
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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Ecclesiastes 5:10-11
“He who loves money will not be satisfied with money, nor he who loves abundance with its income. This too is vanity. When good things increase, those who consume them increase. So what is the advantage to their owners except to look on?”

“Man is made to adore and obey: but if you will not command him, if you give him nothing to worship, he will fashion his own divinities, and find a chieftain in his own passions.”

Benjamin Disraeli

“So long as men worship the Caesars and Napoleons, the Caesars and Napoleons will duly arise and make them miserable.”

Aldous Huxley

What Kind Of Member Are You?

Elders should shepherd the church of Christ in accordance with God's word. In order to do that in the local church, they need to know which Christians are under their leadership. That's why it is good and necessary for Christians to identify with a local congregation. (We typically call that “placing membership.”) Every Christian in the local church should do their best to advance the work of the Lord within that congregation. But we know that not all Christians are as active as others.

Each congregation has its core members. These are the ones who will attend each worship service and Bible study unless hindered by illness or unforeseen circumstances.

They will assist the elders in carrying out various projects. They will be willing to give their money to support worthy mission efforts, teach classes, volunteer in benevolent situations, etc. They encourage before criticizing. They are models to younger Christians.

Then there are what I call the “parade watchers.” They attend about half of the services, rarely involve themselves in church activities, and are quick to criticize those who participate. They tend to stand on the sidelines and watch the parade of committed Christians fulfill their responsibilities.

Finally, each congregation has fringe members. Those members will be

seen only a few times a year. They have very few close relationships in the congregation. If they disagree with the elders on 1% of matters, they will leave the congregation.

There is a somewhat funny comment that has circulated for years in churches that goes, “The preacher does the work of elders, the elders do the work of deacons, and the deacons do nothing.” That shouldn't be the case in church leadership. Individual Christians shouldn't pass the buck either. Each one should commit themselves wholly to the work of Christ.

James Hayes

Pleasant View Proclaimer

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Influenced

In the latest edition of *National Geographic*, Stanford University microbiologist Nathan Wolfe shared some amazing facts concerning the things we breathe into our bodies. He noted a 2006 study by scientists at the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory which found that air samples collected from San Antonio and Austin, Texas harbored at least 1,800 distinct species of airborne bacteria. He then stated: "Dust from the deserts in China moves across the Pacific to North America and east to Europe, eventually circling the globe. Such dust clouds harbor bacteria and viruses from the soils where they originated, as well as other

microbes they pick up from the smoke of garbage fires or from the mist above the oceans they cross. Take a breath, and you sample the world."

That's what I call a small world. We cannot see the bacteria we breathe, so we don't think about it. Our bodies are designed to destroy harmful bacteria, so we don't think about protecting ourselves. So, we don't think about the harm, and we don't think about prevention...as we breathe in the bacteria of the world. It isn't until we become sick that we wish we had been more attentive to things that might hurt us physically.

We can "breathe in" things from around our world that could harm us spiritually as well.

Negative influences are all around us. Peter said that the devil "prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour" (1 Peter 5:8). If we refuse to acknowledge the devil's temptations, he will find a comfortable foothold in our lives. Eventually it will be easier to submit to him than to Christ.

"Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you" (James 4:7).

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- JW Head is still going through various health issues. Please no visitors at this time. Cards and phone calls would be appreciated.
- Remember the family of Brian Obendorfer. He is a neighbor of the Rose's. He was injured while serving in Afghanistan. His wife is 8 1/2 months pregnant.
- Also, Jay Newell is still recovering at home. A card or call would be appreciated.

Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—taborj@realtracs.com
Hillcrest Nursing Home Worship Today at 2:30

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Newell

Pray: Billingsley

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: Crabtree, Stuard, J. Walker

Pray: Rose