

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Fan Or Faithful?

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It's no secret: I am a huge Ohio State fan. When I see any Ohio State team on TV, I watch. I have attended a handful of men's basketball games on campus, and I have seen two football games in person. When discussing Ohio State games, I highlight the team's strengths and downplay its weaknesses. I buy their merchandise and memorabilia. I am crushed when they lose, and I am thrilled when they win.

The beauty of my Ohio State fandom is that the school has never asked me for anything. The teams demand nothing from me. I never made a public pronouncement when I started cheering for them, and they

would never know if I decided to be a fan of another school. My support of Ohio State is entirely my prerogative.

Unfortunately, some people are fans of Jesus. But He does not want you to be His fan; He wants you to be faithful. Teams serve the fans; Christians serve Jesus. Teams want to make the fans comfortable; Jesus demands sacrifice. Teams pander for the approval of fans; Christians long for the approval of Christ. Fans only cheer when times are good; Christians find good in bad times.

Are you a fan of Jesus, or are you a faithful disciple? Jesus is not seeking more

fans. The world is full of people who claim that Jesus was a good person who said a lot of good things, but they deny His divinity, reject His doctrines, and dismiss His commands. They're just fans.

Jesus needs more disciples. He needs more people to live for Him and deny this world.

"I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life that I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me" (Gal. 2:20).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Bill Johnson is in palliative care at Vanderbilt.
- Leon Salings, Elizabeth Demonbreum's grandfather, has improved.
- Kyle Reed is being treated for epilepsy.
- Sympathy extended to the family of Karsyn Thornton, who passed away last week.
- Continue to pray for Faye Waller, Addie Farmer, Mildred Walker, Judy York, and the Newells.

**We Still Have A Few Directories Available On The Front Pew
VBS Is June 21-25; Gospel Meeting With Coopertown Is July 26-29**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Reed

Pray: Buchanan

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: Trent, Demonbreum, Cartwright

Pray: Terry Walker

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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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*“Darkness cannot drive out darkness; only light
can do that. Hate cannot drive out hate: only
love can do that.”*

Martin Luther King, Jr.

“In time we hate that which we often fear.”

William Shakespeare

Proverbs 17:28
“Even a fool, when he keeps
silent, is considered wise;
when he closes his lips, he is
considered prudent.”

“Hate is too easy. Love takes courage.”

Hannah Harrington

The Right Side Of History

“You’re on the wrong side of history.” That phrase is used by many people as a conversation “stopper”—a way to say that traditional views are now passé, and that there’s nothing you can do to stop the things you oppose, whether that’s gay marriage, the proliferation of pornography, or the legalization of marijuana. History is moving forward, and you’re stuck in the past. It’s an adult way to say, “You’re not cool.”

Faithful people have been on the wrong side of history many times, but that doesn’t mean their views were wrong or even short-sighted.

(1) *Faithful people opposed illegitimacy.* When more and more unmarried couples began living together and

having children together, faithful people said, “No. This is not God’s design for families.” According to the CDC, 40 percent of all children born today are illegitimate. As that rate increases, so does the delinquency rate.

(2) *Faithful people opposed alcohol abortion.* Faithful people said that if abortion becomes a constitutional right, abortions would proliferate and be used as a means of birth control. Sixty million abortions later (since *Roe vs. Wade* in 1973), people of faith were right. Cultural progressives still defend killing the unborn while doing little to stem the tide of abortion.

(3) *Faithful people currently oppose gay marriage.* Same-sex marriage is not commended in Scripture. When Jesus was asked about divorce, He said that marriage begins when man leaves his father and mother and is joined to his wife. Scripture leaves no room for homosexual marriage or homosexuality to be acceptable behavior.

American society will continue to drift further away from godly behavior, even though their “progression” so far has led to increased delinquency, 60 million abortions, and homes where biological parents are absent. Being on the wrong side of history might not be cool, but sometimes it’s the right place to be.
