

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

It Doesn't Take Much

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Wave: *verb*, "to move one's hand to and fro in greeting or as a signal"

When 84-year-old Tinney Davidson and her husband, Ken, moved to Comox, British Columbia in 2007, they noticed that teenagers walked by their house every morning on their way to school. So the Davidsons waved at them. And the kids waved back. Ken passed away a few years ago, but Tinney keeps waving at the children every morning and every afternoon. She loves it. And they love her.

On Valentine's Day, the school decided to thank Mrs. Davidson for her interest in them. They made a video presentation, pre-

sented her with a gift bag, and told her how much they appreciated her.

One student explained it simply: "You can always count on her to be that warm smile on a dreary day."

Mrs. Davidson could not adopt those children, give them money, or do their school work for them. But she did what she could do: She just waved at them. By committing herself to being a daily encourager, Tinney Davidson brightened the lives of hundreds of teenagers.

The world is filled with negativity. Information is easily accessible today through social media and

24-hour news, which gives us so many more opportunities to criticize. But fault-finding is not a fruit of the Spirit. We don't need more naysayers...we need more YAY-sayers. We need more Barnabases. We need more back patters and huggers. We need to rejoice more with those who rejoice.

Tinney Davidson is not long for this world, but her simple gesture will resonate in the lives of those teenagers for years to come.

"Let no unwholesome word proceed from your mouth, but only such a word as is good for edification..." (Eph. 4:29).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Please remember the following people in your prayers: Randy Gupton, Rick Reed, Addie Farmer, Mildred Walker, J.W. Head and Jay Newell.
- Dan Stockmeyer has been in the hospital for hernia surgery.
- March is a 5-Sunday month. Please be making plans to give liberally toward our building fund on March 30.

A.M. Sermon: All-Scripture Sermon on the Gospel
P.M. Sermon: Temptations That Older People Face

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Garrett

Serve: E. Walker, Stuard, Newell

Pray: Terry Walker

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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 139:13-14
"For You formed my inward
parts; You wove me in my
mother's womb. I will give
thanks to You, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made..."

"Be more concerned about your character than
your reputation, because your character is what
you really are, while your reputation is merely
what others think you are."

John Wooden

"It is amazing how much can be accomplished
when no one cares who gets the credit."

John Wooden

"If you don't have time to do it right, when will
you have time to do it over?"

John Wooden

The Power of Laughter

Laughter is powerful. Laughing at the right moment can lift everyone's spirit, but laughing at the wrong time can be emotionally devastating for everyone involved. Laughter's power is demonstrated four ways:

(1) Laughter can *deceive*. Proverbs 14:13: "Even in laughter the heart may ache, and the end of joy may be grief." The Bible makes it clear that laughter does not always represent happiness. At times, laughter is a defense mechanism, a way to give the world the impression that "everything is fine." When the war was going badly for the Union, Abraham Lincoln, who was known for telling funny anecdotes from his childhood, confided to a friend, "I

laugh to keep from crying, that is all, that is all."

(2) Laughter can *encourage*. I've never met anyone who said, "I love to be around somber people." Laughter bonds people together. We want to be around those who make us feel good.

(3) Laughter can *humiliate*. Laughing at someone is one of the meanest things someone can do. In those cases, laughter makes someone feel small and insignificant. The Bible never teaches us to belittle and disparage one another. Unfortunately, we rarely forget the times we were mocked.

(4) Laughter can *confirm*. Have you

ever noticed how easily the media will laugh at a celebrity when the celebrity is trying to be funny? Why do they do that? Because it is a way of telling the celebrity, "I'm on your side." Sometimes laughter is used as an endorsement of certain activity. When you were a child and you did something wrong under the guise of being funny, your parents weren't laughing. They knew that if they did laugh, they would be approving your behavior.

Laughter is a blessing from God. Let's be sure we use it correctly.

James Hayes
