



The church of Christ

at Grandview Pines

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God Gave Us The Pattern

By Charles Box

The Almighty God is a very organized and orderly being. He has always done things in a systematic way. "God is not the author of confusion, but of peace, as in all churches of the saints." (1 Corinthians 14:33) Concerning patterns we know that God has never left man to his own ways. He has always told him what he must do to be accepted of Him. Moses and the tabernacle is an example of how God gave patterns. God gave Moses a pattern for the tabernacle. "Who serve unto the example and shadow of heavenly things, as Moses was admonished of God when he was about to make the tabernacle: for, See, saith he, that thou make all things according to the pattern showed to thee in the mount." (Hebrews 8:5) Moses was admonished to build by God's pattern. We must likewise follow God's pattern and not go beyond those things that are written. (1 Corinthians 4:6)

God gave Noah a very specific pattern when he was to build an ark. He said, "Make thee an ark of gopher wood; rooms shalt thou make in the ark, and shalt pitch it within and without with pitch. And this is the fashion which thou shalt make it of: The length of the ark shall be three hundred cubits, the breadth of it fifty cubits, and the height of it thirty cubits. A window shalt thou make to the ark, and in a cubit shalt thou finish it above; and the door of the ark shalt thou set in the side thereof; with lower, second, and third stories shalt thou make it." (Genesis 6:14-16) The fashion or shape and design of the ark was very clear to Noah even before he started to build. We are accustomed to using patterns, blueprints, and recipes. We must discipline ourselves to follow God's patterns in all things. Everything we teach and practice in our Christianity must be done in the name of or by the authority of Jesus Christ. "And whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by him." (Colossians 3:17) Our doctrine must strictly be the doctrine of Jesus Christ. Paul admonished us to "Hold fast the form (or pattern) of sound words, which thou hast heard of me, faith and love which is in Christ Jesus." (2 Timothy 1:13) It is impossible to hold to a form or pattern that is constantly changing.

The New Testament is God's permanent or fixed pattern for the entire Christian age. Jesus said, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen." (Matthew 28:19-20) Let us hold fast to the sound, incorruptible words of the gospel.

God gave us the pattern for salvation. Salvation is by the blood of Jesus Christ. He said, "For this is my blood of the new testament, which is shed for many for the remission of sins." (Matthew 26:28) Salvation is "in Christ." "Therefore I endure all things for the elect's sake, that they may also obtain the salvation which is in Christ Jesus with eternal glory." (2 Timothy 2:10) To get into Christ one must hear the gospel (Romans 10:17), believe in Jesus (John 8:24), repent of sins (Luke 13:3), confess faith in Christ (Romans 10:10), and be baptized into Christ for the remission of sins. (Acts 2:38) This is God's pattern and salvation is available through no other means.

God gave us a pattern for the church. God's pattern for the church shows its singular nature. Jesus said to Peter, "I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Matthew 16:18) Jesus Christ promised to build his "Church" not "Churches". Notice the expressions "the church" and "it" in Ephesians 5:25-27. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it; That he might sanctify and cleanse it with the washing of water by the word. That he might present it to himself a glorious church, not having spot, or wrinkle, or any such thing; but that it should be holy and without blemish."

God gave us the pattern for church organization. The Scripture provides specific qualifications for elders or bishops and deacons. (Titus 1, 1 Timothy 3) The church at Philippi had bishops or elders and it had deacons along with the members. "Paul and Timotheus, the servants of Jesus Christ, to all the saints in Christ Jesus which are at Philippi, with the bishops and deacons." (Philippians 1:1) Godly and scripturally qualified leadership fits God's pattern.

God Gave us the pattern for church worship. The message of the Bible is "worship God!" (Revelation 22:9) On "the first day of the week" the church is to worship by God's pattern. There will be prayers led by godly men. (Acts 2:42) There will be generous giving. (1 Corinthians 16:1-2) This giving will be proportional giving and will be cheerfully done. Singing, without mechanical

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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.

Serve Those Serving For Us

The Ladies' Bible Class has a new service project to show our love and concern for family members of our congregation who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you have a family member deployed, please provide complete mailing information and a list of items they would like to Glenda Gregory or Beverly Vinson as soon as possible. We are asking the congregation to buy these items and/or contribute to their purchase and the \$12.95 per box shipping cost. Copies of the compiled lists and a collection container will be in the foyer. Some preliminary suggestions include canned meats like Spam and Vienna sausages, beef jerky, nuts, and boxed microwavable (add water) pasta dishes. Personal items will be listed brand specific.

Our Shut-Ins

Please take the time to call, visit, or send a card to our Shut-Ins.

Linda Bush - Prattville Rehab & Nursing Home, RM 212.

Katie King - Room 308, 95 Charlton Place, Old Prattville Hwy. 290-2966

Fall Festival

October 29th at 5:30pm. More details to follow.

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

Topic: The book of Philippians.

Teacher: George Vinson

Wednesday Night

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

Monthly - November 11th

Topic: How to Study your Bible

Teacher: George Vinson

Youth Devotional Sign-up List

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

We also have a sign-up sheet for the men who are willing to give the devotionals.

Pictorial Directory

Over the next few weeks we will be taking pictures after services for our new pictorial directory. Please have your family's picture taken so we can have an updated directory.

Creation/Evolution Debate

The recent debate will be made available on DVD. More info will come.

