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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  
Phone: 924-9714

Deuteronomy 6:5-6  
“You shall love the Lord your  
God with all your heart and  
with all your soul and with  
all your might. These words,  
which I am commanding you  
today, shall be on your  
heart.”

*This week marks my two-year anniversary at Pleasant View. I want to say, “Thank you!” to everyone here for two years of support. I appreciate every prayer, meal, and kind word that has been extended to me. I am very blessed. Most of all, I appreciate the lifetime of work many of you have put into this congregation. Every soul at Pleasant View is vital to its success. May God bless us as we continue to strive to do His will.*

—James

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## Right Or Wrong?

If I were God, I would've guided men to write the Bible in a way that listed every imaginable sin. I would've given people a Bible that had two columns. At the top of one column, you'd see the word “RIGHT.” At the top of the other one, you'd see the word “WRONG.” Every time someone is about to post questionable material on Twitter, they could just look to see which column that post was in. Every time somebody was about to tell a joke, they could just find that joke in either the “RIGHT” or “WRONG” list. Easy. No moral dilemmas. No second-guessing.

But that's not how God designed the Bible. There is no doubt that the

Bible is full of direct, unambiguous commandments—the Ten Commandments, for example. The Bible is also full of general commandments that cover a myriad of choices we make. It is up to us to make the correct decisions in light of those principles.

One of those general commandments is this: “Therefore, to one who knows the right thing to do and does not do it, to him it is sin” (James 4:17). Also, Jesus said, “...love your enemies...” (Matt. 5:44). Within the framework of those commandments lie thousands of real-life scenarios. If we are honest with ourselves, we know exactly how to apply each of those commandments. We

are often faced with the “right thing to do,” and we don't do it. It is easy to give ourselves an excuse and say, “Well, I don't know what's right.” But you do know...you just don't want to do it.

“Love your enemies” is one of the shortest commandments in the New Testament, yet it's possibly the hardest to follow because we only want our enemies to suffer. Again, we could go through mental gymnastics in order to find a way to treat our enemies the way our emotions want us to, but that is a waste of time. Jesus told you what to do. Just do it.

James Hayes

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# Pleasant View Proclaimer

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## Opinions

**February 24, 2013**

**Issue 100**

In the February 24, 1964 edition of *Newsweek*, a music reviewer wrote this about a new band: “Visually they are a nightmare...musically they are a near-disaster...their lyrics (punctuated by nutty shouts of “yeah, yeah, yeah!”) are a catastrophe.” The writer was paid to give his opinion on that band, and we assume that he was considered to be an expert in the music field since he was writing for a prestigious magazine like *Newsweek*. But years later most people would strongly disagree with his assessment of The Beatles.

Exactly 49 years later, that reviewer is still right. *In his opinion*, The Beatles weren't

that great. He's not wrong today (if he's still living and still believes that), and he wasn't wrong then. There is no right and wrong in the world of opinions. An opinion is “a view, judgment, or appraisal formed in the mind about a particular matter” (Merriam-Webster). I won't eat raisins, ever. Other people love raisins. There has never been a single player in Major League Baseball history who has received 100 percent of the vote for the Hall of Fame. None. Zero. Not Babe Ruth, not Willie Mays, not Hank Aaron. As crazy as it might seem to most people, there were some voters who thought that those players

weren't good enough for the Hall of Fame. But that's okay. That's their opinion.

In the church, there is room for opinions. Paul wrote extensively on this in Romans 14. There is no place for opinions, however, when it comes to a command or a relevant example for us to follow in the New Testament. Problems arise when someone thinks that his/her opinion is sacred Scripture and that opinion causes disharmony in the church.

“So then we pursue the things that make for peace and the building up of one another” (Rom. 14:19).

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Mamie Hamilton has a sore hip and is taking tests.
- Landon Donkin has a torn labrum.
- Continue to remember Addie Farmer, J.W. Head and Faye, Mildred Walker, Jay Newell, and Carsyn Thronton.
- Directory correction: Tim Donkin's birthday is September 4.
- Question and Answer Sermon is tonight.
- March is a five-Sunday month!

**Vacation Bible School Will Be June 9-13!**

**Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—[taborj@realtracs.com](mailto:taborj@realtracs.com)**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: M. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: T. Walker

Serve: Demonbreum, Gupton, Brown

Pray: J.L. Shelton