

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Money Matters

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The Bible is not a science book, but it tells you how the world was made. The Bible is not a history book, but it describes the journey of God's people in history. The Bible is not an economics book, but it teaches us about the power of money.

It is almost like God put warning labels on each bill: "Be careful not to borrow too many of these" (Pro. 22:7). "Some people have completely abandoned their faith because they loved this" (I Tim. 6:10; Heb. 13:5). "Don't use this to manipulate desperate people" (Psalm 15:5). "If you get too many of these at once, they might ruin your life" (Prov. 13:11).

There are many fantastic resources available for those who are in desperate financial straits (like Dave Ramsey's program), but short of getting involved in an extensive program, here are some more things to keep in mind regarding money matters:

(1) *Get healthy.* Health care costs are soaring. Later in life, you will certainly need more medication, more rehab, and more doctor's visits. Better to spend a little more money now eating healthier and exercising than to hand your entire nest egg to your doctor 20 years from now.

(2) *Find extra sources of income.* If your buddy is about

to spend a lot of money having his car repaired, offer to do it for less (if you know how to, of course). Advertise your hobby online; you'd be surprised how many people would pay you for projects you've already completed. In other words, don't just see your primary job as your only means of income.

(3) *Always be saving.* Save for emergencies. Save for retirement. Save for obvious future expenses, like cars, Christmas, etc. A little bit goes a long way. As the adage goes, "Take care of the pennies and nickels, and the dollars will take care of themselves."

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- A few new directories are still available on the front pew.
- Thank you to those who participated in our annual singing Friday night.
- Faye Waller is recovering at home from a fall.
- Bill Johnson is still recovering from recent surgery.
- VBS is scheduled for June 21-25.
- Our Gospel Meeting will be July 26-29, with the Co-opertown church of Christ.

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## Dana Newell Was Baptized Thursday Night! If You Need To Be Baptized, Why Wait?

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: E. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Garrett

Serve: Demonbreum, L. Newell, Brown

Pray: M. Newell

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Sunday School: 9:30  
A.M. Worship: 10:30  
P.M. Worship: 6:00  
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Romans 5:1  
“Therefore, having been  
justified by faith, we have  
peace with God through our  
Lord Jesus Christ.”

*“Success is not final; failure is not fatal.: it is the  
courage to continue that counts.”*

*Winston Churchill*

*“Try not to become a man of success. Rather  
become a man of value.”*

*Albert Einstein*

*“Happiness is wanting what you get.”*

*W.P. Kinsella*

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## It's Never Just One Thing

A common mistake Bible students make is thinking there is one verse that explains everything we need to know about a particular topic. John 3:16 is fantastic, but it doesn't tell us everything about belief. Acts 2:38 is well-known, but it doesn't mention anything about confession. Hebrews 11:1 defines faith, but it doesn't teach us how to demonstrate it.

You've probably heard (or been in) an argument like this: “I don't need to be baptized. John 3:16 says nothing about it.”... “Well, I Peter 3:21, Acts 2:38 and other verses teach and demonstrate baptism.” ... “So?” And it goes on from there.

What's interesting is that neither person is wrong: The verses state

exactly what the person claims. The problem is that neither person appreciates the whole context of Scripture or the immediate context of Scripture. When we understand the whole context of Scripture—where all verses fit into the entire narrative of the Bible—we can see the value and purpose of each verse. When we notice the immediate context of Scripture—the book and chapter a particular verse is in—we get the fullest meaning of the verse.

The same principle applies to relationships. When two people are arguing, each one will try to make one event the core issue. They'll basically go back and forth, saying essentially, “No, THIS is the prob-

lem.” But the truth is, small, unresolved issues simmer over time until an explosion happens.

Just as we have to study the whole context and immediate context of Scripture to understand verses, we need to study the whole context and the immediate context of relationships in order to resolve disputes. We have to look at the entire relationship and the most recent events. We have to look at yesterday and today.

Have you ever felt like your biblical or personal disputes resolve nothing? Maybe your focus is too narrow. Remember context.

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