



The church of Christ

at Grandview Pines

September 18, 2011

A Famine in the Land

Hear the words of the prophet Amos, *Behold, the days come, saith the Lord God, that I will send a famine in the land, not a famine of bread, nor a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord: And they shall wander from sea to sea, from north even to the east, they shall run to and fro to seek the word of the Lord, and shall not find it*' (Amos 8:11-12). Israel, when the Lord was handing out *brains*, 'must have thought He said *'ain'* and ran for cover, for all Israel should have known the great power of God's Word. The Israelites, instead of obeying and cherishing God's holy commandments, rejected them and trampled God's Word under foot! God was now pronouncing judgment upon Israel. Because of their hopeless condition, God planned to withdraw Himself from them. There was to be *famine in the land*, 'a famine of the Word of God.

There is a great and terrible famine going on in the world today. I am not speaking of the famine of food and water that we so often see in other countries, but the famine of hearing the Word of God. There are billions of people who are starving for the nourishment found only in God's Word. But what is even sadder, most people do not even realize that they are starving.

As our physical bodies are unable to survive without the proper nourishment, so our spiritual bodies can not endure without proper spiritual food. We must be *'tis newborn babes 'who desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby'* (I Peter 2:2).

It would be preposterous for a person who was starving not to eat food that was set before him. But this is exactly what the world is doing in the spiritual realm. Many are starving spiritually while spiritual nourishment sets before them. The Lord has provided us with a spiritual banquet, and yet, many refuse to partake. There is indeed a great and terrible famine in the land!

It is terrifying to realize that this spiritual famine even extends, in many cases, to those in the Lord's church! Many in the Lord's church have taken a few bites of nourishment in order to enter the kingdom, but once they have become Christians, they stop eating, or eat very little. The words of the Hebrew writer describe many in the Lord's church today, *For when for the time ye ought to be teachers, ye have need that one teach you again which be the first principles of the oracles of God and are become such as have need of milk, and not of strong meat'* (Hebrews 5:12).

When people are undernourished physically, disease becomes a terrible problem. Why? Because the weakened body is unable to fight off germs and disease. The same holds true in the church. When there is a famine in the church, disease soon follows. When the church lacks the proper strength from spiritual nourishment, the *disease of error* 'creeps in. When Christians do not have a good knowledge of God's Holy Word they are unable to distinguish between Truth and error. Therefore, the words of Hosea still hold true today, *My people are destroyed for a lack of knowledge'* (Hosea 4:6).

We need to harken to the words of Jeremiah, *"Thy words were found, and I did eat them; and thy word was unto me the joy and rejoicing of mine heart: for I am called by thy name, O LORD God of hosts"* (Jeremiah 15:16). Here also the cry of the Lord, *But thou, son of man, hear what I say unto thee; be not thou rebellious like that rebellious house; open thy mouth, and eat that I give thee'* (Ezekiel 2:8). We need to eat the Word of God and thoroughly digest it. We must open our minds and receive its nourishment.

I have great sorrow for those who are starving physically. But the sorrow I feel for them can't compare to the sorrow that I feel for those who are starving spiritually. There is a great famine in the land, but what are we going to do about it? Hear the Word of the Lord, *And he said unto them, Go ye into all the world, and preach the gospel to every creature. He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved, but he that believeth not shall be damned'* (Mark 16: 15-16) and *Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth'* (II Timothy 2:15). No doubt there is a famine in the land, but we can and must do something about it!

Tom Moore

News, Notes & Nouncements

Monthly Bible Study

Our monthly bible study begins October 14th.

Our Topic will be "How to Study the Bible"

3rd Sunday

After morning services we will be having our monthly fellowship meal. Visitors, please stay, eat, and let us get to know you!

This evening's worship will emphasize singing, prayer and scripture reading.

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

Pictorial Directory

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

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

Topic: The book of Philippians.

Teacher: George Vinson

Wednesday Night

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

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

Christmas Joy Boxes

Today is the deadline to return the filled shoe boxes 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 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**
February 24-26 - **Challenge Youth Conference**

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.

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.

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

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.

Jennifer Hill - (daughter of coworker of Jeremy and T. Harvell) In hospital receiving treatment for several blood clots.

Randy Householder and family - (coworker of J. Hammonds & friend of T. Harvell) Randy's brother Rusty Householder passed away this weekend.

Willie Mae Hunt - fell and broke her wrist.

Tim Johnson - (G. Shelton's uncle) is undergoing cancer treatments.

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.

Melanie Payne was hit by a car while walking. Having headaches and back pain. In physical therapy.

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 - released from physical therapy. He is doing great.

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) lost a member of his infantry in a firefight.

-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

Name the seven churches of Asia.

Answer to Last Week's Question

How many times did Noah send birds from the Ark after the rain ended?

Four - A raven once, and a dove three times. Genesis 8: 6-12

*Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services*

	Today: September 18th	Next Week: Sept. 18th
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AM Service

Announcements	Trey Harvell	George Vinson
Song Leader	Tom Young	Jeremy Claunch
Opening Prayer	Jim Hammonds	Jim Cox
Closing Prayer	James Woodruff	Doug Stabler
Scripture Reading	Nick Girod John 14:1-4	Ranger Abrams Romans 5:1-5
Lord's Table - Head	George Vinson	Sammie Girod
Lord's Table - Serve	Ranger Abrams Charles Price Bryant Weldon Doug Stabler	Christopher May Tim Ashley Trey Harvell Ricky Obert

PM Service

Announcements	Trey Harvell	George Vinson
Song Leader	Tom Young	Jeremy Claunch
Opening Prayer	Robert Golden	Tom Young
Closing Prayer	Jim Ezekiel	Charles Price
Lord's Table	George Vinson	Sammie Girod
3rd Sunday Invitation	Jeremy Claunch	

Sunday Helpers' List

Foyer Attendant	Sammie Girod	Jim Hammonds
Greeters	Sammie Girod Rosie Price	David Conyers Charles Price
Nursery Attendant	Angel Ashley	Chris Ezekiel
Shut-In Communion	Trey Harvell	Lonnie Burkey

Wednesday Bible Study

	This Week: Sept. 14th	Next Week: Sept. 21st
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Song Leader	Christopher May	Tim Ashley
Invitation	Tom Young	Jim Hammonds
Closing Prayer	Terry Claunch	Brandon Gonzales

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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