

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

“If Anyone Suffers As A Christian...”

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The guilty verdict in the Scopes-Monkey Trial (1925), which publicized and confirmed Tennessee’s ban on the teaching of evolution in public schools, and Prohibition (1920-1933), the constitutional ban on the manufacturing, storage, and transportation of alcoholic beverages, are the two most significant faith-based legislative achievements in American history. But neither lasted long. Evolution is taught in public schools today, and alcohol is the social drug of choice in American culture.

Any time Christians unite to pass legislation that will move culture closer to the will of God, secularists, atheists, progressives, and

pragmatists rise up to defeat the initiative, either in the voting booth or in the court system. As a result, we live in an era of abortion-on-demand, no-fault divorce, gay marriage, legal marijuana, and easy access to pornography.

When Christians support legislation that bans or limits certain activity, their opponents—most of whom have little interest in faith outside of political discussions—instantly become experts in Christian doctrine. They claim to know what the Bible teaches on all matters. They are quick to quote Jesus (if His words are helpful to their cause) and denounce the words of His apostles (if their words

do not seem socially progressive). To the ignorant, their cause appears compassionate, compelling, and noble. The Christian is portrayed as mean and intolerant—the worst of all social sins.

In the public realm, the Christian will always be mocked. But we should still speak out when wrong is sold as right, or when people of faith are marginalized or muted.

“If anyone suffers as a Christian, he is not to be ashamed, but is to glorify God in this name” (I Peter 4:16).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Dana Newell's grandmother, Dorothy Rudinsky, passed away Friday. Visitation 4-7 today and 10-11 Monday. Funeral 1:00 Monday. All at Cheatham County Funeral Home.
- Thanks to Kim Walker for organizing the Easter Egg Hunt yesterday.
- VBS is scheduled for June 21-25.
- Our Gospel Meeting will be July 26-29. Tim Agee will be the speaker.

Hillcrest Nursing Home Worship Today At 2:30 See Kim Walker About Helping With VBS

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Billingsley

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Terry Walker

Serve: Trent, Reed, Demonbreum

Pray: Baker

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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

I Corinthians 15:58
“Therefore, my beloved
brethren, be steadfast,
immoveable, always
abounding in the work of the
Lord, knowing that your toil
is not in vain in the Lord.”

*“If man had his way, the plan of redemption
would be an endless and bloody conflict. In re-
ality, salvation was bought not by Jesus’ fist, but
by His mail-pierced hands; not by muscle but by
love; not by vengeance but by forgiveness; not
by force but by sacrifice. Jesus Christ our Lord
surrendered in order that He might win...”*

A.W. Tozer

Beware

The world is full of charlatans—greedy, manipulative criminals who prey upon the weak and ignorant. They care only for the contents of their wallets and the expansion of their egos. So, how can you tell the difference between a scam and a legitimate proposal?

(1) *Did you inquire about the item, or did someone approach you?* If someone knocked on your door or called you on the phone without any prompting from you, then there’s a chance you’re dealing with a scam. There are some legitimate businesses that still “cold call” people, but not many.

(2) *Are the promises too good to be true?*

Getting rich slowly is boring. But getting rich quick is exciting...so scammers prey on people’s desire for instant cash from little work. Ask yourself, “If this investment were so good, then why isn’t everybody doing it?”

(3) *Do you know anyone who has used the program? If so, how did they do?* A pyramid scheme once moved through my town. I talked about it with a friend of mine. He made this wise observation: “I’m going to wait a year. If all of these people are getting the returns that were promised, and they are still excited about the product, I’ll invest. If those things don’t happen, I’m no worse off.” Within just a few months, all of

those who were heavily involved in the pyramid dropped out of the program, after spending many hours making little to no profit.

Don’t believe the hype. Do your research. Ask questions. Seek advice from competent professionals. any major decisions without a full night’s sleep and a meal. The path to financial security is clearly defined and repeatable: Live on less than you make. Shop for the best deal. Pay with cash. Save for retirement. That formula isn’t exciting, and it might not make you rich. But you’ll be able to sleep at night, and you won’t feel manipulated.

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