
Pleasant View church of Christ
2500 Highway 49 East
P.O. Box 189
Pleasant View, TN 37146

Sunday School: 9:30
A.M. Worship: 10:30
P.M. Worship: 6:00
Wednesday Bible Study: 7:00 pm
Phone: 924-9714

Ecclesiastes 5:2
“Do not be hasty in word or impulsive in thought to bring up a matter in the presence of God. For God is in heaven and you are on the earth; therefore let your words be few.”

“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 a deception.”

John Piper

“We should be more concerned with reaching the lost than pampering the saved.”

David McGee

Boring To One, Life-Changing To Another

Paul, who is considered by some to be the best preacher the world has ever known besides Jesus, was preaching in Troas. A man named Eutychus fell asleep while Paul was preaching and fell out of a third story window to his death. If someone can literally “fall” asleep while Paul is preaching, I suppose that it’s okay for someone to fall asleep while I am preaching.

There are many Eutychus’s in the world—those who are too tired for another sermon. They would rather sing, be sung to, watch a video, pray, or just skip the sermon altogether. To them, sermons are boring, a waste of time. “I can read the Bible on my own,” they say.

There are others who have a different perspective on preaching. They find preaching to be life-changing. They take notes during the sermon so they can refer to them later. They share sermon points with their friends at work. They are excited about seeing a passage of Scripture in a way that they had never seen it before. Sermons move them to be better Christians, and they are thankful for every opportunity they get to hear a gospel sermon.

The Bible puts great emphasis on preaching. Paul said that faith comes from hearing the word of Christ (Rom. 10:17). He also said that “God was well-pleased through the foolishness of the message preached

to save those who believe” (I Cor. 1:21). Jesus said that His primary objective was to preach (Matt. 4:23; Mark 1:38). Timothy was instructed to preach in a way that rebukes, reproves, and exhorts (II Tim. 4:2). God chose to communicate His message to the world this way.

Unfortunately, there are some preachers who do not preach the word accurately. And there are others whose own lives prevent the word from shining. But when God’s word is revealed by preachers as it is written, it changes the souls of man.

James Hayes

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Worry

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It has been said that worry is like a rocking chair—it gives you something to do, but it doesn't get you anywhere. We worry about what happened yesterday and what will happen tomorrow. We worry about our children and other people's children. We worry about our faith and other people's faith. We worry about money, jobs, and sports. We worry when people are talking about us, and we worry when people are *not* talking about us. We worry about our appearance; rather, we worry about what other people think of our appearance. We worry about getting sick, and then we worry while we're sick. We spend

a lot of our time worrying, but it doesn't produce any good in our lives.

Jesus addressed the issue of worry in the middle of the Sermon on the Mount. He said, "And who of you by being worried can add a single hour to his life?" (Matt. 6:27). This rhetorical question (a question that assumes an obvious answer) was asked in the middle of a lengthy discussion of worry. Jesus began this section of the sermon by establishing that God will provide us with the necessities of life. He goes on to say that we are more valuable than the birds, yet God provides for them. Later He said that Solomon didn't clothe him-

self as well as the lilies in the field, yet the lilies do not worry about their clothing. He concludes that section by saying that we should live one day at a time: "So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will take care of itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own" (Matt. 6:34).

Jesus also states: "But seek first His kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you" (Matt. 6:33). Jesus emphasizes two things here. First, we should think about pursuing righteousness above all else, and we should think about tomorrow...tomorrow.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- If you have any issues you would like for the men to discuss tonight, please inform David or Steve.
- Be making plans for VBS and our Gospel Meeting!
- The Rose's neighbor, Brian Obendorfer, is returning home from Afghanistan after injuring his back.
- Phil Green, H.C.'s son, has been ill lately, as well as Sue Clymore, Janet Tabor, JW Head, and Jay Newell.

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

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: F. Brown

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Shelton

Serve: Demonbreum, M. Newell, L. Newell

Pray: Baker