

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

The Power of Words

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On October 30, 1938, Orson Welles narrated a radio drama on CBS Radio called *The War of the Worlds*. It was an adaptation of a book of the same name, and the plot involved an alien invasion of Earth. The story was told in a series of news bulletins, as if the story was taking place in real time. Adding to the drama was the fact that it was a "sustaining show," which means that it did not have any commercial breaks. Many people who tuned in after the show started thought that Martians had indeed landed in America, and they began to frantically call police departments and government agencies. The *New York*

Times headline the next day read, "Radio Listeners In Panic, Taking War Drama As Fact."

A similar incident occurred on August 11, 1984. As President Ronald Reagan was preparing for his weekly radio address on National Public Radio, he made a joke to the radio technicians into a live microphone. He said: "My Fellow Americans, I am pleased to tell you today that I've signed legislation that will outlaw Russia forever. We begin bombing in five minutes." Although Reagan thought that only the technicians heard him, he was wrong: His joke was taken seriously in Moscow. For 30 minutes, the Soviet

Far East Army was put on high alert.

Words are powerful. The half brother of Jesus said that "no one can tame the tongue; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison" (James 3:8). That verse might be confusing to you, but you'll prove it true for the rest of your life. Until you die, you will say things you shouldn't say. You will lie down at night and think, "I can't believe I said that!"

Think about the words you say and the way you say them. "Let your speech always be with grace..." (Col. 4:6).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Alyssa Pinkston was baptized two weeks ago. Her address is 5581 Higdon Rd. Joelton, TN 37080.
- Thanks to Kim Walker, Jeff Baker, and Eddie and Joyce Walker for contributing to the article about the church in the *Ashland City Times* and the *Robertson County Times*. The paper contacted Kim, then me, and so on. It was great, FREE, positive exposure for the congregation.

List For Items For Hillcrest Nursing Home On Back Wall Trunk or Treat Is This Wednesday Night After Church

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Terry Walker

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: Trent, Brown, Baker

Pray: C. Rose

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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 103:10-11
“He has not dealt with us
according to our sins, nor
rewarded us according to
our iniquities. For as high as
the heavens are above the
earth, so great is His
lovingkindness toward those
who fear Him.”

*“When it comes to developing character
strength, inner security and unique personal
and interpersonal talents and skills in a child,
no institution can or ever will compare with, or
effectively substitute for, the home’s potential
for positive influence.”*

Stephen Covey

*“A man travels the world over in search of what
he needs and returns home to find it.”*

George A. Moore

The Treasure

Last week 14-year-old Tana Clymer spent two hours searching through Crater of Diamonds State Park in Pike County, AR—the only public diamond mine in America—when she discovered a yellow teardrop-shaped diamond the size of a jelly bean. It weighed 3.85 carats, and she named it “God’s Jewel.” She hasn’t had the diamond appraised yet, but a similar diamond that was found at the park in 2006 was valued at just over \$30,000.

Discovery of valuable treasure brings to mind this two-verse parable from Jesus: “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant seeking fine pearls, and upon finding one pearl of great value, he went and

sold all that he had and bought it” (Matt. 13:45-46). This is one of many parables Jesus told about the kingdom of heaven in Matthew 13, and it coincides with the previous parable in verse 44 about the hidden treasure. Both parables teach the same eternal truth: Those who diligently seek the kingdom will find it, and, upon finding it, will consider everything else in life to be secondary to that treasure.

Unfortunately, some who find the treasure treat it like a Christmas present that is interesting and exciting for a while, but is eventually ignored as time goes by. Preachers have theorized as to why this happens. Some suggest that the person

was never really converted, that they were baptized for all the wrong reasons. Others say that the person simply did not understand what faithful living was all about. Still others say that the person never had a relationship with Jesus; he/she never appreciated the work of Christ. Whatever the reason, it is clear from these parables that the kingdom of heaven—and all that it contains—matters more than anything else in life. We should devote our lives to the King and His kingdom without wavering. We should be faithful until death in order to receive the crown of life (Rev. 2:10).

James Hayes
