## July 31, 2011

### Poison Ivy, Poison Oak, and Insect Bites! Wayne Harvell

I don't know about you but I don't like either, itch, itch, sting -- irritation -- whatever it is and however it affects us, it gets our attention! Because of the itching and/or pain, such has an influence on us!

I am experiencing both the poison and the bites -- all at the same time. They influence my thoughts and my energy. Because of this, I have been thinking about how things and people influence us and how we exert our influence!

The power of influence is staggering! Just what is influence? A definition -- "... that moral or spiritual force, power, or capacity by which we are affected or have an affect upon a person, condition, or development." Jesus represents this force using the metaphors of salt, light, and leaven (Mt. 5:13-16; 13:33.)

There are two kinds of influence (Mt. 7:15-20) -- Good or Bad! We must be careful to ever guard our influence. As Christians we represent more than ourselves. Therefore, we must guard our influence! Never say, "I don't care what others think..."

1 Corinthians 15:33 - "Evil communications corrupt good manners."

Ecclesiastes 9:18 - "One sinner destroys much good."

A little girl passed away, trying to think of what to put on her marker, someone commented, "It was easier to be good when she was around." Lets me sure to exercise our influence -- making it easier for all around us to be good!

Influence -- You have it!

## To "Let the Cat Out of the Bag" Neal Pollard

Apparently, in medieval times, unscrupulous merchants would advertise a pig for sale. Less than savvy shoppers would buy one and the merchant would give them a bag, with wriggling creature inside, and instruct them not to open it until the creature was calmer. When these duped ones finally opened the bag, there would be a cat rather than a pig in the sack. Smart shoppers, on the other hand, would not fall for this trick but rather "let the cat out of the bag." This is also where the phrase, "pig in a poke," originated. One was advised not to buy a pig in a sack or they might find out they had been tricked.

Today, letting the cat out of the bag is equated with telling a secret in untimely fashion or gossiping or spreading news without approval or authorization (via "The Phrase Finder").

While there are some things we should be anxious to tell, no matter the cost–like matters related to evangelism and the saving of souls, we need to be careful not to be known as the type who is prone to "let the cat out of the bag." People should be able to trust that what they tell us stays with us and goes no further. Christians with proper ethics and character know when to keep things to themselves, to be discreet and trustworthy. In Proverbs, this point is repeatedly made. In Proverbs 11:13, we read, "He who goes about as a talebearer reveals secrets, but he who is trustworthy conceals a matter." Again, "He who goes about as a slanderer reveals secrets; therefore, do not associate with a gossip" (Prov. 20:19). Once more, "He who guards his mouth and his tongue, guards his soul from troubles" (Prov. 21:23). These are words of wisdom to govern us the next time we are tempted to "let the cat out of the bag."

#### 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.

### Bible Study

### **Sunday Morning**

Topic: The book of Colossians.
Teacher: George Vinson
Wednesday Night

Topic: The book of John Teacher: Terry Claunch

#### Monday Night Bible Study

Our Monday night Bible study series has come to an end. We would like suggestions on the day and topic for our next study.

#### Barnabas Board

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

#### 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.

#### New Addition

Christopher May was baptized into the Lord's church after services this past Wednesday night.

### 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.

### 5th Sunday Services

Tonight the young men of the congregation will be conducting services. Please be here to show your support for our young men growing in the Lord.

### Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower / reception for Tom and Diane following evening services on Sunday, August 7th. Refreshments will be provided. See Myra or Brittney for further details.

### Serving With Us...

Jamie McFarlin and Toni Colquitt have made known their desire to place their families under the guidance of our elders and work with us at Grandview Pines.

### School Supplies

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

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

#### Youth News

### Youth Devotional Sign-up List

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

### 5th Sunday Services

All young Christian men are to this afternoon at 3:30 to prepare for services tonight.

#### Southeastern Evangelism Conference

This year SEC is at Faulkner University on August 5-6. We need the money (\$30) of all who are going by Wednesday August 3rd. We will be leaving from the building Friday August 5th at 7pm.

The boys will be staying with the Vinsons, and the girls will be staying with Brittney Young.

We will return Saturday night after 9pm.

