

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Time To Worship

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In 2002, the Ohio State football team went 14-0 and won the national championship. I watched every game on TV that year; I even attended one game in Columbus. Even though they won every game, most of their games that season were nail-biters that came down to the final minute. One particular dramatic finish was against Purdue. I was watching the ending of that game at a nearly-empty Nashville restaurant, joined by one other anxious Buckeye fan who wandered in shortly after I arrived. When Ohio State scored the winning touchdown with about one minute left in the game, the other Ohio State fan and I

jumped up and cheered just as the restaurant manager walked by. Knowing how Ohio State was winning most of their games like that, the manager looked at us, shook his head, and said, "Another win. I guess y'all go to church."

Christians view worship attendance from many different perspectives. Some never miss a service—they are there every time the doors are open. Others are Sunday morning worshippers; they attend worship, but they rarely—if ever—attend Sunday School. And still others rarely attend any worship services or Bible studies, believing that Christian living has little or

nothing to do with being in a certain building at a certain time of day. So, who's right?

As we review everything that pertains to faith in Scripture, we see that first century Christians were very interested in assembling on the first day of the week (Acts 20:7; I Cor. 16:2). They did not see their faith as an individual pursuit; it was something that was done within a community of like-minded believers. The blessings we receive in worship cannot be found anywhere else. Why wouldn't you take advantage of those blessings?

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Our next big event at Pleasant View is our Gospel Meeting. Joey Spann, preacher and an elder for the Burnette Chapel church of Christ in Antioch, will be our speaker. He has been very involved in youth camps as well. He is the girls' basketball coach at Goodpasture. He speaks at many gospel meetings and other events throughout the year. Invite friends and family!

Building Fund Contribution TODAY! Gospel Meeting With Joey Spann Begins July 28

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School
Read: Buchanan
Pray: M. Newell

Morning Worship
Wait on the Table: Crabtree
Serve: Demonbreum, Trent, L. Newell
Pray: J. Newell

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

Psalm 67:1-2
“God be gracious to us and
bless us, and cause His face
to shine upon us—That your
way may be known on the
earth, Your salvation among
all nations.”

“The Bible is one of the greatest blessings bestowed by God upon the children of men. It has God for its author; salvation for its end, and truth without any mixture for its matter. It is all pure.”

John Locke

“Three things are necessary for the salvation of man: to know what we ought to believe; to know what he ought to desire; and to know what he ought to do.”

Thomas Aquinas

Who Is A “Good” Preacher?

I am not offended if someone sleeps during one of my sermons. Eutychus fell asleep during one of Paul’s sermons, and I am quite sure that Paul was a better preacher than me. I am also not offended if someone does not listen to my sermons. Many people refused to hear Jesus preach, and Jesus’ sermons were flawless. And I am not offended if someone rejects the truth that I preach, because millions have rejected the gospel for 2,000 years. Since the crowd’s response to a sermon does not determine the value of the preacher, what are the characteristics of a good preacher?

First, a good preacher uses the Bible as the basis for his teaching: “All

Scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, for training in righteousness” (II Tim. 3:16).

Second, he teaches the doctrines of Christ. Paul told Timothy that if “anyone advocates a different doctrine and does not agree with sound words, those of our Lord Jesus Christ, and with the doctrine conforming to godliness, he is conceited and understands nothing...” (I Tim. 6:3-4a).

Third, he challenges people: “Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort, with great patience and instruction” (II Tim. 4:2). Paul said that this must be done because men will

accumulate for themselves teachers who will not challenge them, men who teach things “in accordance with their own desires” (II Tim. 4:3).

Finally, good preachers must handle opposition well. Timothy was taught that the Lord’s “bond-servant must not be quarrelsome, but kind to all, able to teach, patient when wronged, with gentleness correcting those who are in opposition, if perhaps God may grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth” (II Tim. 2:24-25).

If all preachers keep those things in mind, our churches will be greatly blessed.

James Hayes
