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## Seniors Report

Twenty-three Seniors and their guests met on February 21st for their program and luncheon.

Mary Schoenecke opened by introducing Janette Fox, a friend of Mae Arney. Alma's friend Ellen has a bad leg, Catherine Fletcher's sister passed away in Reno, Philip Locke's son Nick is leaving for college, Mae's sister Florence, from Massachusetts, is leaving back to Arkansas and Massachusetts by next Sunday. Jack Deligans gave a prayer for all of those above.



Jane Hook read *We're Blessed – Population in Proportion*.

Mae Arney read *Fishin'*.

Alma Farris read *Letters to God from Little*

### *Children.*

Hugh Colvin then played his guitar and led us in singing *Footsteps of Jesus, Lead Me to Calvary*, and *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*.

Philip Locke gave the blessing for the luncheon to follow and asked for people to have the knowledge to vote correctly in the coming election.

Our next luncheon will be March 20<sup>th</sup>, 2008, the first day of Spring, so be sure to mark it on your calendar.

-- Jane Hook

## Fishin'

A redneck was stopped by a game warden in Central Mississippi recently with two ice chests full of fish. He was leavin' a cove well-known for its fishing.

The game warden asked the man, 'Do you have a license to catch those fish?'

'Naw, sir', replied the redneck. 'I ain't got none of them there licenses. You must understand, these here are my pet fish.'

'Pet fish?'

Yeah. Every night, I take these here fish down to the lake and let 'em swim 'round for awhile. Then, when I whistle, they jump right back into these here ice chests and I take 'em home.'

'That's a bunch of hooey! Fish can't do that.'

The redneck looked at the warden for a moment and then said, 'It's the truth Mr. Government Man. I'll show ya. It really

works.'

'O. K.', said the warden. 'I've got to see this!'

The redneck poured the fish into the lake and stood and waited.

After several minutes, the warden says, 'Well?'

'Well, what?', says the redneck.

The warden says, 'When are you going to call them back?'

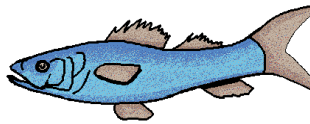
'Call who back?'

'The FISH', replied the warden!

'What fish?', replied the redneck.

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Moral of the story: We may not be as smart as some city slickers, but we ain't as dumb as some 'people'. You can say what you want about the South, but you almost never hear of anyone retiring and moving north.



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"We tend to forget that happiness doesn't come as a result of getting something we don't have, but rather of recognizing and appreciating what we do have.

--- Frederick Koenig

## Church Challenge Bowling

### Holy Rollers Take 3<sup>rd</sup> Place

On March 8<sup>th</sup>, Granada Baptist participated in the Church Bowling Challenge. Our 19 bowlers formed four teams, and Team #4 finished with the high score of 2837, not good enough to defend our championship from February, but good enough for 3<sup>rd</sup> place and a \$40 donation for our church. Our sister church Trinity Baptist won possession of the perpetual trophy with a total of 3016. Team #4 was led by **Jim Caron**, who had a 185 game and a 547 series. **Debbie Caron** had a 172 game and a 453 series, and **Sue Pope** had a 123 game and a 344 series. **T. J. Caron** bowled a 129 game and a 335 series, and **Nathan Caron** bowled a 105 game and a 306 series. Team #2 had a score of 2824 and was led by **Otis Farris**, who had a 180 game and a series of 505. **Don Tunison** had a 191 game, a 498 series and a conversion on the day of the 2-7-8 split. **Dwayne Childers** had a 165 game and a 470 series, while **Rich Nickison** had a 176 game and a 445 series. Team #1 had a total of 2819 and was led by **Frank Serkland**, who bowled a 204 game and a 567 series. **Carl Serkland** had a 136 game and a 387 series, while **Lauren Serkland** bowled a 145, a 385 series and picked up the 5-6-7-10 split. **Ron Ho-**



**BOWLING**

**gan** had a 129 game and a 333 series. **Dorothea Craghold** bowled a 133 game, and a 328 series, and made the 3-10 split. Team #3 had a total of 2682 and was led by **Joey Caron**, who had a 133 game and a 428 series. **Alma Farris** bowled a 171 game and a 405 series, and **Shirley Davis** bowled a 138 game and a 403 series. **Clarice Tunison** had a 127 game and a 334 series. **Dale Irving** had a 104 game and a 308 series.

