



The church of Christ

# Grandview Pines

*November 27, 2011*

## **Does Any Sin Merit A Public Confession?**

The scriptures tell that we are to confess our sins to whomever we have sinned against (Matt. 18:15). We know that the scriptures speak that any sin always involves God and if it is only known by God, then we should confess only to him. For, Matt. 18:15-20 teaches us that we are to keep these issues (sin) as confined as possible. However, once the church knows, it becomes different. When one has brought reproach upon the church, there becomes a need to publically repent and make a correction because we are to "Give none offence, neither to the Jews, nor to the Gentiles, nor to the church of God:" (1 Cor. 10:32). But how do we know which sin becomes deemed as public knowledge? All should know that each Christian is responsible for his brother or sister and the entire church is responsible for each member. An example of the kind of sin that becomes public knowledge is as follows: "But fornication, and all uncleanness, or covetousness, let it not be once named among you, as becometh saints; Neither filthiness, nor foolish talking, nor jesting, which are not convenient: but rather giving of thanks. For this ye know, that no whore-monger, nor unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an idolater, hath any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God." (Eph. 5:3-5) This means that those that fall as a Christian is not living up to the demands of a Christian life and would need to be corrected. The Christian life is an open book for when one sins against another, who have they told and who has the other person told? Whom have those that the two have involved told? In the case of fornication and preaching false doctrine (there are other examples, etc.) there are doctors, friends, and family that are involved and the list continues to grow. This makes these types of sin well known and public. Therefore, if sin separates one from God then it can also separate a Christian from the church unless repented of and mended. This is needed because those that are guilty of sin are guilty of sinful conduct, but if that person is brought to repentance, there will be no punishment from either the church or God concerning this matter. One who has sinned must be willing to see how a public sin can affect the church. While we may be individual Christians leading individual lives, Christians share a unique joy to be interconnected with every other Christian. So when one is joyous, others are joyous and when one hurts because of sin other Christians hurt with them. Therefore, if a public sin is not repented of and that individual continues not to be sorrowful in a public manner, this brings shame upon the church and the Lord who purchased the church with his own blood. Furthermore, it sends an added message to others indicating to others that their actions are tolerable or favorable in the church and that the purity of the Bride of Christ can be tainted. But, this is not so. In Acts 5, we read of the public practice of discipline upon Ananias and Sapphira. They thought that things were done secretly, but the congregation knew and since they were deceptive with their sin, judgment was cast upon them by God. As a result, "great fear came upon all the church, and upon as many as heard these things. (Acts 5:11) Discipline is not easy, but the individual Christian cannot think about only himself in these matters. Instead, he or she must be willing to think of the church as a whole. Therefore, the purity of the church must continue to remain pure. For, discipline (only according to the Holy Scriptures) helps the weaker members to be strong lest they too should follow in the same course of shame and ignore the beautiful Bride of Christ. Another example can be read about in Acts 8:12-24. Simon, then a recent convert offered the apostles money to receive the power of granting spiritual gifts to others. But, we can see that this notion was rejected and Simon was told to repent which he did in front of those who were there. Again in 1 Corinthians 5:1ff, there was a fornicator among them whom Paul had heard about (which happens when a sin is public knowledge: it spreads). Paul told the church to deliver this person from the grasps of Satan. Furthermore, he told the church at Corinth not to keep company (associate) with those that fornicate because they are considered wicked people unless they repent. So, when sin has become public, forgiveness must be asked for publically. Therefore, when one does come and ask for forgiveness, Christians are then able to forgive him and encourage his faith. (2 Cor. 2:5-10). This makes it imperative that the one who commits such sins comes forward making things right not only with God, but with the church which has become shamed and attacked by this event. And if the

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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

### *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.

### *Barnabas Board*

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

### *Upcoming Youth Events*

- December 11th - **Area Wide Devo** @ Wetumpka congregation
- December 18th - Youth Devo @ GvP
- January 8th - **Area Wide Devo** @ Redland Road congregation
- February 12th - **Area Wide Devo** @ Grandview Pines congregation
- February 24-26 - **Challenge Youth Conference**

### *Ladies Ornament Exchange*

At Myra Hall's House at 6:30 p.m. on December 5th

### *Holiday Party*

December 10th @ 6:00 p.m.  
Bring a White Elephant Gift and Fancy Finger Foods  
If you want your child to have a gift, bring them one.

