



The church of Christ

at Grandview Pines

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At Times, We All Need a Push

Neal Pollard

Irene Sax is an award-winning cookbook author, food critic and food writer whose work is often syndicated. One of her best known articles, run in the huge Newsday newspaper, was a feature on Jean Nidetch. Nidetch was a 214 pound housewife who met a friend in the supermarket, telling her how good she looked and asking her when the baby was due. Not pregnant, Nidetch allowed this to motivate her into action. She went to the New York Department of Health to get a diet plan to treat her obesity. She was losing a little weight, but it was when she decided to invite six other overweight women to her apartment that everything changed. The meeting was a hit and snowballed into the global success and household name, Weight Watchers. Over a million people in 24 countries are members of the nearly half-century-old program.

Nidetch told Sax how she succeeded with Weight Watchers. When she was a teenager, Nidetch crossed a park where young mothers were sitting and talking together while their toddlers just sat in swings with nobody pushing them. Nidetch would give them a push. She said, "And you know what happens when you push a kid on a swing? Pretty soon he's pumping, doing it himself. That's what my role in life is—I'm there to give others a push" (Irene Sax, Newsday Inc., n/d, and Nanci Hellmich, USA Today, 3/27/10).

One purpose for our assembling together as the church is to "consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds" (Heb. 10:24). God knew that we would all need a push—to do what is right and stay away from what is wrong. We can get stagnant and stuck when we try to go it alone. But, God has given us each other. As we each battle Satan, we need each other's help (cf. Eph. 6:10-17). With your help, I stand a better chance of resisting the devil (Jas. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:9). Find a brother or sister, get behind them, and push!

The Road to Universalism

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Universalism is the idea that all are saved or that one is saved without his meeting any conditions whatever. Merriam-Webster defines it as "a theological doctrine that all human beings will eventually be saved" (www.merriam-webster.com). What are the true, ultimate implications of this increasingly popular idea? Is it not that impenitent mass-murderers, political despots (like Hitler, Hussein, and Khadafi), rapists and molesters, and the like will eventually be saved? We are repulsed at the very idea!

However, how does one get to universalism in the first place? May I suggest that it is incrementally, bit by bit. It is also the case that some will not go as far as the illustrations above, but they will be willing to say that people will be

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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.

News, Notes & Nouncements

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.

Bible Study

Sunday Morning

Topic: The book of Philippians.

Teacher: George Vinson

Wednesday Night

Topic: The book of John

Teacher: Terry Claunch

Monthly - November 18th

Topic: How to Study your Bible

Teacher: George Vinson

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

Barnabas Board

We want to encourage everyone to use the board in the foyer for posting notes of edification, thanks, etc.

Shut In Communion Sign-Up List

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

Please help us serve our shut-ins in this manner. (James 1:27)

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.

Autumn Place

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

Upcoming Youth Events

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.

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.

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.

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 saw a vision of a sheet lowered to earth by its four corners?

Answer to Last Week's Question

Who made an iron axe head float?

**Elisha
2 Kings 6:1-7**

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.

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 be seeing another doctor for second opinion.

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

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.

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 - 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)
- Joshua Corey - deployed
- Keith Golden (Goldens' son)
- David Howard - being deployed around November 19th
- Britt Shores (Afghanistan)

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saved who have not fully followed the Lord's teaching. We are not talking about following Scripture perfectly every time and in every regard. That is the extreme, false idea of "perfectionism." Instead, we are talking about omitting conditions for salvation and/or conditions for the saved.

It might be easier to answer "why," possibly, people want to widen the circle of supposed divine acceptance of people. One reason could be that we tend to believe in "meritorious works." By this I mean the idea that if people are basically good, moral people (and this is often subjectively determined), then they will be saved based on their goodness. But this denies the atoning work of Christ at the cross and shifts the power from His sacrifice to our goodness. Paul says, "There is none righteous, not even one" (Rom. 3:10). There are acts of obedience required of us to receive the benefits of God's grace, but there are no substitute or partial plans. Another reason might be the climate of "political correctness" that pervades our culture's thinking. We find it distasteful to exercise judgment or evaluate the content of another's behavior (cf. John 7:24?). We do not want to hurt anyone's feelings or be seen as condemning another. Nobody likes to be the "bad guy."

Most people do not begin by saying absolutely "all" will be saved. Before that, they will say that all sincere, devout believers in Christ will be saved (but, Mat. 7:21-23). They might say that generally good people will be saved (but, Isa. 64:6). They might say that sincere people in all religions will be saved (but, Ac. 4:12; Jn. 14:6). But to say this, "they" must try to take the place of Christ as the one having all authority in heaven and on earth (Mat. 28:18). No, the road to universalism ends at an eternally frightening destination. Let us remain on Christ's way, the narrow way (Mat. 7:13-14). As the song suggests, "There Is Just One Way To The Pearly Gates."

Privileged to Serve
Sunday Worship Services

	Today: November 6th	Next Week: November 13th
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AM Service

Announcements	Sammie Girod	Jim Hammonds
Song Leader	Jeremy Claunch	Tom Young
Opening Prayer	David Conyers	Jim Cox
Closing Prayer	Jim Ezekiel	Glenn Fuller
Scripture Reading	Nick Girod Matthew 6:19-24	Trey Harvell Matthew 6:25-34
Lord's Table - Head	Lary Sadler	George Vinson
Lord's Table - Serve	Robert Golden Alex Stinson Tom Young Tim Ashley	Christopher May Bryant Weldon Ricky Obert Luke Wright

PM Service

Announcements	Sammie Girod	Jim Hammonds
Song Leader	Jeremy Claunch	Tom Young
Opening Prayer	Jim Hammonds	Lary Sadler
Closing Prayer	Doug Stabler	Cliff Cleveland
Lord's Table	Lary Sadler	George Vinson
1st Sunday Sermon	George Vinson	

Sunday Helpers' List

Foyer Attendant	Jim Cox	Alex Stinson
Greeters	Jim Cox Chris May	Miranda Stinson Lonnie Burkey

Wednesday Bible Study

	This Week: November 9th	Next Week: November 16th
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Song Leader	Alex Stinson	Ben Cooper
Invitation	Tom Young	Jeremy Claunch
Closing Prayer	Robert Golden	Luke Wright

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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