



The church of Christ

Grandview Pines

August 28, 2011

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

News, Notes & Nouncements

Monday Night Bible Study

Our Monday night Bible study series has come to an end. Please contact Jason Hall with suggestions on the day and topic for our next study.

Congratulations!

Jesse and Kim are the proud parents of a baby boy, who was born Wednesday. His name is Micah Thomas and he weighed 9 pounds and 15 ounces and was 20 3/4 inches long. May God bless them as they rear this child to serve the Lord (Prov. 22:6).

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

Topic: The book of Colossians.

Teacher: George Vinson

Wednesday Night

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

Barnabas Board

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

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.

"The Existence of God" Debate

September 29, 2011 @ 7pm

University North Alabama Norton Auditorium

Kyle Butt and Blair Scott

Psalm 127:3-5

Behold, children are a heritage from the LORD, The fruit of the womb is a reward.

Like arrows in the hand of a warrior, So are the children of one's youth. Happy is the man who has his quiver full of them;

They shall not be ashamed, But shall speak with their enemies in the gate.

Pictorial Directory

Over the next few weeks we will be taking pictures after services for our new pictorial directory .

Christmas Joy Boxes

We are currently filling the Christmas Joy shoe boxes for Panama Missions. There are two ways you can help with this great work. Sign up to fill one or more boxes and/or contribute to help cover the cost of boxes, filling boxes that others may not have opportunity to do, the Spanish New Testaments and other related expenses. You will find empty shoe boxes, shopping lists, and instruction letters on the table in the foyer. Please take as many shoe boxes as you and your family want to fill and sign the sign-up sheet. Return the filled shoe boxes to the same table by Sunday, Sept. 18th and give \$6.00 per box for shipping to Beverly Vinson or Peggy Stabler (please don't leave the money on the table). Remember, donations will be accepted too. God bless you in your service to the Lord.

Youth News

Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in spirit, in faith, in purity. - 1 Timothy 4:12

Youth Devotional Sign-up List

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

Upcoming Events

September 11th - **Area Wide Youth Devo** Hosted by Prattville congregation
September 30th - **Youth Devo** Hosted by Brittney Young and Toni Colquitt
October 9th - **Area Wide Youth Devo** Hosted by Walnut St congregation
October 30th - **Young Men Conduct Services**

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

... but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God. — *Philippians 4:6*

(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

Hulon Cooper and his wife Barbara - (B. Little's family)

Jackie Cooper - (B. Little's family)

Rickey Cooper - (B. Little's family)

Russell Cooper - (B. Little's family)

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.

Tim Easter (Glenda Gregory's son-in-law) having serious eye problems.

Jerry Ellison - Heart cath.

Dot Fuller - Heart cath.

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-Dealing with gall bladder issues, recovering from C-section.

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.

Angel Koche - expecting

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.

Ricky May suffered chest pains recently.

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

Hendon Mixon - (M. Hall's grandfather) had a pacemaker inserted this past week.

Faye Morrison had heart medications adjusted this past week.

Melanie Payne was hit by a car while walking. Having headaches and back pain. Started physical therapy this past Friday.

Peggy Rice - (Janice Claunch's mother)

Carolyn Stanley - (Coworker of Jeremy and T. Harvell) Undergoing several procedures including spinal surgery over the next few months.

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

Tina Tatum - will continue to see doctor every 6 months to monitor illness.

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.

Wayne Weldon - (A. Hammonds' father) Diagnosed with cancer. Doctors will perform a bone scan to determine treatment/surgery.

James Woodruff - Physical therapy to aid in recovery from knee replacement surgery.

Garrett Young - heart problems.

Military personnel & their families

-Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT)

-Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-Joshua Corey - deployed

-Stewart Burkey - (Afghanistan)

-Todd Wheeler - being deployed

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

Who was seen speaking with Jesus at the transfiguration?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Name the queen that Esther replaced.

Vashti

Elders:

Terry Claunch 285-4142
Jim Cox 303-0414
Glenn Fuller 365-4923
Lary Sadler 285-7455
George Vinson 262-3440

Deacons:

Lonnie Burkey 467-9444
Jason Hall 549-1869
James Woodruff 285-2947
Luke Wright 205-280-6454

Minister:

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

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Look for us on Facebook!
(Grandview Pines church of Christ &
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Where We Meet

165 Deatsville Hwy,
Millbrook, AL, 36054

*Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services*

	Today: August 28th	Next Week: September 4th
AM Service		
Announcements	Tom Young	Will Be Announced
Song Leader	Sammie Girod	
Opening Prayer	George Vinson	
Closing Prayer	Jim Cox	
Scripture Reading	Brandon Gonzales Matthew 7:24-29	
Lord's Table - Head	Robert Golden	
Lord's Table - Serve	Trey Harvell Ben Cooper Lary Sadler Ricky Obert	
PM Service		
Announcements	Tom Young	Will Be Announced
Song Leader	Sammie Girod	
Opening Prayer	Lary Sadler	
Closing Prayer	Brandon Gonzales	
Lord's Table	Robert Golden	
1st Sunday Invitation		
<i>Sunday Helpers' List</i>		
Foyer Attendant	Alex Stinson	Will Be Announced
Greeters	Miranda Stinson Lonnie Burkey	
Nursery Attendant	Cindy Obert	
Shut-In Communion	Trey Harvell	
<i>Wednesday Bible Study</i>		
	This Week: August 31st	Next Week: September 7th
Song Leader	Ben Cooper	Will Be Announced
Invitation	Jim Hammonds	
Closing Prayer	George Vinson	
If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a replacement, please contact Jim Hammonds.		

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