

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

The Only Way To Heaven

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Last week Californian Tony Hernandez heard a strange noise coming from his chimney. It sounded like a woman's voice, but it couldn't be, he thought. Sure enough, the cries were from his ex-wife, who had been stuck in his chimney most of the night. Failing to gain access into the house through the front door, shortly after midnight the desperate woman climbed onto the roof, took off her clothes, and tried to slide down the chimney. Her plan failed, of course. It took firemen over 2 hours to dismantle the chimney and free the woman. She had minor injuries and major embarrassment.

Ex-Mrs. Hernandez tried to

enter the house her way—a different, alternative, ill-advised way—and she failed to accomplish her goal.

Billions of people are trying to go to heaven every day. The Bible tells them the only way, the prescribed way, the God-designed way, but billions refuse to obey those directions. Instead, they chart their own course. Here are the typical avenues people take to get to heaven:

(1). *Their good works.* Some think that salvation is based on simply being a good person. Good people go to heaven, bad people go to hell, they think. But our good deeds did not send Jesus to earth to die on a

cross. All the good deeds in the world could not cover our sins. If they could, there would be no need for Jesus to be tortured and crucified—we could save ourselves.

(2). *Their sincerity.* Too many people believe the false notion that as long as someone is sincere in their beliefs, it doesn't matter what they believe. The Bible doesn't teach that, however.

(3). *Anyone but Jesus.* There are many false teachers in the world with many followers who attach their faith to them. But Jesus is the only way to God (John 14:6).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Karsyn Thornton can start receiving cards again. She likes ones with music or stickers. Send them to Team Karsyn, P.O. Box 120404, Nashville, TN 37212.
- Mildred Walker spent time in the hospital last week.
- Josh and Elizabeth Demonbruem have both been ill lately but are improving.
- Pray for Addie Farmer, Rick Reed, Maxine Hearn, the Newells.

Men's Meeting Tonight At 5:00; Singing Tonight At 6:00
Continue To Take Precautions To Avoid The Flu

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Reed

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: JL Shelton

Serve: Trent, Baker, Cartwright

Pray: M. Newell

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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

Isaiah 29:13

“Then the Lord said,
‘Because this people draw
near with their words and
honor Me with their lip
service, but they remove
their hearts from Me, and
their reverence for Me
consists of tradition learned
by rote...”

*“We can easily forgive a child who is afraid of
the dark; the real tragedy of life is when men
are afraid of the light.”*

Plato

“Without fear there cannot be courage.”

Christopher Paolini

Pecked To Death

A Madison, Wisconsin woman noticed a few scratches on her newly washed and waxed car on Monday. On Tuesday, there were more scratches, and they were deeper than the day before. It didn't take the woman long to figure out what was going on: A flock of turkeys were pecking on her car early in the morning; they fled when she walked outside. Evidently the turkeys saw their own reflection in the car, and they were doing their best to attack themselves.

Have you ever been constantly pecked by someone else? They won't leave you alone. They borrow a little money here, take too much of your time there, and then offer unsolic-

ited advice for everything you do. Emotionally, it's draining. It causes the relationship to die from a thousand pecks. So, how can you prevent being pecked to death?

(1). *Communicate.* Tact is the ability to make a point without making an enemy. If someone can't see how their pecking is hurting you, find a private moment to tell them. Avoidance doesn't solve any problem.

(2). *Avoid being readily available.* You have the right to your own time. You have responsibilities. Those around you need to know that they do not have the ultimate right to your time and energy. Establish boundaries in your relationships.

(3). *Learn to be a good receiver.* If you're the one who is always giving, turn the relationship into more than that. Expect the other person to contribute as much as you do. Ask the other person to help you when you're in trouble.

We also need to remember this: You might be pecked by someone who has real problems in their life. While he or she might be annoying, the root cause of the pecking could be something serious. Try to solve the disease first. Once the disease is cured, the pecking will stop.

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