

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

This World Is Not My Home

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The United States of America is not the church. Read that sentence again. America has never even been an extension on the church. I know that because the church and the U.S.A. are different in many fundamental aspects.

*The church is comprised of the saved people of this earth, no matter where they may live. One can be a citizen of America, however, simply by being born in America or by being naturalized—going through a process to gain citizenship. So, the Lord adds people to the church. The government regulates who is a citizen of America.

*The church has no bor-

ders. America has borders.

*The church is governed by the New Testament (covenant). America is governed by its three branches—the executive, the legislative, and the judicial.

*The church was purchased by Jesus Christ, and He is the head of the church, so it is the church of Christ. America was founded by mere humans who were fleeing the oppressive bonds of the English crown.

*Being a member of the church affects one's eternal soul. Being a citizen of America has no effect on one's eternal destiny.

*The New Testament never changes. America's laws

change with every legislative session.

These differences are important to remember when we are disappointed with the cultural direction this country is taking. Our faith should not be tied to the shifting sand of American culture; it should be rooted in the Lord and His church. . Remember the old refrain, "This world is not my home, I'm just a-passin' through..."

"For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ" (Phil. 3:20).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Sign up for a Sounds game on the back wall. The game is on Saturday, July 18. Please sign up by Wednesday. We will do door knocking in Pleasant View before the game for the Gospel Meeting.
- Bible Bowl practice will start next Sunday (July 12) at 5:00.
- Remember JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, the Newells, Judy York, Leon Salings, and Rick Reed.

**Gospel Meeting Begins July 26 at 6:00 P.M. At Coopertown
We Will Have Ice Cream After Church That Night; Bring Your Favorite!**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: L. Newell

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: Demonbreum, Terry Walker, Gupton

Pray: Reed

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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 Samuel 2:2
“There is no one holy like the
Lord, indeed, there is no one
besides you, nor is there any
rock like our God.”

*“The man who is right is a majority. We, who
have God and conscience on our side, have a
majority against the universe.”*

Frederick Douglas

*“It is necessary for the welfare of the nation that
men’s lives be based on the principles of the Bi-
ble. No man, educated or uneducated, can af-
ford to be ignorant of the Bible.”*

Theodore Roosevelt

A Fair Fight

How many arguments have you participated in? The universal answer to that question is: “Too many.” No one really *likes* to argue. Even those who have short fuses and long tempers would rather be doing something else. But we argue anyway. We defend our opinions to the bitter end. Here are few things to think about when you engage in any dispute:

- (1). *Stick to the subject.* Don’t waste time talking about fringe matters. Cut to the chase.
- (2). *Be honest.* Respect the other person enough to tell them the truth.
- (3). *Keeping record is not keeping score.* If you make a claim, be prepared to

defend it with facts. The other person might accuse you of keeping score of offenses, but that’s not what you’re doing. You’re simply supporting your position.

- (4). *Lower the volume.* Children think they can get their way by screaming as loud as possible. Adults shouldn’t rely on childish tactics to get their point across.
- (5). *Having the last word doesn’t mean you’re right.* Some people will just keep saying things in order to have the last word. They think that’s an intellectual victory. But it’s not. It just means the other person is tired of arguing.
- (6). *Don’t let an argument ruin a rela-*

tionship. Every relationship has its share of arguments. When doors are slammed and phrases like “I’ll never...” are used, a relationship can be ruined. Endeavor to have fair fights.

Lastly, do everything you can do to avoid fights altogether. Salvage whatever amount of humility you have and be the bigger person. After all, it’s our pride that causes the arguments in the first place.

“What is the source of quarrels and conflicts among you? Is not the source your pleasures that wage war in your members?” (James 4:1).

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