



The church of Christ

# Grandview Pines

October 9, 2011

## Eight and Eleven

Recently a news program gave information about changes that affect the population. They reported that on average in 2008 there would be one birth every eight seconds and one death every eleven seconds. That means that the population will continue to increase because births are occurring at a greater rate than deaths. The Bible, Ecclesiastes 3:2, tells us that there is “a time to be born, and a time to die.”

Throughout the scriptures there are accounts of births taking place. For the most part there was joy with each birth. We even remember this event by celebrating a birthday each year. Solomon summarizes life in the twelfth chapter of Ecclesiastes. He begins with the need of remembering God in youth. He then progresses through the aging process. Finally he speaks about the end of life. What is his conclusion about life? He says that the “whole” of man is to “fear God and keep His commandments.” Do we see that as the purpose of life? “What is your life?” (James 4:13) is a question each must answer.

As with births, the Bible speaks often about death. The entire chapter of Genesis five says over and over “and he died.” Man must come to grips that death is a natural part of life. Our physical bodies have not been created to live forever (2 Corinthians 4:16). Regardless of what we may do to extend the length of life death will eventually come to all (Hebrews 9:27). The greatest need is to prepare for eternity before death comes. After death (Luke 16:19-31) ones destiny is sealed! How sad that many (Matthew 7:13-14) will meet the Creator unprepared. Those who die without having obeyed the gospel (2 Thessalonians 1:8-9) will suffer punishment.

During the time that it has taken you to read this article how many have been born and how many have died? *Terry Claunch*

## Holes in the Darkness

Before electricity the streets with illuminated by gas street lamps. The lamplighter could be seen coming down the street igniting one lamp after another. Someone asked Robert Louis Stevenson, the author, what was the benefit of having a lamplighter. Stevenson responded that he was poking holes in the darkness.

Our Lord came into this world to provide light to those in darkness (Matt. 4:16; John 12:46). If our Lord had not come we would still be in the darkness of sin (John 8:12). He came not just to “poke holes in the darkness” but to bring light to the world (John 1:29).

Christians, even youth, have a responsibility to “poke” as many holes in the darkness as possible. “Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven” (Matt. 5:16). We sing about this “Little Christian Light” shining all around the neighborhood. Do you poke “holes in the darkness” when you are at school? Do you poke “holes in darkness” when you participate in extracurricular activities? What about when you are at home?

Darkness can be scary. Ever been in a cave where the lights were turned off? Sin is scary (Rom. 6:23). It brings death! But if we “walk in the light” (Psalm 119:105; 1 John 1:7) we can save ourselves and others (1 Tim. 4:16). The work of the lamplighter was for the good of others. Today will you help someone see the light?

Let us be like the “wise virgins” (Matt. 25) who had their lamps ready. Are you ready to poke holes in the darkness?

*Terry Claunch*

## 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"

### *Merry Wood Lodge*

We will meet with the residents at four this afternoon. Come join us as we sing and study.

### *Baby Shower*

There will be a baby shower after our 3rd Sunday fellowship meal for Angel Koche. See the bulletin board in the foyer for registration information.

### *Silver Threads*

A luncheon is planned for Oct. 13th at Shoney's in Prattville.

### *Ladies' Breakfast*

Yesterday we honored the ladies of the congregation with a breakfast. Thanks to all who helped.

### *Bible Study*

#### **Sunday Morning**

Topic: The book of Philippians.

Teacher: George Vinson

#### **Wednesday Night**

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

### *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.

### *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.

### *Computer*

Do you have a working computer that is internet capable? Get with Terry if you have one.

### *Fall Festival*

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

### *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

### *Spiritual Sword*

The new Spiritual Sword publications can be found on the tables in the foyer.

### *Creation/Evolution Debate*

The recent debate will be made available on DVD. More info will come.

### *Repentance*

Angel Koche repented of sin in her life and asks for God's forgiveness. Keep her in your prayers.

## *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*

October 9th - **Area Wide Youth Devo** Hosted by Walnut St congregation  
October 28th - **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](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 brother) has two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.

**Addison Hall** - will be going in for tests in October.

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

**Myra Hall**-Dealing with gall bladder issues, recovering from C-section.

**Fredrick Harbaugh** - Continuing to deal with illness.

**Wayne Harvell** - (T. Harvell's father) Skin cancer under eye. Will have outpatient surgery to remove it on Oct. 14th.

**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. 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.

**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.

**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.

**Shelley Wheeler's family** - (friends of the Harbaugh's & C. Harvell) Shelley Wheeler passed away this past week.

**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:

How many times does the Bible tell us that "the just shall live by faith"?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Obadiah is the shortest book in the OT, while 2 John has only thirteen verses.

*Privileged to Serve  
Sunday Worship Services*

	<b>Today: October 9th</b>	<b>Next Week: October 16th</b>
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**AM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	Tom Young	Jason Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Luke Wright	Robert Golden
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Tim Ashley	George Vinson
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	George Vinson	Luke Wright
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Coby Mayne Matthew 5:43-48	Garrett Young Luke 12:15-21
<b>Lord's Table - Head</b>	David Conyers	Tom Young
<b>Lord's Table - Serve</b>	Jim Hammonds Brandon Gonzalez Jason Hall Trey Harvell	Coby Mayne Ben Cooper Jim Ezekiel Ricky May

**PM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	Tom Young	Jason Hall
<b>Song Leader</b>	Luke Wright	Robert Golden
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Glenn Fuller	Charles Price
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jim Hammonds	Brandon Gonzalez
<b>Lord's Table</b>	David Conyers	Tom Young
<b>3rd Sunday Invitation</b>		Tim Ashley

*Sunday Helpers' List*

<b>Foyer Attendant</b>	Charles Price	Ricky May
<b>Greeters</b>	James Woodruff Jackie Conyers	Cliff Cleveland Lynette Burkey
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Andrea Sadler	Patricia Abrams

*Wednesday Bible Study*

	<b>This Week: October 12th</b>	<b>Next Week: October 19th</b>
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<b>Song Leader</b>	Brandon Gonzalez	Tom Young
<b>Invitation</b>	Lary Sadler	Trey Harvell
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	James Woodruff	Cliff Cleveland

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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