



The church of Christ

# at Grandview Pines

*October 30, 2011*

## *The Conversion of the Eunuch By Charles Box*

If a person would approach Acts 8:26-40 with an honest and good heart, he could easily learn what to do to be saved. "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet. Then the Spirit said unto Philip, Go near, and join thyself to this chariot. And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him. And when they were come up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord caught away Philip, that the eunuch saw him no more: and he went on his way rejoicing. But Philip was found at Azotus: and passing through he preached in all the cities, till he came to Caesarea."

How to be converted or saved is a simple process. Those who have honest hearts and open Bibles will be drawn by God's truth. God's truth can make men free from sin. As long as Satan can keep us from the truth we are still servants of sin. Let us learn the following from the conversion of the eunuch:

**The messenger in this conversion:** Philip is the preacher or messenger in this case of conversion. He was one of the seven chosen in Acts 6:5. "And the saying pleased the whole multitude: and they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and of the Holy Ghost, and Philip, and Prochorus, and Nicanor, and Timon, and Parmenas, and Nicolas a proselyte of Antioch." (Acts 6:5) Philip was one of God's great men. He was willing to go and to teach others the gospel of Christ.

**The message in this conversion:** The message was a great message. Philip preached Jesus unto the man from Ethiopia. "And Philip ran thither to him, and heard him read the prophet Esaias, and said, Understandest thou what thou readest? And he said, How can I, except some man should guide me? And he desired Philip that he would come up and sit with him. The place of the scripture which he read was this, He was led as a sheep to the slaughter; and like a lamb dumb before his shearer, so opened he not his mouth: In his humiliation his judgment was taken away: and who shall declare his generation? for his life is taken from the earth. And the eunuch answered Philip, and said, I pray thee, of whom speaketh the prophet this? of himself, or of some other man? Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus." (Acts 8:30-35) Philip heard the eunuch reading from Isaiah but the man did not understand what he was reading. Philip rode with the man and preached unto him Jesus beginning with Isaiah 53. To preach Jesus is to preach His preexistence, His virgin birth, His sinless life, His sacrificial death, His burial, His resurrection, His ascension and His spiritual reign over His kingdom or church. To preach Jesus is to preach the word of God.

**The man in the conversion:** The Bible says that there was a man of Ethiopia. He had charge of the treasury under Queen Candace. "And the angel of the Lord spake unto Philip, saying, Arise, and go toward the south unto the way that goeth down from Jerusalem unto Gaza, which is desert. And he arose and went: and, behold, a man of Ethiopia, an eunuch of great authority under Candace queen of the Ethiopians, who had the charge of all her treasure, and had come to Jerusalem for to worship, Was returning, and sitting in his chariot read Esaias the prophet." (Acts 8:26-28) This man was a worshipping man.

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## *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.

*Serve Those Serving For Us*

The Ladies' Bible Class has a new service project to show our love and concern for family members of our congregation who are serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. If you have a family member deployed, please provide complete mailing information and a list of items they would like to Glenda Gregory or Beverly Vinson as soon as possible. We are asking the congregation to buy these items and/or contribute to their purchase and the \$12.95 per box shipping cost. Copies of the compiled lists and a collection container will be in the foyer. Some preliminary suggestions include canned meats like Spam and Vienna sausages, beef jerky, nuts, and boxed microwavable (add water) pasta dishes. Personal items will be listed brand specific.

*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

*Sign-Up List*

A sign-up list for taking communion to our shut-ins is posted in the foyer.

*Bible Study*

**Sunday Morning**

Topic: The book of Philippians.

Teacher: George Vinson

**Wednesday Night**

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

**Monthly - November 11th**

Topic: How to Study your Bible

Teacher: George Vinson

*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.

*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.

*Upcoming Youth Events*

October 30th - **Young Men Conduct Services**

November 12th - **Progressive Youth Devo** Hosted by the Youngs

November 13th - **Area Wide Devo** Hosted by the Liberty congregation

December 11th - **Area Wide Devo** Hosted by the Wetumpka congregation

February 24-26 - **Challenge Youth Conference**

*Creation/Evolution Debate*

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

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He had traveled some 800 to 1,000 miles to worship either as a Jew or Jewish proselyte. Sadly though, he was lost! He was still holding to the Old Law which had been taken out of the way by the death of Christ on the cross. "Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances that was against us, which was contrary to us, and took it out of the way, nailing it to his cross." (Colossians 2:14)

