
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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Proverbs 26:4-5
“Do not answer a fool
according to his folly, or you
will also be like him. Answer
a fool as his folly deserves,
that he not be wise in his
own eyes.”

*“If you alter or obscure the biblical portrait of
God in order to attract converts, you don’t get
converts to God, you get converts to an illusion.
This is not evangelism, but deception.”*

John Piper

*“If we teach truth but not the source of truth,
we don’t really succeed in passing on our faith.”*

Kevin Thoman

Evangelism

Thankfully, most of us have full use of our arms and legs. There are those, however, who have been paralyzed to some degree due to stroke, accident or disease. Their minds are clear, but their bodies have failed them. They are totally dependent on the kindness of others to perform even the most basic daily tasks. In the first century, the paralytics faced a much harder life than paralytics of today. In those days, there was no Social Security, disability insurance or Medicare. The disabled were often forced to beg for money from passersby on the street.

In Luke 5, we read of a group of friends who were determined to help their paralyzed friend meet

Jesus. A huge crowd had gathered to hear Jesus preach and heal the sick. The friends were unable to fight through the crowd with their paralyzed friend on a stretcher. So, determined to find relief for their friend, they went onto the roof of the building and lowered their friend through the tiles. “Seeing their faith,” Scripture states, “He said, ‘Friend, your sins are forgiven you’” (Luke 5:20). Jesus then healed the man. That lame man, who approached Jesus as a paralyzed, guilty sinner, walked away from Jesus justified and healthy.

The Great Commission could be summarized with one sentence, “Go and tell them.” Our responsibility as

Christians is to share the good news—the “gospel”—of Jesus Christ to those who are lost. We are to bring people to Jesus just like the friends of the paralyzed man in Luke 5 did. It was not easy for them to bring their friend to Jesus, but they were determined. The crowd didn’t stop them. Other appointments didn’t stop them. They did whatever it took for their friend to meet the only person who could heal him physically and spiritually.

All of us know people who need to know about the grace and salvation that’s found in Christ. What are you going to do to be sure they meet Him?

James Hayes

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Pay Attention

On January 12, 2007, thousands of commuters made their way through L'Enfant Plaza Station in Washington, D.C. on their way to work. Joshua Bell, a world renowned violinist who plays over 200 international engagements a year, stood in the corner and played a \$3.5 million Stradivarius violin for 45 minutes. He performed six classical pieces, three of them by Bach. Just three days earlier Bell played at Boston's Symphony Hall, where most of the seats sold for \$100. But while he played to over 1,000 people at the train station, only 27 people tossed changed into his hat. Only 7 people stopped to listen, and only one per-

son recognized him. He made \$32 that day.

Bell's performance was an experiment conducted by *Washington Post* writer Gene Weingarten. He wanted to test the theory that people are more likely to prefer one equal item over another based solely on the packaging. Would people recognize world class music even if it was being played on a street corner? The answer was no.

We shouldn't be too hard on those Washington D.C. commuters. It is easy for all of us to pay close attention to the meaningless while ignoring the valuable. We can read hundreds of pages of our favorite novel in a

week but never open the Bible. We can talk all day about the political headlines but never pray for the sick. We can spend hundreds of dollars on new cell phones and clothes but never increase our weekly church contribution. There is a time for all things, but spiritual matters should always supersede the material matters.

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things" (Phil. 4:8).

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Jon Buchanan's granddaughter has been sick with a rare immune disorder. Her name is Kyla Myers, 5300 Olde Millbrooke Dr., Glen Allen, VA, 23060.
- A defibrillator is located on the back wall. If needed, just remove it from the box, press "ON" and follow the verbal instructions. You do not need to be trained to use it.

Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—taborj@realtracs.com
Mens' Meeting At 5:00; Singing at 6:00 Tonight

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J.L. Shelton

Pray: Terry Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: F. Brown

Serve: Demonbreum, L. Newell, D. Stuard

Pray: Crabtree