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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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Psalm 34:10  
“The young lions do lack and  
suffer hunger; but they who  
seek the Lord shall not be in  
want of any good thing.”

“Never put off till tomorrow what could be  
done day after tomorrow just as well.”

Mark Twain

“You may delay, but time will not.”

Benjamin Franklin

“A year from now you may wish you started to-  
day.”

Karen Lamb

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## Stretching The Mind

Our bodies were made to be used. All doctors will tell you the same thing: If any gland or organ of the body goes unused or underused, it is more likely to become infected or diseased. That’s why exercise is so beneficial. Not only are muscles, organs, and glands being used when we work out, but our brains are also activating hormones that regulate each system of the body, which in turn make us feel better.

Mental exercise isn’t discussed nearly as often as physical exercise, but it is just as profitable. For all the good that has come from technological advancements, there has been one glaring negative: We don’t have to think as much. Nearly any solu-

tion to a problem can be found on a 3-minute YouTube video or by searching Google. That quick access to information allows us to move quicker and do more things—which is great—but it doesn’t stretch our minds.

When it comes to Bible study, we need to stretch our minds. Many times throughout my 15 years of preaching, people have said, “I don’t understand Revelation.” But when I suggest that we spend an extended time studying the book, most will just roll their eyes and wish we studied something simpler. But the Bible teaches that there is no easy path to Bible knowledge: “Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as

a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth” (II Tim. 2:15). I am not saying we should be “open-minded,” which is usually just a code for “keep reading until you can validate what you want to do.” I mean study to grasp large concepts; study to memorize long passages; study to define unusual words; and study to be able to share those results with others. This means we must set aside time and be diligent in our work. You’ll always find the time to do what you *really* want to do.

You’ll be amazed at what you’ll find.

James Hayes

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# Pleasant View Proclaimer

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## Surely The Matter Has Become Known

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Moses was a murderer.

That fact gets lost in the burning bush, the exodus, and the receiving of the law on Mount Sinai. But it still happened. Moses, a Hebrew who was raised in an Egyptian house, saw an Egyptian abusing a fellow Hebrew. He looked both ways, then he killed the Egyptian. The next day, Moses saw two Hebrews fighting. When he tried to intervene, one Hebrew asked, "Who made you a prince or a judge over us? Are you intending to kill me as you killed the Egyptian?" (Ex. 2:14). Moses then made a profound statement: "Surely the matter has become known," and he fled to Midian.

Moses overestimated the magical powers of looking both ways. His sin still became known. But Moses wasn't the only person in Scripture who tried to get away with it. Adam tried to hide from God (Gen. 3:10). Cain played dumb (Gen. 4:9). Ananias and Sapphira tried to pull a fast one on the apostles (Acts 5:4). In every case, the matter still became known.

There are many sins that will go unnoticed by men, but they will never be concealed from God. Jeremiah 17:10 states: "I, the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind, even to give to each man according to his ways, according to the results of his deeds."

The fact that God sees all should not make us tremble. He not only knows our sins, but He also knows our private generosities and personal confessions (Matt. 6:4,6). We never have to introduce ourselves to God or convince Him that we are someone else. Therefore, He can be fully trusted.

"If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness" (I John 1:8-9).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Last Bible Bowl practice is today at 5:00.
- Thank you for your generosity concerning our building fund. This is a long process that first involves saving lot of money. Then we'll need to draw plans, hire a contractor, and so on. Step one—saving money—is going well. Keep up the good work!
- Remember JW Head, Mildred Walker, Rick Reed, JR Mitchell, and the Newells.

## Building Fund Contribution TODAY

**Bible Bowl This Saturday; Meet At Church Building Friday At 5:30**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Brown

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: Trent, Shelton, Reed

Pray: Baker