



The church of Christ  
at  
**Grandview Pines**

*January 22, 2012*

*Missed When Absent (The Sequel)*

*Neal Pollard*

Some years ago, I wrote a Daily Bread article comparing the ecological crisis known as Colony Collapse Disorder (CCD), which in many places is causing the honey worker bees to disappear, to our hardworking church members whose absence makes all the difference in what gets done or does not get done in a congregation. I wrote:

“Think about how many in the church are like the honey bee. They work almost undetectably, behind the scenes and unheralded. Without them, however, much work would go undone. Occasionally, these workers may get discouraged by opposition, unappreciation, and criticism. In some instances, they may be prone to give up and ‘disappear.’ Yet, think about what happens to the life and work of a congregation that loses or lacks these quiet workers. Bulletin boards aren’t decorated. Kitchens aren’t cleaned. Tract racks aren’t stocked. Shut-ins and the sick aren’t contacted. Cards aren’t sent. People aren’t encouraged and new Christians and new members aren’t exhorted. Visits aren’t made. Individually, these workers may not be able to do much, but collectively their impact is huge!”

I ended by writing to those who are those hardworking, behind-the-scenes members, “We notice you, and we need you.”

I found it interesting that buried in today’s Denver Post is the probable cause of Colony Collapse Disorder. Scientists in northern California think “a parasitic fly hijacks the bees’ bodies and causes them to abandon hives” (1/5/12, 11A). The fly has been a known parasite in bumblebees (ibid.), but may now be the culprit decimating honey bee hives in the United States and overseas.

If that is true, what an illustration of a warning God gives His workers in Hebrews 12. “Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith...” (1-2a). Be it discouragement, lack of endurance, personal sin, or some other “parasite” of faith and faithfulness, we must keep them away and fix our eyes on Jesus. No matter what tempts us to veer off course or how difficult the challenge is to stay at the work, that is exactly what God wants us to do and what we must do!

*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

### *Upcoming Youth Events*

- January 22nd - Youth Devo after evening services - Girls bring chips, boys bring drinks.
- February 12th - **Area Wide Devo @ Grandview Pines congregation**
- February 24-26 - **Challenge Youth Conference**

### *Congratulations!*

We will be celebrating Jim and Diane Cox's 50th Wedding Anniversary on February 5th from 2:00 - 4:00pm. Everyone is invited to join in on this wonderful celebration! If you have any questions or would like to help please contact Ricky or Chris May.

### *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.

### *Barnabas Board*

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

### *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.

### *Downstairs Fellowship Hall*

To prevent any unfortunate accidents, please help us keep children away from the construction downstairs. They do not need to be down there unsupervised.

### *Soles for Souls*

We have set up a collection box for shoes for the less fortunate. Please assist in this community service project. Please see Levi Colquitt or Christopher May for more information.

### *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 letter to the Romans.

Teacher: George Vinson

#### **Ladies' Class**

Wednesday @ 10:30am

#### **Wednesday Night**

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

#### **Monthly - February 10th @ 6:30pm**

Topic: How to Study your Bible

Teacher: George Vinson

### *Lord's Supper Sign-Up List*

Ladies don't forget to sign up to prepare the Lord's Supper for 2012.

## *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:**

**How many books in the New Testament do we know that Paul wrote?**

### **Last Week's Question and Answer:**

Who made the golden calf while waiting for Moses to come down from the mountain?

**Aaron at the request of the Children of Israel. Exodus 32**

## *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. [members@grandviewpineschurch.org](mailto:members@grandviewpineschurch.org)**

## 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)

**Beverly Barrett** - (Friend of Goldens) Awaiting a kidney for transplant at UAB.

**Don Brannan** - diagnosed with cancer. He is an elder at Eastern Meadows.

**Lee Bowren** - (A. Sadler's mother) in nursing home in Heber Springs, AR.

**Linda Carpenter** (friend of the Fullers) had heart valve surgery at Jackson this past week.

**Jenny Cook** - (Diane Cox's sister) having throat problems.

**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.

**Darlene Davis** - (Fuller's Daughter) out of the hospital and is at home.

**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** will be having surgery on her ear Feb. 1st in B'ham.

**Fredrick Harbaugh** - His mother at 93 is dealing with various ailments.

Pray that she will be comforted at this time.