**The message moved the man:** Philip's message of Christ moved this man to want to be a Christian. The Bible says that when Philip preached unto him Jesus, as they went on their way, they came to a certain water, and the eunuch said, "See, here is water; What doth hinder me to be baptized?" Preaching Jesus involved preaching baptism. The man who preaches Christ but leaves out baptism does not really preach Christ! Upon a simple confession of faith in Christ the eunuch was buried in baptism for remission of sins. "Then Philip opened his mouth, and began at the same scripture, and preached unto him Jesus. And as they went on their way, they came unto a certain water: and the eunuch said, See, here is water; what doth hinder me to be baptized? And Philip said, If thou believest with all thine heart, thou mayest. And he answered and said, I believe that Jesus Christ is the Son of God. And he commanded the chariot to stand still: and they went down both into the water, both Philip and the eunuch; and he baptized him." (Acts 8:35-38)

**Summary of what took place:** From the conversion of the eunuch we learn: (1) There must be a messenger. The treasure is in "earthen vessels" (2 Corinthians 4:7), (2) The message must be Christ and Him crucified. (Acts 8:35), (3) The man must be responsive to the message of Christ. (Acts 8:36), and (4) Saving obedience includes believing and being baptized. (Acts 8:37-38) Jesus said, "He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; But he that believeth not, shall be damned." (Mark 16:16) We beg you to see the truth and be obedient to it. Now is the accepted time!

*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.

*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.

**Cliff Cleveland** - Skin cancer removal. Good results from his last doctor's visit. Cliff thanks the congregation for their prayers.

**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 bother) has two inoperable aneurisms. Continue to pray for him.

**Addison Hall** - will continue having tests.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Kevin Moody** - Blood pressure.

**Ann Morris** (friend of the Fullers) cancer treatment in NC

**Melanie Payne** finished physical therapy. Seeing pain management doctor on 10/31 for injections in her neck that require anesthesia.

**Martha Pilkinton** (Glenda Gregory's sister-in-law) terminal cancer.

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

**Peggy Stabler** - Fourth Stage Kidney Failure

**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.

**Garrett Young** - heart problems.

### **Military personnel & their families**

-Stewart Burkey - (Afghanistan) lost a member of his infantry in a firefight.

-Joshua Corey - deployed

-Keith Golden (Goldens' son)

-David Howard - being deployed around November 19th

-Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

## 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 made an iron axe head float?

### Answer to Last Week's Question

What does Mene Mene Tekel Upharsin mean?

**MENE:** God has numbered your kingdom, and finished it;

**TEKEI:** You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

**UPHARSIN/PERES:** Your kingdom has been divided, and given to the Medes and Persians."

Daniel 5:26-28

*Privileged to Serve  
Sunday Worship Services*

	<b>Today: October 30th</b>	<b>Next Week: November 6th</b>
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**AM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	George Vinson	Sammie Girod
<b>Song Leader</b>	Tim Ashley	Jeremy Claunch
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	Lary Sadler	David Conyers
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Trey Harvell	Jim Ezekiel
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Brandon Gonzalez 1 Timothy 6:7-12	Nick Girod Matthew 6:19-24
<b>Lord's Table - Head</b>	Robert Golden	Lary Sadler
<b>Lord's Table - Serve</b>	Jim Cox Ricky Obert Charles Price David Conyers	Robert Golden Alex Stinson Tom Young Tim Ashley

**PM Service**

<b>Announcements</b>	George Vinson	Sammie Girod
<b>Song Leader</b>	Worship Service Conducted by Young Men	Jeremy Claunch
<b>Opening Prayer</b>		Jim Hammonds
<b>Closing Prayer</b>		Doug Stabler
<b>Lord's Table</b>		Lary Sadler
<b>1st Sunday Sermon</b>		George Vinson

*Sunday Helpers' List*

<b>Foyer Attendant</b>	Tom Young	Jim Cox
<b>Greeters</b>	Jerry Ellison Glenda Gregory	Jim Cox Chris May
<b>Nursery Attendant</b>	Melanie Payne	

*Wednesday Bible Study*

	<b>This Week: November 2nd</b>	<b>Next Week: November 9th</b>
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<b>Song Leader</b>	Coby Mayne	Alex Stinson
<b>Invitation</b>	Jim Hammonds	Tom Young
<b>Closing Prayer</b>	Jeremy Claunch	Robert Golden

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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