Upcoming Youth Events

October 28th - **Youth Devo** Hosted by the Coxes-Please wear your costume.

October 30th - **Young Men Conduct Services**

November 12th - **Progressive Youth Devo** Hosted by the Youngs

November 13th - **Area Wide Devo** Hosted by the Liberty congregation

December 11th - **Area Wide Devo** Hosted by the Wetumpka congregation

February 24-26 - **Challenge Youth Conference**

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instruments, making melody in the heart is authorized by God. (Ephesians 5:19) God's pattern also includes preaching or teaching the gospel. (Acts 2:42) The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday. (Matthew 26:26-30, 1 Corinthians 11:17-29)

God gave us the pattern which made the church of Christ distinct. The church was (1) Founded by Christ (Matthew 16:18), (2) There is one church (Ephesians 4:4), (3) The saved are added to the church (Acts 2:47), and (4) The people of God are to be united in the one church. (1 Corinthians 1:10; John 17:20-23) The pattern also includes the following:

1. The right beginning time: the first Pentecost after Christ's resurrection. (Acts 2:1)
2. The right beginning place: the city of Jerusalem. (Isaiah 2:1-3)
3. The right Head: Jesus Christ (Colossians 1:18)
4. The right name for members: Christians. (Acts 11:26)
5. The right name or names for the church: churches of Christ (Romans 16:16), church of God. (1 Corinthians 1:2) There were also other descriptive terms showing the church in its relationship with Christ.
6. The right foundation: Jesus Himself. (Ephesians 2:20)
7. The right headquarters: Heaven. (Acts 2:33)
8. The right guide book: The Bible. (1 Peter 4:11)
9. The right mission: Soul-saving. (Matthew 28:19-20)
10. The right destination: Heaven. (1 Corinthians 15:24)

The church was planned by the mind of Almighty God. "And to make all men see what is the fellowship of the mystery, which from the beginning of the world hath been hid in God, who created all things by Jesus Christ: To the intent that now unto the principalities and powers in heavenly places might be known by the church the manifold wisdom of God, According to the eternal purpose which he purposed in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Ephesians 3:9-11) We only have His church when we follow His pattern. Why not be a member of Christ's church, be faithful and go to heaven when this life ends?

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.

Jesse Claunch - Trip to the ER, tests came back negative.

Kim Claunch - Recovering from having her gallbladder removed on Wednesday.

Cliff Cleveland - Skin cancer removal.

Hulon Cooper and his wife Barbara - (B. Little's family) In motorcycle accident, sister-in-law broke her leg.

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.

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

Addison Hall - will continue having tests.

Kylie Hall - Surgery on her ear drum on the 30th of November.

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.

Willie Mae Hunt - fell and broke her wrist.

Tim Johnson - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments. Cancer has spread to his liver.

Angel Koche - expecting

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.

Hendon Mixon - (M. Hall's grandfather) had a pacemaker inserted recently.

Kevin Moody - Blood pressure.

Ann Morris (friend of the Fullers) cancer treatment in NC

Melanie Payne finished physical therapy. Seeing pain management doctor on 10/31 for injections in her neck that require anesthesia.

Martha Pilkinton (Glenda Gregory's sister-in-law) terminal cancer.

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.

Kevin Turner - ALS

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

Wayne Weldon - (A. Hammonds' father) Will have surgery on November 4th (in Birmingham) for his prostate cancer.

Garrett Young - heart problems.

Military personnel & their families

-Stewart Burkey - (Afghanistan) lost a member of his infantry in a firefright.

-Matthew Cooper (Basic—AIT)

-Joshua Corey - deployed

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-David Howard - being deployed around November 19th

-Britt Shores (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:

What does Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin mean?

Answer to Last Week's Question

How many times does the Bible tell us that "the just shall live by faith"?

Four - Habakkuk 2:4, Romans 1:17, Galatians 3:11, and Hebrews 10:38

*Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services*

	Today: October 23rd	Next Week: October 30th
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AM Service

Announcements	Trey Harvell	George Vinson
Song Leader	Ben Cooper	Tim Ashley
Opening Prayer	Jeremy Claunch	Lary Sadler
Closing Prayer	Tom Young	Trey Harvell
Scripture Reading	Alex Stinson Luke 18:9-14	Brandon Gonzalez 1 Timothy 6:7-12
Lord's Table - Head	Tim Ashley	Robert Golden
Lord's Table - Serve	Sammie Girod Garrett Young Doug Stabler Bryant Weldon	Jim Cox Ricky Obert Charles Price David Conyers

PM Service

Announcements	Trey Harvell	George Vinson
Song Leader	Ben Cooper	Worship Service Conducted by Young Men
Opening Prayer	Robert Golden	
Closing Prayer	Coby Mayne	
Lord's Table	Tim Ashley	

Sunday Helpers' List

Foyer Attendant	Christopher May	Tom Young
Greeters	Christopher May Diane Cox	Jerry Ellison Glenda Gregory
Nursery Attendant	Pansy Weldon	

Wednesday Bible Study

	This Week: October 26th	
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Song Leader	Sammie Girod	
Invitation	Alex Stinson	
Closing Prayer	Glenn Fuller	

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

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 Jim Cox 303-0414
 Glenn Fuller 365-4923
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 Luke Wright 205-280-6454

Minister:

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

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