candles, and the like. Yet, if used, the candle will come to an end. May I never forget that this body is not engineered for eternity, that this physical life will come to an end (Heb. 9:27). May that come after a long and productive life used for His purpose.

Looking Unto Jesus

By Raymond Elliot

One of the fundamental lessons to be learned in playing golf is to keep your eyes on the ball. This is easier said than done. In years past, I played this game each week. I received most of my instructions from a dear friend when I lived in the city of Ozark, Alabama. When I would look down the fairway just before I was about to take a swing with my club, he would say, "Keep your eyes on the ball." Practically every time I would top the ball or hit it in the wrong direction, the problem usually could be traced back to my breaking that basic rule, that is, of not keeping my eyes on the ball.

In his exhortation to those early Christians to "run with patience the race that is set before us", the inspired writer gave them a basic and necessary rule to follow in the game of life when he wrote, "looking unto Jesus the author

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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.

News, Notes & Nouncements

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

We are studying the book of Colossians.

Teacher: George Vinson

Wednesday Night

We are studying the book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

4th Monday Night - July 25th

We are studying the different versions of the Bible and their accuracy.

Teacher: Lary Sadler

Barnabas Board

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

Items Needed For the Pantry

Laundry soap, bath soap, hand lotion, baby wipes. Please check expiration dates when buying canned goods. Thanks.

Lord's Supper Preparation Sign-up List

One month is left for preparation of the Lord's Supper for this year.

Deacon Selection

1 Timothy 3: 8-13 Continue to pray as the congregation goes through the process of selecting deacons. May all that we do bring honor and glory to God.

5th Sunday Services

All young Christian men are to meet this afternoon at 3:30 to prepare for our 5th Sunday Services.

3rd Sunday Fellowship Meal

After morning services we will be having our monthly fellowship meal. Visitors, please stay, eat, and visit with us!

Youth Devotional Sign-up List

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

School Supplies

Please bring all listed items in a bag and give to Jason Hall by August 1st.

Cell Phone Usage

Please silence cell phones so our worship services will not be interrupted. Please do not be disrespectful to God and those assembled by sending or receiving messages during class and worship. Thank you for your help in this matter.

12ct. #2 Pencils
2pks Notebook paper wide rule
2 - 12 oz school glue
2pks - 24ct Crayons
9x12 50ct. Asst. Construction Paper
5" Fiskar Scissors
3 ring binder 2" wide
3 Hole binder pencil bag
Pencil sharpener with catcher
Ruler with inches and centimeters

Baby Shower

After our fellowship meal today we will have a baby shower for Myra Hall. There will be a money tree and diaper and wipes collection.

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and perfecter of our faith" (Hebrews 12:1, 2). In other words, 'keep your eyes on Jesus.' He knew that there were many temptations in life which would cause them to turn their attention elsewhere. To them, the urge to return to the tenets of the old law with its rituals and ordinances was very real and enticing. To others, it may be the lusts of the flesh or the call of the world.

Among the body of believers today there are distractions that cause us to turn our eyes away from Jesus. It may be that some brother or sister has disappointed us. It could be that someone has spoken words against us. Perhaps family members have been unfaithful or a child has become involved in sinful living. Satan is a very strong and wise adversary. If he could get our parents to sin in Paradise, don't you know that he is having a field day with Christians while we live in this world permeated with sin?

The answer to our problems can be found in the encouragement to look unto Jesus. He walked among mortal men, suffered the agony connected with the rejection of His people and the crucifixion on the Roman cross. Now, he says, "Follow me" (Matthew 8:22). However, we cannot really follow Jesus unless we look at Him. It was when Peter took his eyes off of Jesus and became concerned about the wind, that he began to sink into the sea (Matthew 14:30). So, when you become discouraged and feel like quitting, remember this fundamental rule of life, 'Keep your eyes on Jesus'.

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

Prayer List

(in alphabetical order by last name)

