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Pleasant View church of Christ  
2500 Highway 49 East  
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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm  
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Philippians 2:14-15  
“Do all things without  
grumbling or disputing; so  
that you will prove  
yourselves to be blameless  
and innocent, children of  
God...”

*“Every man dies. Not every man really lives.”*

*William Wallace*

*“Life appears to me too short to be spent nursing animosity, or registering wrongs.”*

*Charlotte Bronte*

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## Just A Vapor

There is very little that hasn't been said about the movie theater massacre that occurred two Fridays ago. James Holmes opened fire on a crowded movie theater, killing 12 people and wounding 58 others. The youngest victim was just six years old. The criminal justice system will spend months digging into the life of this maniac. Psychologists will dissect every inch of Holmes' life in order to find an answer for why such a seemingly intelligent person would do such a bizarre, brutal, disgusting thing. But Holmes doesn't deserve that much attention. The attention should be given to the victims...and to ourselves.

The victims were shot while watch-

ing a movie. I am sure that everyone who is reading this has been inside a movie theater. I also know that no one reading this ever thought that their life would end before a movie ended. We are trained to think that death is reserved for the elderly or the reckless, not for the young and the healthy. The Aurora, CO shooting spree reminds us that death can come at any minute of any day. James, the half-brother of Jesus, said, “Yet you do not know what your life will be like tomorrow. You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away” (James 4:14).

Another lesson learned from the shooting is one that seems cheap,

but it is still relevant. Your parents or grandparents may have said, “Be careful where you go. You don't want to be caught dead some places.” In other words, it would be embarrassing to your family and your legacy if you were to die in a place of ill-repute. Be careful where you go.

We also see in this incident the depth of human depravity. When someone does not submit their life to the will of God, there is no end to their sinfulness. Our world will change when we appreciate the few days we have, and encourage others to follow Christ.

James Hayes

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# Pleasant View Proclaimer

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## Show Yourself A Man

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How do you define the perfect man? I recently found a list of “26 Things The Perfect Guy Would Do.” The list included things like his willingness to hold hands, drive five hours just to be with a girl for one, and call for no reason. The author of that list clearly has a shallow sense of what the perfect man is. There is nothing wrong with any of the things listed, but those things have more to do with romanticism than reality. God wants men to be more than romantic, more than nice, more than polite. God wants men—real men—to be godly.

When David was near the end of his life, he gave sol-

emn advice to his son Solomon, the next king of Israel. He said: “I am going the way of all the earth. Be strong, therefore, and show yourself a man” (I Kings 2:2). Had David made that statement in 21<sup>st</sup> century America, Solomon might think that his father wanted him to curse, tell dirty jokes, show off, and throw his weight around. After all, that seems to be the modern definition of manliness. But David went on to explain what a real man is all about. “Keep the charge of the Lord your God, to walk in His ways, and to keep His statutes, His commandments, His ordinances, and His testi-

monies, according to what is written in the law of Moses, that you may succeed in all that you do and wherever you turn” (I Kings 2:3).

Godly men attend worship services, pray, study Scripture, honor their wives, train their children, and love their neighbors.

They walk humbly and honorably in the sight of men, and they anxiously await their heavenly home. Anything less is selfishness.

“Fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord” (Eph. 6:4).

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Wanda Billingsley suffered a light stroke last weekend. She is currently undergoing therapy.
- Sue Clymore is recovering from toe surgery.
- Aaron Pirtle is feeling better but still dealing with complications from knee surgery.
- Addie Farmer is better after having minor skin procedures.
- Bill Ruhl begins our Gospel Meeting today.

## Building Fund Contribution Today

**Lunch Today—Worship 6:00 P.M. Tonight; Worship 7:00 Mon-Wed**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: M. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Newell

Serve: E. Walker, C. Rose, T. Donkin

Pray: J.L. Shelton