



The church of Christ

Grandview Pines

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Maintaining Our Spiritual Fire

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This past week I saw a video on the news of a man stepping outside with a boiling pot of water, tossing the water into the air and its instantaneously changing into snow. He was near the top of Mount Washington in New Hampshire and it was thirty-five degrees below zero. My first reaction was, "Hey, that's kind of cool." Then I thought, "Wow, that's really cold." And finally, "That guy's crazy going outside in that kind of weather." Consider that water boils at 212 degrees Fahrenheit; water freezes at 32 degrees Fahrenheit. That's so cold that the water cooled down 180+ degrees in less than a second. The water froze because of a failure to maintain the fire. What can we do to maintain our spiritual fire?

Lesson #1: Much energy was needed to warm the water; but very little was needed to cool it. In order to boil water one must have a significant energy source. It takes 398 BTUs to change frozen water to boiling water. Energy is required! To the contrary, however, to cool water down takes practically no energy at all. A flick of the wrist and the boiling water was frozen. This reminds me of Paul's words to the church in Ephesus to endeavor to keep the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace (Ephesians 4:3). Paul also said to the Galatians (5:6) that what avails is faith working (the Greek word *ENERGEO* – energy!) through love. Even spiritually speaking, energy/effort/work is required in order to stay warm; but what is required to freeze? Just do nothing. Work, that is, the input of energy, is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

Lesson #2: Together the water was warm; separated, it became cold. Those trillions of water molecules in that boiling pot stayed warm so long as they were in close proximity to each other; they kept warm off each other's heat. However, once they dispersed they quickly cooled not having the company of their "brethren" to keep them warm. Ecclesiastes 4:11 says, *Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?* The story is told of the preacher who visits the un-attending member and, without a word, while sitting in front of the fireplace, merely pulls a coal out of the fire to watch it slowly die. Yet, putting it back in, the coal warms to a soft red glow again. We need to exhort one another daily and not forsake our assembling together! (Hebrews 3:13, 10:25) Togetherness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

Lesson #3: Someone "stirred" the pot. That water didn't become snow without someone agitating the pot! If the pot had been left on the fire it would have stayed warm, but it was moved, stirred, agitated. This resulted in the decrease of heat and the increase of cold. Agitation in the church often has the same results. Paul told the church at Philippi, *Do all things without murmurings and disputings* (Philippians 2:14). He said in Colossians 3:13 *Forbearing one another, and forgiving one another, if any man has a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.* Instead of murmuring and quarreling we need to practice forgiveness to keep ourselves warm and lively. Forgiveness is important to maintaining our spiritual fire.

We all know what it means when a body has "assumed room temperature." Warmth equals life. Cold equals death. Let us do all to avoid assuming room temperature and do everything in our power to maintain our spiritual fire!

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

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.

1 Corinthians 15:10

But by the grace of God I am what I am; and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; but I laboured more abundantly than they all: yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me.

Autumn Place

We will meet with the residents at four this afternoon. Come join us as we sing and study.

Congratulations!

Tom Young and Diane Mayne were married Tuesday night.

Wedding Shower

There will be a wedding shower / reception for Tom and Diane following evening services tonight. Refreshments will be provided. See Myra or Brittney for further details.

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.

Elder and Deacon Selection

Continue to pray as the congregation goes through the process of selecting men to lead us. May all that we do bring honor and glory to God.

Barnabas Board

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

George Road Gospel Meeting

See board for details

Elmore Gospel Meeting

See board for details

Thank You

Thanks to everyone who brought school supplies. We were able to help 11 students this year.

A New Addition

Jackson Howard (David & Erin's son) was baptized into Christ late Wednesday night.

Youth News

Youth Devotional Sign-up List

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

Upcoming Events

Area Wide Youth Devo. - August 14th, 3:30 @ Dalraida congregation
Youth Devo. Hosted by Lynette Burkey & Jamie McFarlin- August 28th
Youth Devo Hosted by Brittney Young and Toni Colquitt - September 30th
Young Men Conduct Services - October 30th

Memory Verse

2 Timothy 3:16-17

16 All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: 17 That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.

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)

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.

David Conyers (Dave and Jackie's son) will be having outpatient surgery Tuesday.

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 brother) 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)

Barbara Little's Brother & Sister-in-law - In motorcycle accident, sister-in-law broke her leg.

Buddy Little - recovering from bypass surgery.

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

Hendon Mixon - (M. Hall's grandfather) Had a stroke Wednesday & had tests run Thursday. In Rm. 106 at Baptist Hosp. in Prattville.

Peggy Rice - (Janice Claunch's mother)

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 - Physical therapy to aid in recovery 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?

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth . — 2 Timothy 2:15

This Week's Question

Provide verses for the steps of salvation.

Hear, Believe, Repent, Confess, Be Baptized, Live Faithfully

Answer to Last Week's Question

Name the Apostles

Peter, Andrew, James, John, Philip, Thomas, Matthew, Bartholomew, James the son of Alphaeus, Simon, Thaddeus, Judas, Mathias, Paul

Mark 3:13-19, Acts 1:15-26, 1 Cor. 15:8-10

Elders:

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

Preacher:

Terry Claunch

Study.....285-6327
Home.....285-4142
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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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Grandview Pines church of Christ Youth)

Where We Meet

165 Deatsville Hwy,
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*Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services*

	Today: August 7th	Next Week: August 14th
AM Service		
Announcements	Jim Hammonds	Trey Harvell
Song Leader	Luke Wright	George Vinson
Opening Prayer	Tom Young	Jim Cox
Closing Prayer	Jeremy Claunch	Sammie Girod
Scripture Reading	Nick Girod Matthew 6:1-8	Coby Mayne Matthew 7:1-14
Lord's Table - Head	Jim Cox	Tom Young
Lord's Table - Serve	Ranger Abrams George Vinson Sammie Girod Coby Mayne	Jim Hammonds Brandon Gonzales Ricky May Charles Price
PM Service		
Announcements	Jim Hammonds	Trey Harvell
Song Leader	Luke Wright	George Vinson
Opening Prayer	Charles Price	Glen Fuller
Closing Prayer	David Conyers	Jim Hammonds
Lord's Table	Jim Cox	Tom Young
1st Sunday Sermon	Terry Claunch	
<i>Sunday Helpers' List</i>		
Foyer Attendant	Lary Sadler	Bryant Weldon
Greeters	Lynette Burkey Diane Cox	Jerry Elison Glenda Gregory
Nursery Attendant	Andrea Sadler	Toni Colquitt
Shut-In Communion	Lonnie Burkey	Terry Claunch
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>		
	This Week: August 10th	Next Week: August 17th
Song Leader	Alex Stinson	Nick Girod
Invitation	George Vinson	Tom Young
Closing Prayer	Sammie Girod	Lary Sadler
If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement, please contact Jim Hammonds.		

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