

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## It Adds Up

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There is an American company that made \$6.8 million in profit last quarter, and it has a total revenue of \$114.2 million. That's not much profit compared to the billions that Apple, Exxon, and other massive companies make per quarter. But \$6.8 million of profit in three months is impressive considering that this company—Krispy Kreme—is selling doughnuts at \$0.79 a piece. Krispy Kreme would go out of business if it relied on a handful of people to buy thousands of doughnuts every day. Actually, the opposite must happen in order for the company to succeed: thousands of people must buy a few dough-

nuts every day.

Church work is not different. If a congregation relies on a few people to do all of the teaching, all of the benevolence, all of the visitation, and all of the outreach, that congregation will decline. But if everyone does something—just a little bit—the work and its effects will be multiplied.

Consider these passages: "If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But now God has placed the members, each one of them, in the body, just as He desired" (I Cor. 12:17-18). "... [We] are to grow up in all

aspects into Him who is the head, even Christ, from whom the whole body, being fitted and held together by what every joint supplies, according to the proper working of each individual part..." (Eph. 4:15-16).

The message is clear: Christians do not live on a spiritual island. Each one is vital to the work and growth of the church. God did not give each of us talents so that we would ignore and waste them.

What are you going to do this week to draw your congregation closer to God?

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- There are boxes in the back corner of the auditorium for Christmas cards. Just put the cards into an envelope and put them into the person's folder based on first letter of last name.
- Justin Newell accepted a job in Cookeville. Pray for his family's safe transition.
- Continue to remember Randy Gupton, Addie Farmer, Jessica Humston, Jay Newell, and Larry Crabtree.

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**Mens' Meeting Tonight at 5:00; Singing at 6:00**  
**Lunch Today At The Elementary School After Worship**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Billingsley

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Garrett

Serve: Stuard, Donkin, L. Newell

Pray: Brown

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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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Proverbs 15:1-2  
“A gentle answer turns away  
wrath, but a harsh word stirs  
up anger. The tongue of the  
wise makes knowledge  
acceptable, but the mouth of  
fools spouts folly.”

“While I know myself as a creation of God, I  
am also obligated to realize and remember that  
everyone else and everything else are also God’s  
creation.”

Maya Angelou

“It is impossible to account for the creation of  
the universe without the agency of a Supreme  
Being.”

George Washington

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## You Are Not The Audience

Worship is not for you. It seems like it is because people are doing things in front of you while you sit on a chair or a pew, watching everything happen. But it's not. The purpose of worshiping God has never been to please the worshiper; the purpose is to please God. He is the audience. Our purpose is to express our praise and adoration of Him.

But even though you are not the audience in worship, worship is for you. The apostle Paul went to great lengths to correct the worship errors in the Corinthian church. Those Christians misused their gifts, mistreated the Lord's Supper, and misunderstood their roles in worship. The conduct of the worshipers and

the content of the worship needed apostolic direction. Worship was not left up to the whims of the Christians.

Those who are firm in their mission to do Bible things in Bible ways must be sure that in doing so, Bible things are done with passion and purpose. If you want the next generation of Christians to rebel against biblical patterns of worship, then all you have to do is conduct worship in a half-hearted, ritualistic sort of way. The next generation will not understand people who, on the one hand, demand that the biblical model be followed in worship, but on the other hand, seem disinterested while they are following it.

Children watch you worship. If you don't sing, they won't sing. If your prayers are filled with “meaningless repetition,” so will theirs. If you are daydreaming during lessons, so will they. Then when the children reach college age, they will find worship to be hollow, and they will blame you and Scripture. They will say, “If that's how you interpret Scripture... if that's how you apply biblical texts about worship...then I won't follow that pattern. I'll do worship my way.”

Remember that you are not the audience in worship, and that your worship should be purposeful and meaningful.

James Hayes

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