### *Teachers' Meeting*

The new quarter will be starting the next Lord's Day. We will have a meeting tonight following services.

### *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.

### *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

### *Shut In Communion Sign-Up List*

A sign-up list for taking communion to our shut-ins is posted in the foyer.

Please help us serve our shut-ins in this manner. (James 1:27)

### *Bible Study*

#### **Sunday Morning**

Topic: The book of Philippians.

Teacher: George Vinson

#### **Wednesday Night**

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

#### **Monthly - January 13th**

Topic: How to Study your Bible

Teacher: George Vinson

### *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.

### *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.

### *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 Questions:  
Who is known for saying,  
"Behold, I thought"**

**Answer to Last Week's Question  
(from our Monthly Bible Study)**

Is "skin of my teeth" a Bible term?

**No**

Festive message? Use the numbers.

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### *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](mailto: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.

**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 be seeing another doctor for second opinion.

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

**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. 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

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

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

**Peggy Stabler** - Fourth Stage Kidney Failure

**Carolyn Stanley** - (Coworker of Jeremy and T. Harvell) Undergoing

several procedures including spinal surgery over the next few months.

**June Stringer** - 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)
- Joshua Corey - deployed
- David Howard - being deployed on November 22nd
- Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

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impenitent sinner continues in a course of public sin or has not asked to be forgiven by those whom he or she has sinned against, the unfortunate time will come when he or she needs to be rebuked before all. For, "them that sin rebuke before all, that others also may fear." (1 Tim. 5:20) Therefore, since not only the sin is public, but the rebuke is also made public, the confession & correction must be in public as well to purify the sadness and shame of sin within the church. (Continued from back page)—The church in Colossae, in regards to making corrections to those in the Lord's church was told to, "Mortify therefore your members which are upon the earth; fornication, uncleanness, inordinate affection, evil concupiscence, and covetousness, which is idolatry: (Col. 3:5). To mortify means to separate or to make dead those who do these things mentioned. Therefore, if one has sinned publically in a manner such as this or in other public ways which are not according to the words of God, they have not only sinned "against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, ye sin against Christ." (1 Cor. 8:12) Therefore, the church is to warn or rebuke the unruly (1 Thess. 5:14) and reprove the ones who are doing evil work (Eph. 5:11). For the apostle Paul told the church at Ephesus, "And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather reprove them. For it is a shame even to speak of those things which are done of them in secret." (Eph. 5:11, 12) Now, how did the church or the apostle Paul ever hear about the things that were thought to be done in secret? It is because certain sins such as those mentioned above cannot be contained. For example, idolatry cannot be hidden because of the practices of idolatry. Again, covetousness cannot be hidden because it is seen in work ethics and a greedy drive from within oneself. Therefore, these things cannot be hidden and must be repented of as well as any other sins which would be done in a public manner and brings disgrace upon the church. Therefore, repentance is not just sorrow alone nor is it from the thoughts that make one feel bad just because he or she was caught and the sin has now presented itself to others. When sin is recognized, it cannot just be stopped and never again performed. It must be repented of sincerely "For the wages of sin is death;" (Rom. 6:23). This means that sin condemns the soul. Therefore, true repentance involves acknowledging that you have sinned (2 Sam. 12:13). It is by saying that you are sincerely sorry (2 Cor. 7:10). It means that you are willing to put off that sin and are now determined to live right (Acts. 26:20) and that you make a request to be forgiven (Psa. 51:1-3).

*Privileged to Serve  
Sunday Worship Services*

**Today: November 27th**

**Next Week: December 4th**

**AM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	TBD	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Luke Wright	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tom Young	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Woodruff	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Ben Cooper Ephesians 4:17-24	
<b>Lord's Table - Head</b>	David Conyers	
<b>Lord's Table - Serve</b>	Garrett Young Brandon Gonzalez Coby Mayne Doug Stabler	

**PM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	TBD	
<b>Song Leader</b>	Luke Wright	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Sammie Girod	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	George Vinson	
<b>Lord's Table</b>	David Conyers	
<b>1st Sunday Sermon</b>		

*Sunday Helpers' List*

<b>Foyer Attendant</b>	Lary Sadler	
<b>Greeters</b>	Toni Colquitt Lynda Johnston	

*Wednesday Bible Study*

**This Week: November 30th**

**Next Week: December 7th**

<b>Song Leader</b>	George Vinson	
<b>Invitation</b>	Tim Ashley	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Brandon Gonzalez	

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

**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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