

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Huddle Up!

Emperor penguins are the tallest and heaviest of all penguins and are native to Antarctica. Even though they are accustomed to the icy conditions, there are times when the wind and snow is unbearable. So, without meetings, advertisements, or gimmicks, the penguins align themselves in a way that protects each one from temperatures that can dip to -60 degrees. They stand in tight huddles, and if one penguin moves just a few inches, the other penguins—sometimes numbering in the hundreds—shift instantly to fill the gap. What's more, when the shift happens, scientists have noticed that they shift in the most energy efficient

way—some slide sideways, others move front to back, some not at all. Each individual penguin knows that in order to keep warm, he/she must keep the others warm.

It is amazing what can be accomplished when the individual looks out for the needs of the group. The apostle Paul put it plainly: “Do nothing from selfishness or empty conceit, but with humility of mind regard one another as more important than yourselves; do not merely look out for your own personal interests, but also for the interest of others” (Phil. 2:3-4).

After Paul made that direct command, he used Jesus as

the perfect example for us to follow: “Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, but He emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men” (Phil. 2:5-7).

Selfishness is at the heart of every sin. Where selfishness reigns, heartache, conflict, and resentment are sure to follow. Unified congregations are those that have members who seek the interests of others before their own.

James Hayes

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### Items of Note:

- Mitch Newell had knee replacement surgery Thursday.
- J.R. Mitchell, the nephew of Canetha Walker, will have a heart procedure July 23.
- John Temple, the preacher at Scottsboro, had successful back surgery last week.
- Thank you to the Buchanans for hosting the youth devotional yesterday.
- Heather Mangold baby shower is July 12 at 1:00.

## Building Fund Contribution Is Today! Gospel Meeting Is July 27-30 With David Morris

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Terry Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Shelton

Serve: Demonbreum, L. Newell, J. Walker

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  
Phone: 924-9714

Psalm 68:19

“Blessed be the Lord, who  
daily bears our burden, the  
God who is our salvation.”

“A friend is someone who knows all about you  
and still loves you.”

Elbert Hubbard

“Seven deadly sins: Wealth without work; pleas-  
ure without conscience; science without human-  
ity; knowledge without character; politics with-  
out principle; commerce without morality; wor-  
ship without sacrifice.”

Mahatma Gandhi

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## The Desire To Be Mr. Hyde

Scottish author Robert Louis Stevenson wrote a novella titled *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, which was published in 1886. It is a story about Dr. Jekyll, a respected man in London, who wanted to indulge in anti-social behavior. So he concocted a potion that could transform his entire person—mind, body, and soul—into Mr. Hyde, a sociopath. That way Dr. Jekyll could perform his wicked deeds without detection.

His potion worked all too well. He was able to drink the potion and become Mr. Hyde and then morph back into Dr. Jekyll again, but eventually the potion lost its effectiveness. He remained in his Mr. Hyde persona much longer than he de-

sired. He knew that Mr. Hyde’s true identity would soon be discovered. Dr. Jekyll’s came to the conclusion that the only way to stop Mr. Hyde was to kill himself.

There are a lot of Dr. Jekylls in the world today—men and women who desire to live for the world one moment, and then quickly jump back into the ways of the Lord. But like Dr. Jekyll eventually realized, it becomes harder and harder to live in both worlds.

When Satan grabs you, he doesn’t want to let go. He wants to desensitize you. He wants you to think that the will of God is strange, abnormal, and boring. Once he has convinced you of that, you think that going

back to God is an impossible task. But it’s not.

The parable of the Prodigal Son teaches us that (1.) we spiral out of control when we give ourselves to the world’s standards of happiness, and (2.) we can return to God and be greeted by the open arms of our loving Father.

*The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde* doesn’t need to be the title of your biography. But it will be if your intentions are the same as Dr. Jekyll’s.

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