

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## They're Just Embarrassed

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What do you do when the college professor tells you that the world is billions of years old, and that the creation account in Genesis is fiction? How do you act when someone tells you that acapella singing in worship is just a "church of Christ tradition" that is outdated? Do you speak up or shut up when the world tells you you're strange because you abstain from pre-marital sex and drinking?

Over the last few decades (and possibly longer), some members of churches of Christ have waved a white flag of surrender on these and other issues. They're tired of being different. They're tired of explaining. So they gradually reshape

their personal beliefs and their church doctrines into a design that is more accommodating to the greater Christian world. If someone looks and acts like everyone else, it is impossible to be embarrassed.

This reshaping manifests itself in various ways. Some have taken the "of Christ" off of their church signs (leaving just "Such and Such Church"), or they have shrunk the lettering of "Church of Christ" to a size that can only be seen by Navy fighter pilots. Many of "our" colleges have also distanced themselves from churches of Christ by promoting and praising denominational scholars who have spent their lives reject-

ing restoration principles. Some churches have even resorted to worshiping in bars to show just how untraditional they are.

Paraphrasing Marshall Keeble, God doesn't want us to be judges, but He commands us to be fruit inspectors. When I see individuals and elderships wholeheartedly endorsing unbiblical behavior while claiming to love churches of Christ—churches that taught them the opposite of what they currently teach—I am disturbed. I am not supportive. And I am not embarrassed by churches of Christ.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Thank you to Terry and Kim Walker for hosting the youth devotional last night.
- Coopertown church of Christ Trunk-or-Treat this Saturday at 6:00. Games, chili, candy!
- Addie Farmer is still suffering from should/back discomfort.
- Remember Rick Reed, Judy York, Jay Newell, Bill Johnson, and Mildred Walker in your prayers.

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**Trunk-Or-Treat Tonight After Worship Service**  
**James' New Email Address: jamesfhayes77@gmail.com**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Brown

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Walker

Serve: JL Shelton, Trent, Garrett

Pray: Terry Walker

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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  
Phone: 924-9714

II Timothy 3:12-13  
“Indeed, all who desire to  
live godly in Christ Jesus will  
be persecuted. But evil men  
and imposters will proceed  
from bad to worse,  
deceiving and being  
deceived.”

“If you behave badly, repent, make what  
amends you can and address yourself to the task  
of behaving better next time. On no account  
brood over your wrongdoing. Rolling in the  
muck is not the best way of getting clean.”

Aldous Huxley

“If you are renewed by grace, and were to meet  
your old self, I am sure you would be very anx-  
ious to get out of his company.”

Charles Spurgeon

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## Quitting Is Underrated

“Winners never quit, and quitters  
never win.” “Real men don’t quit.”  
“Finish what you start.”

You have heard these phrases and  
many like them your whole life. For  
the most part, in the right context,  
they are absolutely true. But some-  
times there is nobility and wisdom  
in quitting.

We don’t need to look any farther  
than Jesus for our best example of  
proper quitting. You’re probably  
thinking, “What?!? Jesus wasn’t a  
quitter. He fulfilled everything He  
needed to do on earth. If He was a  
quitter, He wouldn’t have gone to  
the cross.” You’re right, but He was  
still a quitter. He quit every day.  
Every time He left one city to go

preach in another city, He was quit-  
ting one work to go do another.  
Every time He refused to heal a sick  
person, He was quitting. When He  
withdrew to a quiet place to pray,  
He was quitting whatever He was  
doing in order to spend time with  
His Father.

In 15 years of preaching, I have seen  
people inflict all kinds of undue  
harm upon themselves because they  
refused to quit. They have refused to  
leave abusive relationships. They  
have neglected to provide a better  
life for their families because they  
couldn’t bring themselves to quit a  
lower-paying job for a higher-paying  
job. They have received substandard  
medical treatment because they de-

cided that it was more noble to be  
loyal to a doctor than to get a second  
opinion.

Children should be trained to finish  
what they start. They have to be  
trained to endure hardship in order  
to obtain a lofty goal. But...adults  
have (hopefully) more information  
and maturity than children. Adults  
can see things from many perspec-  
tives. We should be able to distin-  
guish quitable things (jobs, doctors,  
etc.) from non-quirtable things  
(marriages, faithfulness, etc.).

Sometimes...every now and then...  
occasionally...it’s just good to quit  
and move on.

James Hayes

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