
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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Psalm 90:2
“Before the mountains were
born, or you gave birth to
the earth and the world,
even from everlasting to
everlasting, You are God.”

*“Money has never made man happy, nor will it,
there is nothing in its nature to produce happi-
ness. The more of it one has the more one
wants.”*

Benjamin Franklin

*“Too many people spend money they haven’t
earned on things they don’t want to impress
people they don’t like.”*

Will Smith

Swallowed Up By Life

On the night of February 28, 36-year-old Jeff Bush went to bed thinking that he would see March 1. He didn't. In the middle of the night, Jeff's Tampa, Florida-area house sunk into the earth. Four other people were in the house, including a 2-year-old girl. All but Jeff escaped without serious injury. Jeff's bedroom was the center of the sinkhole—a soft spot in the earth where steady rains and cracked limestone create a giant depression. His body was never recovered. The 20ft. x 30ft. sinkhole became his grave.

I did not know Jeff Bush, so I cannot speak to the man's faith. Was he ready to die? Was he ready to meet his Maker? Did he ever obey the

gospel? What I do know is that he is no longer able to alter his spiritual condition. The Bible states plainly: “It is appointed once for man to die, and then comes the judgment” (Heb. 9:27). When the great separation happens, will Jeff Bush be a sheep or a goat?

At the end of II Corinthians 4, Paul makes a distinction between the temporal and the eternal. He begins chapter five by stating, “For we know that if the earthly tent which is our house is torn down, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.” He continues in verse 4: “For indeed while we are in this tent, we groan, being burdened,

because we do not want to be unclothed but to be clothed, so that what is mortal will be swallowed up in life.”

Jeff Bush's mortal was swallowed up in a sinkhole. All of his worldly possessions were crushed. His spirit left his body, and is currently being reserved for judgment. Did he receive life? Only the Lord knows. Can Jeff Bush's demise teach us a lot about life, death and judgment to come? Absolutely.

“You are just a vapor that appears for a little while and then vanishes away” (James 4:14).

James Hayes

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Consequences

In the final scene of Act I of *Macbeth*, the title character is considering his options. His wife is convinced that her husband will be the next King of Scotland based on various prophecies. She also believes that he will only become king if he assassinates the current monarch, King Duncan. Macbeth is considering whether or not murder is the only way to proceed. He says, "If it were done when it's done, then 'twere well/ It were done quickly." In other words, "If I have to do it, I need to do it quickly." But he was also fearful of the consequences of his act. "If the assassination could trammel [catch] up the consequence...this

blow/ Might be the be-all and the end-all here." Macbeth desired to commit a horrible act and be free of any consequences.

Have you even considered doing something wrong, hoping that you will never be held accountable? Sure you have. We all have. The "be-all, end-all" act doesn't exist. In science, Newton's Third Law of Motion affirms that with every action there is an equal and opposite reaction. The same is true spiritually: Nothing we say or do happens in an isolated bubble.

Paul taught the Galatians the principle of sowing and reaping: "Do not be deceived, God is not mocked;

for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap" (Gal. 6:7). In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus discussed the consequences of our actions. Concerning prayer, He said that we should forgive others before expecting God to forgive us (Matt. 5:12). Later, He said that when we judge others, the standard we use will be used on us (Matt. 7:1-5).

Our motivations should be pure and honorable at all times, so that we never fear the consequences of our actions: "Those who have wisdom will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven..." (Daniel 12:3).

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Addie Farmer is improving, but she hurt her arm last week.
- Sheila Crouch, Patricia Stroud's daughter, had cancer surgery on Thursday.
- Faye Waller will have surgery this Thursday.
- VBS will be June 9-13.
- Gospel Meeting with Joey Spann July 28-31.
- Continue to pray for J.W. Head and Carsyn Thornton.

Easter Egg Hunt, March 30 at 2:00 P.M. At Building
Please Email Janet Tabor With Church News—taborj@realtracs.com

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: Garrett

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Newell

Serve: Demonbreum, Reed, Stuard

Pray: Crabtree