

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Do It

A study showed that 38 percent of the roads in Michigan were in poor condition, and a few residents of Hamtramck, MI were tired of waiting for their roads to be fixed. So in late July a group who called themselves “The Hamtramck Guerilla Road Crew” (HGRC) bought bags of cold patch and started filling potholes around town. Over the course of five weekends, the HGRC filled all the potholes within 41 residential blocks. Over time, dozens of volunteers joined the effort and raised \$4410 to keep the work alive.

The HGRC didn't *have* to do that. They could've just talked about the problem.

They could've blamed the politicians. But they chose to be an active part of the solution.

Legendary NBA great Larry Bird said: “People who have the least to do with the success of a team often have the most to say about it.” The same can be said of any group, even churches. Those who are doing everything within their power to help the church succeed rarely talk about the things that need to be improved; they just get to work. Those who talk about the things that need to be fixed rarely make any effort to solve the problem.

Shortly before Jesus instituted the Lord's Supper, a

woman entered the house of Simon the leper and poured expensive perfume over Jesus' head. Some of Jesus' apostles rebuked her, but Jesus commended her act. One thing Jesus said about her should be said of all of us: “She has done what she could” (Mark 14:8). The woman didn't talk about anointing Jesus. She didn't reserve her perfume for another occasion. She saw an opportunity to serve Jesus, and she took it.

May we all take advantage of opportunities to serve Jesus by serving others... and fix problems that we can fix.

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Bill Johnson had a rough week. Keep him in your prayers.
- Thank you to all those who prepared food last week for the fellowship.
- Remember Avery Shipman of the Stroudsville church. He attempted suicide two weeks ago.
- Mitch Newell had a reaction to medication this week, but is improving.
- Paula Lee began stem cell treatment this week.

**There Are Calendars Available On The Front Row
Pray For Our Missionaries—John Kachelman and Jim Waldron**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: Billingsley

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: Trent, Hovis, J. Walker

Pray: Cartwright

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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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*“That which does not kill us ...makes us
stronger.”*

Friedrich Nietzsche

*“The weak can never forgive. Forgiveness is an
attribute of the strong.”*

Mahatma Gandhi

Psalm 139:13-14
“For You formed me in my
inward parts; You wove me
in my mother’s womb. I will
give thanks to You, for I am
fearfully and wonderfully
made...”

How To Raise A Delinquent Child

The Houston, TX police department once issued a press release titled, “How To Raise A Delinquent Child.” Here were the eight steps they noted:

- (1). *Beginning at infancy, give the child everything he wants.* This will create perpetual childishness and give the child a sense that the world owes him things.
- (2). *Laugh when he says cuss words and insults people.* Children receive confirmation through laughter. A child repeats whatever a parent approves.
- (3). *In spiritual training, always tell him to “decide for himself.”* Believe the myth that parents should guide their children in everything but faith.

“Decide for yourself” can be translated by the child as “It doesn’t matter.”

- (4). *Never say your child is wrong.* Assume that the teacher is treating your child unfairly. If the coach doesn’t play your child the amount of minutes you think he deserves, accuse the coach of favoritism.
- (5). *Clean up all of his messes.* Clean his room for him. Pick up his toys. Never make him responsible for the consequences of his actions.
- (6). *Make sure his skin is clean, but allow garbage to enter his mind.* Don’t monitor his computer activity, his text messages, or the shows and movies he watches.

(7). *Fight in front of your children.* That way the child will think that screaming is a way to solve problems.

(8). *Never teach him the value of money.* Become an ATM for your child, even after he has the ability to earn his own money.

Our culture does not need another spoiled brat. It needs young men and women who have high moral standards. It needs young people who accept responsibility for their actions, who work hard, and who fear God. That type of young person doesn’t happen by accident. Godly, dedicated parents train their children to be that type of person.

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