



The church of Christ

at Grandview Pines

September 25, 2011

A FAMOUS FATHER'S FATAL FLAWS

If historians were to list all the tragic mistakes of the rich and the famous it would make a very thick book. The mistakes themselves would not likely be much different from those made by lesser known fathers, but they are usually displayed for all the world to see. Names like Lincoln, Kennedy, Adams, Roosevelt, Churchill, Eli, Samuel and David would all be there, right along with the Smiths, the Jones, the Johnsons and other "ordinary" fathers. It will always be true that parents will make mistakes, some more serious than others, because humans do make mistakes. Those mistakes, as borne out in their children, are often more far-reaching than they seem at first.

David, king of Israel, a man with a "heart" loved by God Himself, made many such mistakes. And the consequences of those mistakes were the source of the deepest grief for David, as well as his kingdom. The pressures of being king; the weight of his responsibility toward God's people; the constant attention given to God's anointed; all of these were added distractions from a father's thoughts. But they served as no real comfort when the force of his failure was thrust upon him. On the death of Absalom, remembering all of the neglected opportunities of being a father, the words that came from David's heart were bitter, sorrowful and regretful. "*O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! would God I had died for thee, O Absalom, my son, my son!*" 2 Samuel 18:33. Regret is a bitter pill to swallow. Note the obvious mistakes of David:

- 1. He began by making marriages with many women.** Polygamy was never approved by God, but it was a common practice, even among God's people. Just a glance at the divisive nature of a family in which there are multiple wives/mothers is a strong rebuke to the practice. From the beginning, God decreed, "*let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband,*" 1 Corinthians 7:2. Rivalry between children is natural, but rivalry between mothers was fatal to David.
- 2. He was distracted by his work as ruler of Israel.** Every father will have distractions, for life has many facets. But no task is more arduous than that of a parent, and sufficient time must be set aside for that work. Too many fathers turn over the duties of rearing children to their mother. Even if she has the time to do so, she can never be father and mother; it takes both. While David was "being king," his own children were assaulting, murdering one another. Need I say more?
- 3. He did not provide appropriate discipline.** In 2 Samuel 13, Amnon (David's son by Ahinoam) assaulted Tamar (David's daughter by Maacah). From the text it appears that David did nothing in the way of discipline. In addition to the fact that discipline was demanded for such evil behavior, its absence was cause for Absalom's vengeance, and that resulted in his exile and eventually his death in 2 Samuel 18. Painful as it may be, fathers have an obligation to "*Chasten thy son while there is hope, and let not thy soul spare for his crying,*" Proverbs 19:18. Failure to do so results in even deeper heartache.
- 4. He failed to provide a good example as a husband and a father.** The oft-told narrative of David's adulterous affair with Bathsheba is the life Absalom grew up with and remembered. The news of their sin was widespread. The entire nation, as well as the enemies of Jehovah, were aware of David's sinful actions. They were not and could not be swept under the rug. How could a young man like Absalom grow to manhood with the scandal of his father hovering over his head without it affecting his life? The lives of modern personalities show similar effects on their children. [Consider the sons of many Hollywood actors whose dallying with other men's wives is so well known.] Fathers must provide a good example for their sons and daughters concerning personal and social relationships.
- 5. He could not admit that he was wrong.** This inability to say "I'm sorry" seems to be a common trait among males. Even after Absalom returned from his exile, it was not in David's character to speak to him as a father to his son. For all practical purposes, Absalom could have stayed in Geshur. David got even with him, all right, but it was a costly

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

Monthly Bible Study

Our monthly bible study begins October 14th.

Our Topic will be "How to Study the Bible"

Fall Festival

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

Ladies Breakfast

October 8th at 9am. Our Elders and Deacons will be serving breakfast for the ladies of the congregation.

Game Night

We'll be having a fellowship and game night tonight after services. Bring your favorite game, finger foods and a snack.

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

"The Existence of God" Debate

September 29, 2011 @ 7pm

University North Alabama Norton Auditorium

Kyle Butt and Blair Scott

We will show this in the auditorium

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

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.

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vengeance. It cost Absalom his life, and it cost David his family and his influence in Israel.

Fathers have a powerful impact upon their sons and their daughters. Of course, children can stray away from the training of even the most dedicated parents. But this can be limited by fathers who are willing to set a good example; who provide the discipline each child needs; who maintain a home in which God's will is honored; who take the time needed to be a godly father; and by fathers who are willing to admit their own weaknesses. David's tragic mistakes as a father speak volumes to parents today.

Carl Garner

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 23rd - **Youth Devo** Hosted by Jim and Diane Cox

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 brother) 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.

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.

Teresa Nihart—bronchitis

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

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.

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

Who is Philemon's slave?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Name the seven churches of Asia.

Ephesus Rev 2:1
Smyrna Rev 2:8
Pergamos Rev 2:12
Thyatira Rev 2:18

Sardis Rev 3:1
Philadelphia Rev 3:7
Laodiceans Rev 3:14

*Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services*

	Today: September 25th	Next Week: October 2nd
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AM Service

Announcements	George Vinson	
Song Leader	Jeremy Claunch	
Opening Prayer	Jim Cox	
Closing Prayer	Doug Stabler	
Scripture Reading	Ranger Abrams Romans 5:1-5	
Lord's Table - Head	Sammie Girod	
Lord's Table - Serve	Christopher May Tim Ashley Trey Harvell Ricky Obert	

PM Service

Announcements	George Vinson	
Song Leader	Jeremy Claunch	
Opening Prayer	Tom Young	
Closing Prayer	Charles Price	
Lord's Table	Sammie Girod	
1st Sunday Sermon		

Sunday Helpers' List

Foyer Attendant	Jim Hammonds	
Greeters	David Conyers Charles Price	
Nursery Attendant	Chris Ezekiel	
Shut-In Communion	Lonnie Burkey	

Wednesday Bible Study

	This Week: Sept. 28th	Next Week: October 5th
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Song Leader	Tim Ashley	
Invitation	Jim Hammonds	
Closing Prayer	Brandon Gonzales	

If you cannot meet your scheduled duty & cannot find a

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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