
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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Psalm 103:11-12

“For as high as the heavens
are above the earth, so
great is His lovingkindness
toward those who fear Him.
As far as the east is from the
west, so far has he removed
our transgressions from us.”

*“Time is too slow for those who wait, too swift
for those who fear, too long for those who
grieve, too short for those who rejoice, but for
those who love, time is eternity.”*

Henry Van Dyke

“Love does not dominate; it cultivates.”

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

Texting

According to a report by the Pew Internet and American Life Project, 77 percent of teenagers own a cell phone with one-fourth of them owning a smartphone. Nearly all of those phones are equipped with text messaging. The average teenager sends 60 texts per day, but only 35 percent of teenagers socialize face-to-face with friends outside of school. What can we conclude from this study? Teenagers spend hours a day staring at their cell phones, sending written messages to friends instead of just speaking to them face-to-face.

The spiritual health of teenagers would greatly improve if they replaced that type of texting with another type of texting—studying God’s

word. I wonder how many parents require their children to read the Bible every day. I wonder how many parents make Bible study as important as doing chores or doing homework. Most world religions put supreme emphasis on the study of their particular holy books. Moses taught the Israelites to study God’s word on a daily basis: “These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your sons and shall talk of them when you sit in your house and when you walk by the way and when you lie down and when you rise up” (Duet. 6:6-7).

At times, Christians feel distant

from God. But we often fail to remember that God never moves, and His love never changes (Rom. 8:35-39). We are the ones who move. We stop praying. We stop studying. We stop serving. We stop worshipping. And we still wonder why we don’t “feel” loved or even saved. But James put it plainly: “Draw near to God, and He will draw near to you” (4:8).

It’s not that God moves, but as we move toward Him, He naturally is closer to us. We cannot move toward Him unless we commit ourselves—and our children—to daily texting.

James Hayes

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When Did Poor Equal Lazy?

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There is no denying the importance the Bible places on work over laziness. "For even when we were with you, we used to give you this order: if anyone is not willing to work, then he is not to eat either" (II Thess. 3:10). "When you shall eat of the fruit of your hands, you will be happy and it will be well with you" (Psalm 128:2). "In all labor there is profit, but mere talk only leads to poverty" (Prov. 14:23). "Whatever your hand finds to do, do it with all your might" (Eccl. 9:10). Even those who have never read a verse of Scripture know the value in productive work.

Over the last several years,

there has been a general animosity building toward the working poor in our nation. When a needy person asks for assistance they are often met with condescending comments like, "I got where I am without holding my hand out; you should do the same," or, "If you would work harder, you wouldn't be in this situation." I don't hear the love of Christ in those comments. Just because someone is poor or needy, that doesn't necessarily mean he or she is lazy. Undoubtedly, there are some who are lazy, who simply rely on others for their daily needs. Those people need to work for their living. But those who are working and who

happen to be poor should find support from those who have been blessed with more, without being insulted and stereotyped.

We would all do well to remember the instruction given to the Israelites about how they should treat the working poor. "You shall not oppress a hired servant who is poor and needy, whether he is one of your countrymen or one of your aliens who is in your lands in your towns. You shall give him his wages on his day before the sun sets, for he is poor and sets his heart on it..." (Deut. 24:14-15a).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Sympathy is extended to Faye Head on the loss of her sister, Judy Roberson. Funeral services were conducted Friday.
- Please remember Nathan Goad, a young boy who has experienced life-threatening bouts with elevated blood sugar. His family is friends with the Roses.
- Also pray for Addie Farmer, Jesse Wayne Head, Sheila Crouch, and Clady Hollis.

**Trunk Or Treat Will BE After Services, October 31
Invite Friends To Join Us For Bible Study That Night As Well**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J.L. Shelton

Pray: J. Baker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: F. Brown

Serve: Demonbreum, Crabtree, J. Walker

Pray: J. Newell