



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](mailto: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  
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  
3rd Monday  
Bible Study.....6:30 PM  
Wednesday  
Ladies' Class.....10:30 AM  
Bible Class.....7:00 PM

**Internet**

www.grandviewpineschurch.org  
contact@grandviewpineschurch.org  
*Look for us on Facebook!*  
(Grandview Pines church of Christ &  
Grandview Pines church of Christ Youth)

**Where We Meet**

165 Deatsville Hwy,  
Millbrook, AL, 36054

*Privileged to Serve  
Sunday Worship Services*

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

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