

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Speak Clearly

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Yogi Berra was a catcher for the New York Yankees from 1946-1963. He was MVP of the American League three times, tying a record held by three others. But Berra was as popular off the field as he was on it due to his famous “Yogi-isms”—mangled phrases that had either had deep meanings or no meanings at all. His most famous was, “It ain’t over ‘til it’s over.” Others were: “90% of the game is half mental”; “Nobody goes there anymore; it’s too crowded.”; “You can observe a lot by watching.”; and, “If you don’t go to your friends’ funerals, they won’t go to yours.”

Our speech shouldn’t

sound like Yogi-isms. The purpose of speaking is to communicate, so no one will know what you want if you cannot speak well. We will be good communicators if we incorporate these principles into our speech:

(1). *Be direct.* I remember eating lunch with a man who said he had something important to discuss. After nearly two hours (!) of conversation, he said, “Now, let’s move on to what I wanted to talk about.” I was a little irritated that we had wasted so much time on frivolous matters. He needed to be more direct.

(2). *Tone matters too.* Being direct doesn’t mean that we can be impolite or disre-

spectful. The way we say things often matters as much as what we are saying. Some think that the loudest person should always get his way. But that shouldn’t be the case.

(3). *Avoid exaggeration.* Exaggeration sits on the doorstep of dishonesty. If you are known as someone who exaggerates often, you will likely also be considered by some to be a dishonest person.

Be direct. Watch your tone. Stick to the facts. If that’s the way you talk, you’ll be respected and trusted.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Randy Gupton and Chad Gupton are both recovering from the transplant surgeries.
- Congratulations to Josh and Elizabeth Demonbruem on the birth of Isabella Grace. She was born early Thursday morning, weighing a little over 6 lbs.
- Thanks to Mike Reed for organizing the Sounds game outing last night!
- Continue to pray for Bill Johnson, Addie Farmer, Jay Newell.

Hillcrest Nursing Home Worship at 2:30 Today

VBS Begins Next Week—6:00 Sunday, 7:00 P.M. Monday-Thursday

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: Demonbruem, M. Newell, Brown

Pray: Garrett

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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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Hebrews 12:11

“All discipline for the moment seems not to be joyful, but sorrowful; yet to those who have been trained by it, afterwards it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness.”

“If you surround yourself with the good and righteous, they can only raise you up. If you surround yourself with the others, they will drag you down into the doldrums of mediocrity, and they will keep you there, but only as long as you permit it.”

Mark Glamack

“I don’t know who my grandfather was; I am much more concerned to know who his grandson will be.”

Abraham Lincoln

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## Before And After Worship

Much attention has been given to what should happen when we worship. That’s good. God cares about how we worship and what we’re doing when we worship. But in order for proper worship to take place, we cannot simply focus on the hour or so when we are participating in worship. Productive, God-glorifying worship will happen when we pay attention to what happens before and after worship as well.

What do you do on Sunday morning before worship? What is the environment like at your house? Is there arguing and strife? Or is there peace? Are you rushed and anxious, or are you calm and collected? It would be difficult for someone to

worship well if he/she were consumed by worldly interests directly prior to worship.

We also must consider our demeanor after worship takes place. So many Christians say, “I didn’t get anything out of worship.” They say that because they didn’t take the experience out of the building and use it in their lives. I wonder how many people would know the subject of the sermon one hour after worship ended. It is easy to forget a lesson if you instantly shut off your mind to godly things as soon as the last “Amen” is said.

The book of Psalms contains many “songs of ascent”—songs that were sung as the people were going up to

worship. Surely their minds were prepared to worship after singing a song like this one in Psalm 123: “To You I lift up my eyes/O You who are enthroned in the heavens! Behold, as the eyes of the servant look to the hand of their master...so our eyes look to the Lord our God, Until He is gracious to us.”

When the early Christians met together and devoted themselves to the apostles teaching, the Bible says they were filled “with gladness and sincerity of heart” (Acts 2:46).

What we do before and after worship greatly affects the worship experience.

James Hayes

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