<p>Ray Berry - (Nephew of R. Price) had foot amputated & is in fair condition. At Jackson Hosp. Rm 529.</p> <p>Lee Bowren - (A. Sadler's mother) in nursing home in Heber Springs, AR.</p> <p>David Brown - (Mont. Police officer) - recovering from serious motorcycle accident</p> <p>Linda Bush - Prattville Rehab & Nursing Home, RM 212</p> <p>Stewart Burkey - Does not have cancer, will be undergoing treatments this week. Will be deployed soon if he does not need surgery.</p> <p>Kim Claunch - at home. She and the baby are doing better. She visits the doctor once a week now.</p> <p>Russell Cooper - (B. Little's brother)</p> <p>Wanda Cooper - (Ben Cooper's mother) recovering from severe allergic reaction.</p> <p>Joel Couch - (baby of Josh and Amanda Couch - friends of C. Harvell) suffering from a seizure disorder that's affecting development.</p> <p>Jerry Davidson - (Director of Guyana missions) Parkinson's Disease</p> <p>Charles Dobbins - (friend of the May family) under hospice care.</p> <p>Vicki Dobbins - (friend of the May family) had surgery on left shoulder - at home recovering.</p>	<p>Jerry Ellison - has not felt good lately</p> <p>Sydney Fuller - (G. Fuller's bother) has two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.</p> <p>Addison Hall - will be going in for tests in October.</p> <p>Myra Hall - expecting & dealing with gall stones.</p> <p>Harbaughs & Harvells - Traveling from TX and OK this week.</p> <p>Marilyn Hatcher - (E. Howard's mother) Had surgery recently. She will be taking chemo treatments.</p> <p>Tim Johnson - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments</p> <p>Katie King - Room 308, 95 Charleston Place, Old Prattville Hwy. Would like visits.</p> <p>Holly Sadler (Jay's wife) diagnosed with diabetes and liver damage.</p> <p>Rayford Lee - (J. Sadler's father-in-law)</p> <p>Buddy Little - recovering from bypass surgery.</p> <p>Johnny Maddox - (son of Fay Morrison) suffered a heart attack. He is at home. Fay is staying with him.</p> <p>Walter & Cheryl May - (R. May's parents) both facing physical ailments</p> <p>Rosie Price - Taking physical therapy after knee surgery.</p> <p>Peggy Rice - (Janice Claunch's mother)</p>	<p>Tim Rice - (Janice Claunch's brother) Recovering from emergency appendectomy surgery.</p> <p>June Stringer - Arm has healed, but she still needs prayers and support.</p> <p>Tina Tatum - will be having tests the next few weeks.</p> <p>Mickey Thomas - (former member) Room 313 Prattville Rehab</p> <p>Amy Turner - continuing to deal with illness.</p> <p>Andy Turner (Amy's son) blood clot. He is in Bapt. East.</p> <p>Kevin Turner - ALS</p> <p>Juanita Waggoner - (M. Stinson's aunt) advanced stage of Parkinson's Disease.</p> <p>Lisa Wright - Traveling this week.</p> <p>Garret Young - Heart problems at Basic Training.</p> <p>Military personnel & their families</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT) -Britt Shores (Afghanistan) -Keith Golden (Goldens' son) -Joshua Corey - deployed -Joel Jackson -Matthew Martin -Stewart Burkey -Todd Wheeler - being deployed -Garrett Young at Basic Training
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... but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. Philippians 4:6

Do You Know Your Bible?

This Week's Question

How was Elijah fed at the Cherith Ravine? 1 Kings 17

Answer to Last Week's Questions

Where does one find the conversions of Lydia and the Philippians jailor?

Acts 16

*Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services*

	Today: July 17th	Next Week: July 24th
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AM Service

Announcements	Tom Young	George Vinson
Song Leader	Sammie Girod	Jeremy Claunch
Opening Prayer	Jim Cox	Glenn Fuller
Scripture Reading	Alex Stinson 1 Cor. 12:12-20	Brandon Gonzalez 1 Cor. 2:1-9
Lord's Table - Head	George Vinson	Sammie Girod
Lord's Table - Serve	Luke Wright Trey Harvell Bryant Weldon Kevin Moody	Doug Stabler Nick Girod Ben Cooper Lary Sadler
Closing Prayer	Charles Price	Tom Young

PM Service

Announcements	Tom Young	George Vinson
Song Leader	Sammie Girod	Jeremy Claunch
Opening Prayer	Dave Conyers	Lary Sadler
3rd Sunday Invitation	Lary Sadler	Lary Sadler
Lord's Table	George Vinson	Sammie Girod
Closing Prayer	Robert Golden	Jim Ezekiel

Sunday Helpers' List

Foyer Attendant	Ricky May	Tom Young
Greeters	Ricky May Cliff Cleveland	Jackie Conyers Toni Colquitt
Nursery Attendant	Sheila Moody	Patricia Abrams
Shut-In Communion	Lary Sadler	Kevin Moody

Wednesday Bible Study

	This Week: July 20th	Next Week: July 27th
Song Leader	Tom Young	George Vinson
Invitation	Trey Harvell	Alex Stinson
Closing Prayer	Dave Conyers	Jeremy Claunch

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

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 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

3rd Monday

Bible Study.....6:30 PM

Wednesday

Ladies' Class.....10:30 AM
Bible Class.....7:00 PM

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