

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## A Big Fan

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If you removed sweet tea and college football from the South, Southerners wouldn't know what to drink or talk about. This past week marked the beginning of college football and the beginning of the craziness of college football fans. Many preachers, fans, and casual observers have noticed that the growth of online social media has fueled the fanatic fire of our culture to a point where an enjoyable pastime has become a relationship-ending, name-calling war, with no end in sight.

On that point, I agree: Many times the intensity is too severe. But should we all suppress our fandom to the point where all we talk

about online or otherwise is our faith and our children—two benign subjects? I think there is a middle ground available. Consider these suggestions (ones which I often have to remember):

(1). *Avoid personal attacks.* Fans take their teams and their players *very* seriously. After all, they've invested lots of time and money into their teams. So, after a bad loss, don't call your buddy and remind him his team lost. Let him breathe. Give him some time. Congratulate the wins. Don't mock the losses.

(2). *You meet the same people on the way down as you met on the way up.* If your team

is flying high today, history has shown that those teams will likely lose a game—or many games—eventually. Bragging about your team will produce a big plate of crow in the future.

(3). *Calm down.* This is a trite statement, but true nevertheless: It's just a game. Unless you're the coach or one of the players, the success or failure of your favorite team shouldn't dramatically affect your life at all.

Use sports as an excuse to hang out with your friends and family and have a good time. Don't let it become more than that.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Bible Bowl practice tonight at 5:00. Bible Bowl is this Saturday. We'll leave the parking lot here at 5:30 Friday. For any more details, see Patsy Newell.
- Bill Johnson is comfortable at Donnie and Kristine's house. Please send notes or food there.
- Remember JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Rick Reed, David Johnson, and the Newells in your prayers.

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**Shelby Hovis Was Baptized Friday Afternoon!**  
**Thank You For Your Generosity Toward The Building Fund Last Week**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Garrett

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: L. Newell, Demonbreum, Hovis

Pray: JL Shelton

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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

*“It takes a great deal of bravery to stand up to  
your enemies, but just as much to stand up to  
your friends.”*

*J.K. Rowling*

Psalm 119:143  
“Trouble and anguish have  
come upon me, yet your  
commandments are my  
delight.”

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

*Winston Churchill*

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## Hypocrite Or Committed?

Kim Davis is the County Clerk of Rowan County, Kentucky, and she is currently in jail for refusing to issue a marriage license to a gay couple. She refused to do so because—as she told the gay couple—it was against “God’s authority”; therefore, as a Christian, she was bound by faith to refuse the license. A judge ruled that she was also bound to uphold the law, which she has sworn to do as a government official. So there is the conflict.

But there is another issue at hand: the definition of hypocrisy. Kim Davis has been married three times. She has had two children out of wedlock. The media was quick to point out these facts in the wake of

Mrs. Davis’s defiance. Many questioned how a woman who seems to have little regard for God’s laws on marriage and family in her own life be so indignant about gay marriage. You can’t pick and choose the parts of God’s laws that are acceptable for you but unacceptable for others. Plus, didn’t Jesus say that if you’re going to remove the speck from someone else’s eye, you should first remove the plank from your own eye? Yes, He did.

But what the media and the cultural progressives refuse to acknowledge is that Mrs. Davis already removed her plank. She is not a member of the church (she attends an Apostolic Church), but her previous marriage

failings and poor decisions happened at a time in her life when she did not know God. She is now committed herself to practicing her faith.

Is Mrs. Davis the best person to be taking this stand? Probably not: Her past will be too confusing to the unchurched. But what is even more confusing to the lost is the notion of forgiveness, the idea that one can lead a life in complete rebellion to God’s laws and yet be changed and find grace and forgiveness. Hopefully Mrs. Davis’s change included (or will include) everything God has said regarding salvation, but nonetheless, she has taken a huge step in the direction of God.

James Hayes

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