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Pleasant View church of Christ  
2500 Highway 49 East  
P.O. Box 189  
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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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1 John 4:16

"We have come to know  
and have believed the love  
which God has for us. God is  
love, and the one who  
abides in love abides in  
God, and God abides in  
him."

*Here are a few (supposedly) true church bulletin  
mistakes:*

*"Applications are now being accepted for 2-year-  
old nursery workers."*

*"Don't let worry kill you—let the church help."*

*"When parking on the north side of the  
church, please remember to park on an angel."*

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## "I'm Not A Racist!"...Or Are You?

Steve Higginbotham is the preacher for the Karns church of Christ in Knoxville and one of the best writers on our brotherhood. Here is his latest email devotional in italics:

- *I'm not prejudiced, really. That's just the way I was brought up. I don't mean anything by it.*
- *I'm not prejudiced, really. I just don't want them moving next door.*
- *I'm not prejudiced, really. I just think they could thrive better if they had their own church.*
- *I'm not prejudiced, really. I don't mean anything by the jokes I tell. They're just jokes.*
- *I'm not prejudiced, really. There's*

*nothing wrong with those words. They're just too sensitive.*

- *I'm not prejudiced, really. I'm just not comfortable and don't feel safe around a group of them.*
- *I'm not prejudiced, really. I just think people ought to know their place and stick with their own kind.*
- *I'm not prejudiced, really. After all, the Bible's against the mixing of the races, right?*

*"My brethren, do not hold the faith of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory, with partiality...but if you show partiality, you commit sin, and are convicted by the law as transgressors" ([James 2:1,9](#)).*

*Racism and prejudice cannot be excused by our upbringing, defended by generali-*

*zations, or dismissed as a minor character flaw. God calls it a "SIN!"*

When we hear the word "racism," we typically think of white racism toward black people. But racism, by definition, is simply a negative characterization of one race toward another. Racism is wrong whether it is white to black, black to white, white to Hispanic, Hispanic to white, and so on. To believe in racial superiority is to believe that we are not all descendents of Adam and Eve and that God made some people superior to others. The Bible rejects both of those notions.

James Hayes

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# Pleasant View Proclaimer

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## Less Of Self And More Of Thee

**March 3, 2013**

**Issue 101**

Mario Balotelli, a striker for the Milan professional soccer team and the Italian national team, is good at what he does. He is an elite athlete who is playing against the highest level of competition. He thinks so much of his ability that he recently commissioned a local artist, Livio Scarpella, to build a statue of himself.

“The statue will be between the classic and pop style, in platinum and colored bronze with the eyes made of precious stones,” Scarpella said.

Such egotism is probably shocking to most people, but it shouldn't be. Twenty-first century Americans are self-obsessed, especially

young Americans. Even nationally known religious leaders have become more or less brand names, with their books, tweets, websites, blogs, etc. promoting every move they make. Politicians are often more concerned with reelection than doing their jobs. Great athletes will be promoted by the media no matter what, but even they can be unrelenting self-promoters.

All of this is the antithesis of Christian living. Jesus lived a life of selflessness. He often downplayed His gracious acts so that His ultimate mission would not be interrupted. Concerning the uncomfortable cost of discipleship, He warned, “The foxes have holes and

the birds of the air have nests, but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay His head” (Matt. 8:20). He was the man who washed the apostles feet shortly before they argued about which of them was the greatest. Even when faced with unspeakable torture, Jesus prayed that His Father's will be done, not His own will.

James 4:10: “Humble yourselves in the presence of the Lord, and He will lift you up.”

If you serve the Lord with humility, He will expand your borders.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Continue to remember those who cannot be with us due to extended illnesses: J.W. and Faye Head, Mildred Walker, Jay Newell, Maime Hamilton, and Addie Farmer.
- Carsyn Thornton continues to struggle physically.
- Kim Waller is having thyroid treatment again.
- March is a five-Sunday month. Remember our building fund contribution!

**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: M. Newell

Pray: Rose

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: Demonbreum, Stuard, J. Newell

Pray: Billingsley