## Upcoming Events

S.E.C. - August 5-6 Area-Wide Youth Devo. - Aug. 14th Youth Devo. - Aug. 28th

## Memory Verse Galatians 3:27

For as many of you as have been baptized into Christ have put on Christ.

## 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

(in alphabetical order by last name)

**Ray Berry** - (Nephew of R. Price) had foot amputated & is in fair condition. Recovering at home.

**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

**Kim Claunch** - at home. She and the baby are doing better. She visits the doctor once a week now.

Russell Cooper - (B. Little's brother)

**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) had surgery on left shoulder - at home recovering.

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

**Addison Hall** - will be going in for tests in October.

**Myra Hall** - expecting & dealing with gall stones.

**Fredrick Harbaugh** - Continuing to deal with illness.

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

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

**Katie King** - Room 308, 95 Charlton Place, Old Prattville Hwy. Would like visits.

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

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

**Buddy Little** - recovering from bypass surgery.

**Johnny Maddox** - (son of Fay Morrison) suffered a heart attack. He is at home. Fay is staying with him.

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

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

**Tim Rice** - (Janice Claunch's brother) Recovering from emergency appendectomy surgery.

**Carolyn Stanley** - (Coworker of Jeremy and T. Harvell) Undergoing several procedures including spinal surgery.

**June Stringer** - Arm has healed, but she still needs prayers and support.

**Tina Tatum** - Waiting for an appointment with the liver clinic at UAB to determine further treatment.

**Mickey Thomas** - (former member) Room 313 Prattville Rehab.

**Amy Turner** - continuing to deal with illness.

**Andy Turner** (Amy's son) blood clot. Recovering at Amy's house.

**Kevin Turner - ALS** 

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

James Woodruff - Recovering from knee replacement surgery.

**Garret Young** - Heart problems at Basic Training.

#### Military personnel & their families

- -Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT)
- -Britt Shores (Afghanistan)
- -Keith Golden (Goldens' son)
- -Joshua Corey deployed
- -Joel Jackson
- -Matthew Martin
- -Stewart Burkey deployed for Afghanistan.
- -Todd Wheeler being deployed
- -Garrett Young at Basic Training

... 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

Name the Apostles

**Answer to Last Week's Questions** 

Where are the conversion accounts in the Bible?

Pentecost - Acts 2:14-47 Samaria - Acts 8:5-13 Eunuch - Acts 8:26-39 Saul - Acts 9:3-19; 22:6-21 Cornelius - Acts 10:1-11:18 Lydia - Acts 16:13-15 Jailer Acts 16:25-34 Corinthians - Acts 18:1-11

#### 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		

#### 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

Sunday Worship Services			
	Today: July 31st	Next Week: August 7th	
AM Service			
Announcements	Sammie Girod	Jim Hammonds	
Song Leader	Ben Cooper	Luke Wright	
Opening Prayer	Kevin Moody	Tom Young	
Closing Prayer	Luke Wright	Jeremy Claunch	
Scripture Reading	Trey Harvell	Nick Girod	
Scripture Reading	1 Cor. 1:18-25	Matthew 6:1-8	
Lord's Table - Head	Lary Sadler	Jim Cox	
	Jim Cox	Ranger Abrams	
Lord's Table - Serve	Jason Hall	George Vinson	
Lord 3 Tubic Scree	Alex Stinson	Sammie Girod	
	Ricky Obert	Coby Mayne	
PM Service			
Announcements	Sammie Girod	Jim Hammonds	
Song Leader		Luke Wright	
Opening Prayer	Worship Service Conducted by	Charles Price	
Closing Prayer		David Conyers	
Lord's Table	Young Men	Jim Cox	
1st Sunday Sermon		Terry Claunch	
Sunday Helpers' List			
Foyer Attendant	Charles Price	Lary Sadler	
Greeters	Charles Price	Lynette Burkey	
Nursery Attendant	Rosie Price Pansy Weldon	Diane Cox Andrea Sadler	
Shut-In Communion	Trey Harvell	Lonnie Burkey	
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Wednesday Bible Study			
	This Week: August 3rd	Next Week: August 10th	
Song Leader	Coby Mayne	Alex Stinson	
Invitation	Lary Sadler	George Vinson	
Closing Prayer	Cliff Cleveland	Sammie Girod	
If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement, please contact Jim Hammonds.			

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