**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.

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

**Barbara Little** has been under the weather with the flu.

**Amos Luster** - Diagnosed with acute leukemia, under hospice care. Cards, calls, or visits would be appreciated.

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

**Vera Mixon** - (Myra Hall's grandmother) At home recovering from stroke, health is in decline.

**Ann Morris** - (friend of the Fullers) additional surgery on Tuesday

**Alen Nix** - (friend of Gwen Shelton) diagnosed with cancer. Will be going to Texas for treatment.

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

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

**Jessica Simpson and Family** - (Friends of J. Claunch & Harvells) Tim Simpson, Jessica's brother passed away this week. Funeral was yesterday.

**Peggy Stabler** - good news from her Doctor, now in stage 3 kidney failure.

**Ginger Sanders** - (Friend of Angel Ashley) Diagnosed with cancer.

**Tina Tatum** - At home recovering.

**Christine Taylor** - (Kevin Moody's boss) had surgery this week.

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

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

**Talia Underwood** - recovering from surgery on her hand.

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

**Lisa Wright** - Recovering from recent surgery, will be having additional surgery on the 23rd.

**Lisa Woodard** - (friend of Toni Colquitt)

**Nancy Woodall** - (friend of the Moodys) suffered a stroke

**Military personnel & their families**

- Joshua Corey - deployed
- David Howard - Afghanistan, address is on the bulletin board if anyone would like to send him a card. Please do not include his rank when addressing the card.
- Britt Shores - Afghanistan
- Stewart Burkey - deploying to Afghanistan.

## Paul's Bundle of Sticks

### Neal Pollard

In Acts 28, after Paul and his shipmates survived a shipwreck and landed on Malta, the stranded passengers found themselves cold and wet in a strange place. The natives, however, were friendly and built a fire for them all (Acts 28:2). It is interesting that Paul "gathered a bundle of sticks and laid them on the fire" (3). This was when Paul was bitten by an apparently deadly viper. Somehow, in reading this part of Paul's journey to Rome, I overlooked a fundamental fact that helped make Paul great.

Paul did his part. When the others had built that fire, Paul was not content to let the others do it all. He did his share. Not only that, he did his share even at great, personal cost. He did his share, though he might have rationalized that he had already done so much and been through so much. Paul noted their unusual kindness and was made to feel very welcome, and he showed his appreciation in a tangible way.

You may be a busy, active servant of God. You may have done much in the past for the cause of Christ. Yet, think about how notable it is and inspiring to others, when you gather your own bundle of sticks to help the fire others have started. It may be noted and remembered long after you are gone.

*Privileged to Serve*  
*Sunday Worship Services*

**Today: January 22nd**

**Next Week: January 29th**

**AM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	Tom Young	Trey Harvell
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jeremy Claunch	Sammie Girod
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Jim Hammonds	Tim Ashley
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Luke Wright	Jim Ezekiel
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Coby Mayne Colossians 3:12-17	Christopher May Matthew 6:5-8
<b>Lord's Table - Head</b>	Sammie Girod	Jim Hammonds
<b>Lord's Table - Serve</b>	Jason Hall Trey Harvell Charles Price Bryant Weldon	Ricky Obert Luke Wright Levi Colquitt Jim Cox

**PM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	Tom Young	Trey Harvell
<b>Song Leader</b>	Jeremy Claunch	Young Men to Serve
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Glenn Fuller	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Coby Mayne	
<b>Lord's Table</b>	Sammie Girod	

*Sunday Helpers' List*

<b>Foyer Attendant</b>	David Conyers	Tom Young
<b>Greeters</b>	Christopher May Glenda Gregory	Miranda Stinson Lonnie Burkey

*Wednesday Bible Study*

**This Week: January 25th**

**Next Week: February 1st**

<b>Song Leader</b>	Lary Sadler	
<b>Invitation</b>	Alex Stinson	
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Luke Wright	

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:**

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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