
Pleasant View church of Christ
2500 Highway 49 East
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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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On a church bulletin announcing that the preacher had recovered from an illness, was this: “GOD IS GOOD, Dr. Hargreaves is better.”

Also from a bulletin:

Don't let worry kill you—let the church help.

Proverbs 11:2
“When pride comes, then comes dishonor, but with the humble is wisdom.”

Finally:

Remember in your prayers all who are sick of the church and the community.

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...among whom also were Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris and others with them.”

What was true 2,000 years ago is true today. When you spread the word, some will reject it immediately, some will be somewhat interested, and others will believe. Preachers in particular need to remember that the same preacher who pierced the hearts of over 3,000 people at Pentecost (Acts 2) was the same preacher who was imprisoned for preaching, just two chapters later (Acts 4). Eutychus fell asleep listening to Paul preach (Acts 20:9). Jesus was regularly ignored and challenged throughout His ministry. Simply put: Our responsibility is to plant

the seed, not force the growth (I Cor. 3:6). I've never seen a farmer pull on his crops in an effort to help them grow faster.

May we never be discouraged when those around us do not respond to the gospel when we want them to. After all, Peter wrote that God Himself waits patiently for the lost to come to repentance (II Peter 3:9). But may we also should never rest from spreading the word. At the end of your life, wouldn't it be nice to look back and see the word of God spread over your neighborhood, your family, and your friends. It might not have grown and produced fruit, but it was still firmly planted by you. If that's the case, you won't

be ashamed to meet your Maker. You will have distributed what He gave you and honored the sacrifice of Christ. That's evangelism—just declaring your beliefs to those around you. And that's a “salvation issue.”

In the end, you will be able to echo Paul's sentiments: “I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing” (II Tim. 4:7-8).

James Hayes

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In the Parable of the Sower from Matthew 13, Jesus describes the different types of soil (the hearts of men) that the seed (the word of God) falls on. Some will hear the word but not understand it. Others will believe, but their faith will quickly fade as soon as persecution arises. Another group will be so involved with worldliness that their faith will become fruitless. Finally, there will be some who will understand the word and bear spiritual fruit.

In my favorite sermon in the Bible not preached by Jesus—Paul’s sermon on Mars Hill in Athens—Paul gave what many today would recognize as an invi-

tation. At the end of his sermon, he said, “Therefore having overlooked the times of ignorance, God is now declaring to men that all people everywhere should repent, because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead” (Acts 17:30-31).

That word fell on three types of soil that day, so it basically became a living example of Jesus’ parable.

Verse 32 states: “Now when they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some began to sneer...” They didn’t

understand it. To some religious leaders, like the Sadducees, and others, the resurrection was a preposterous notion. So they dismissed Paul’s sermon out of hand.

Verse 32 continues by stating, “...but others said, ‘We shall hear you again concerning this.’” Paul’s lesson wasn’t compelling to them. They had other interests. In today’s phrasing, it would be like someone saying, “I’ll get back to you on that.” Basic indifference.

Finally, verse 34 describes the good soil: “But some men joined him and believed...”

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Items of Note:

- Congratulations to all of our young people for their efforts last week in White House during Bible Bowl practice.
- Continue to pray for JW Head, J.R. Mitchell (who was recently taken to the hospital), Addie Farmer, Mildred Walker, the Newells, and Rick Reed. Also remember the conflicts in Ukraine, Israel, Ferguson, MO, and Iraq.
- Sunday Fun Day is today.

Building Fund Contribution Next Sunday Bible Bowl On September 6

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Terry Walker

Pray: E. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Walker

Serve: Demonbreum, L. Newell, Brown

Pray: Garrett