

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Coming Out As A Christian

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Jason Collins is 7-feet tall. He played basketball for Stanford University before being the 18th pick in the 2001 NBA Draft. He is currently playing for his sixth NBA team, and this week he announced to the world that he is gay. His "coming out" was praised in most areas of our culture. White House spokesman Jay Carney said the White House "supports Collins and views his decision as another example of progress and evolution in the U.S. as Americans grow more accepting of gay rights and same-sex marriage." Former president Bill Clinton said, "Jason's announcement today is an important moment for

professional sports and in the history of the gay, lesbian, bisexual, and transgender community." Collins responded: "All the support I have received today is truly inspirational. I knew I was choosing the road less traveled but I'm not walking it alone."

Not everyone in popular culture was impressed with Collins' pronouncement. Chris Broussard, an NBA analyst for ESPN, was asked on TV what he thought of Collins' lifestyle. He said: "I'm a Christian. I don't believe in homosexuality. I think it's a sin, as I think all sex outside of marriage between a man and a woman is. If you're openly living in unrepentant sin...

that's walking in open rebellion to God and to Jesus Christ."

Collins proudly proclaimed his homosexuality and was praised. Broussard proudly proclaimed his belief in God's will and was strongly criticized. Michael Sherard, head of the ironically titled group "Faith America," urged his members to sign a petition urging ESPN to suspend Broussard for his comments, calling Broussard's thoughts "weapon(s) of anti-gay hatred."

The world continues to ignore God. Christians should stand for truth at all times.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- James is speaking at the Walnut Street church of Christ in Dickson this morning. He will be back tonight.
- Addie Farmer had shoulder surgery Tuesday at Vanderbilt. She is recovering well.
- Continue to remember the following people in your prayers: J.W. Head, Jessica Humston, Carsyn Thornton, Jay Newell, and Mildred Walker.
- Gospel Meeting, July 28-31.

Vacation Bible School—June 9-13...Classes For All Ages

Send News To Janet Tabor at taborj@realtracs.com

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Reed

Pray: T. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: Demonbreum, E. Walker, J. Newell

Pray: Crabtree

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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 33:8-9
“Let all the earth fear the
Lord; let all the inhabitants
of the world stand in awe of
Him. For He spoke, and it
was done; He commanded,
and it stood fast.”

*“I believe that God is managing affairs and that
He doesn’t need advice from me. With God in
charge, I believe everything will work out fro
the best in the end. So what is there to worry
about?”*

Henry Ford

*“Never give up and don’t ask “Why?” Not every
situation needs an answer.”*

Eric Davis

Easy Money

It looks so easy. All you have to do is spray the water into the clown’s mouth or hit the balloons with a dart or drop the ring onto the glass bottles. Those games at the fair offer a few minutes of fun, but sometimes the reward—an oversized stuffed bear or something like that—is elusive.

A 30-year-old man from Epsom, NH claimed to have blown his life savings on one of those games last week. In a matter of minutes, Henry Gribbohm spent \$300 trying to throw a ball into a basket so he could win an Xbox Kinect. He became frustrated, so he went home and got all the money he had in the world: \$2300. He returned to the carnival and blew ALL of that

money—his life savings was gone. Gribbohm went back the next day complaining that the game was rigged. The operator of that game gave him \$600 and a giant stuffed banana for his troubles, but Gribbohm is still not satisfied. He is still down \$2000.

“Foolish,” you say. And you’re right. How could someone be so wasteful? How could someone become so obsessed with winning a video game? Unfortunately, many people act just as foolishly every day. They don’t waste their money on rigged carnival games, but they waste their money on risky investments, get-rich-quick schemes, and overpriced “toys.”

Responsible stewards of God’s bless-

ings will view money as something that can provide food for their family, security for their future, and benevolence for the needy.

“For we brought nothing into the world, so we cannot take anything out of it either. If we have food and covering, with these we shall be content. But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction. For the love of money is the root of all sorts of evil, and some by longing for it have wandered away from the truth and pierced themselves with many griefs.” (I Tim. 6:7-10).

James Hayes
