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Pleasant View church of Christ  
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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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II Cor. 1:5  
“For just as the sufferings of  
Christ are ours in  
abundance, so also our  
comfort is abundant through  
Christ.”

*“How many a man has thrown his hands up at a  
time when a little more effort, a little more pa-  
tience would have achieved success.”*

*Elbert Hubbard*

*“Patience is necessary, and one cannot reap im-  
mediately where he has sown.”*

*Soren Kierkegaard*

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## We All Need More Patience

Given the option of having what we want today or getting it later, everyone, without exception, would prefer to have it now. But instant gratification is rarely achieved in this life. Most things that are truly profitable and worthwhile come to us later. Christians who endeavor to live according to God’s will are promised that “all things work together for good” (Rom. 8:28). But that “good” will come in God’s time, not ours.

There are three things we need to do to develop more patience:

1. *Be obedient.* When we become impatient, we often fail to continue in obedience. But no matter what circumstances we are in, we can always be obedient. “Therefore, my

beloved brethren, be steadfast, immoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord” (I Cor. 15:58). “Always” includes times when we are impatient.

2. *Seek edification.* We will increase our patience when we realize that our Lord and Savior also waited for His ultimate reward. We are encouraged when we read that the cross was not a story of defeat but victory. Jesus did not die on the first day of His ministry and then raise don the second day. He endured about three years of ministerial peaks and valleys before He ascended into heaven.

3. *Accept trials.* All of the great heroes of faith became heroes of faith

because they endured trials. Joshua would not be Joshua if he didn’t conquer the cities of Canaan. David would not be David if he didn’t slay Goliath. The apostles would not be the apostles had they not experienced persecution. One who lives a life of ease might be envied, but they are rarely admired. James said that we should consider it all joy when we encounter various trials (James 1:2) because trials strengthen our character.

Being patient is not easy, but it is essential to the growth of our faith.

James Hayes

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# Pleasant View Proclaimer

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## It's Usually Not That Simple

Americans' attention spans are getting shorter and shorter every day. Technology has conditioned us to be this way. Cell phones have advanced to the point where making a phone call is no longer their primary function. Notice how many times the picture changes in a 30-second commercial—advertisers don't want you to look away for a second.

The desire for information to be quickly attained has infected how we study the Bible. For over a decade, Christians have asked me questions regarding the book of Revelation, but when I suggest taking a few months of class time to study it, they quickly lose

interest in the book—they want a snack, not the whole meal. Also, there are important theological terms and basic biblical doctrines that 21<sup>st</sup> century, I-want-the-answer-now Christians have reduced to definitions that barely scratch the surface of truth.

For instance, ask someone to define "false doctrine" and you will likely hear an answer that includes phrases like "instrumental music," "women deacons" and "once saved, always saved." While those much-debated issues are serious matters that deserve serious teaching, they do not cover the entire scope of false teaching. First-century false teaching included the de-

nial of Christ's divinity, the rejection of Paul's authority, and the rejection of Gentile brethren.

Likewise, the word "faith" has been reduced by some to mean that someone just believes that Jesus is Lord and Savior. To them, there is nothing more to faith. But like false doctrine, faith encompasses more than just a few doctrines. Throughout Scripture, faith has always included action. In the Christian age, faith includes belief, confession, repentance, baptism, and Christ-like living.

James Hayes

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### Items of Note:

- Sue Clymore and Aaron Pirtle were with us Wednesday after recent illnesses.
- Addie Farmer continues therapy at home for various health issues.
- Judy Robertson, Faye Head's sister, is in hospice care at St. Thomas Hospital.
- Steve Buchanan was injured in a car accident last week. He was driving the school bus. He injured his knee.

Mens' Meeting Today at 5:00  
Singing Tonight at 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: M. Newell

Pray: T. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: D. Garrett

Serve: E. Walker, Trent Walker, L. Newell

Pray: J.W. Head