The next Church Bowling Challenge is on April 12<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon. The cost is \$10 and includes 3 games of bowling and, if necessary, bowling shoes. Come and help us try to defend the perpetual trophy back for another month, or at least a donation for our church if we bowl well enough. You don't have to have any good at bowling to bowl with us. If you know which side of the ball to hold (the outside), you can be on our team. You can sign up on the sheet that will eventually be in the worship center, or contact Frank Serkland at 449-8257. As always, praying at the foul line will be permitted and encouraged.

— Frank Serkland

## Spring Revival

Our Spring Revival will feature guest preacher, Bryan Duffey, from South West Baptist Seminary

The revival starts on Sunday morning, March 16, and will continue Sunday through Wednesday evenings at 6:00 pm, each evening service to be followed by a supper (contact Gevonnia for details).

## Personal Thoughts

My sister lives in our late grandmother's house. In the backyard is a lemon tree that has been there for as long as each of us can remember. It's always seemed to have an endless supply of lemons on it, no matter what time of year it was. A couple of years ago, every lemon was plucked off the tree, and so for a long time the tree was completely devoid of its fruit. But recently, the tree has started to produce its bumper crop again. In fact, it was so full of lemons that my sister had to pick some simply for the good of the tree, so she did the smart thing and made herself a pitcher of lemonade! She says she never appreciated the lemon tree so much before it was picked clean because it always had lemons on it, and it was only when she needed a lemon one day and couldn't get one that she understood the tree's worth.







***“For everyone who has will be given more, and he will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what he has will be taken from him.” -- Matthew 25:29 (NIV)***

We could all learn a lesson from my sister's lemon tree. God has blessed us out of His bountiful riches, so much that we often take for granted everything we have. In fact, we often gripe about what we think we need instead of thanking and praising Him for supplying what we truly need. But think how hard our lives would be if God left us to fend for ourselves. Life is already hard enough as it is.

How can we complain when God has already given us so much? And all He asks is that we use it wisely to meet not only our own needs, but also the needs of those around us. God is our Great Provider, and He'll never let His children be in need. Let us always remember to use what He's given us for His glory.

In Jesus, Frank

# March 2008

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## Schedule of Events

- Mar 2 12:20 pm **Fellowship Luncheon**  
 Mar 8 12:00 noon **Church Challenge Bowling**  
 Mar 9 12:20 pm **Church Council**  
 Mar 16-20 **Revival**  
 Mar 17 **St. Patrick's Day**  
 Mar 20 10:45 am **Seniors' Luncheon**  
**First Day Of Spring**  
 Mar 23 **Resurrection Sunday**  
**Saturday, April 19th: Passover celebration!**

## Weekly schedule

- Sunday 9:45 am Bible Study for all ages**  
**Sunday 11:00 am Worship**  
**Tuesday 10:00 am Bible Study**  
**Saturday 7:30 am Prayer Breakfast**

**Check our website for changes and updates at [Granadachurch.org](http://Granadachurch.org)**

## WE'RE BLESSED – POPULATION IN PROPORTIONS

If Earth's population was shrunk into a village of just 100 people – with all the human ratios existing in the world still remaining – what would this tiny, diverse village look like?

That's exactly what Phillip M. Harter, a medical doctor at the Stanford University School of Medicine, attempted to figure out. This is what he found:

- 57 would be Asian
- 21 would be European
- 14 would be from the Western Hemisphere
- 8 would be African
- 52 would be female
- 48 would be male
- 6 people would possess 59 per cent of the entire world's wealth, and all 6 would be from the United States
- 80 would live in substandard housing
- 70 would be unable to read
- 50 would suffer from malnutrition
- 1 would be near death
- 1 would be pregnant
- 1 would have a college education
- 1 would own a computer

The following is an anonymous interpretation:

Think of it this way. If you live in a good home, have plenty to eat and can read, you are a member of a very select group.

And if you have a good house, food,

can read and have a computer, you are among the very elite.

If you woke up this morning with more health than illness....you are more fortunate than the million who will not survive this week.

If you have never experienced the danger of battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation....you are ahead of 500 million people in the world.

If you can attend a church meeting without fear of harassment, arrest, torture, or death...you are fortunate, more than three billion people in the world can't.

If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep...you are richer than 75% of this world.

If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish someplace...you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy.

If you hold up your head with a smile on your face and are truly thankful...you are blessed because the majority can, but most don't.

If you can hold someone's hand, hug them or even touch them on the shoulder...you are blessed because you can offer a healing touch.



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**The Back Pew - Jeff Larson**



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Grave Robbery or Resurrected Savior?