

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Just Five More Minutes (Anonymous Author)

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The radio blaring startled me awake. Just five more minutes, I told myself, as I banged around on the head board and finally found the snooze button. Four times, I said, “just five more minutes” – only my snooze alarm is random – it goes off at intervals everywhere from five to nine minutes. Suddenly, it was 33 minutes later than I was supposed to get up and I was in a panic. I wondered this morning how often God had been calling me and I hit my internal snooze button instead. Just wait a little longer God, just a little longer, just a little longer. Suddenly, I’m running way behind and I missed out on

the opportunity to listen or to serve. God puts someone on my heart and says, “Give them a call” or “Drop them a note.” I reply, “Okay God, just as soon as I ...”; and then it’s weeks later. I find out that in the interim, they had been going through a crisis time and really could have used some encouragement. We all do it, don’t we? I think I do it less now than I used to earlier in my Christian walk, but I’m far from perfect. I’m so glad that He is a loving, patient and merciful God. He’s used to people putting other things ahead of time with Him or in obedience to Him. Once when Jesus and His disciples were on their way,

he came to a village where a woman named Martha opened her home to Him. She had a sister called Mary, who sat at the Lord’s feet listening to He said. But Martha was distracted by all of the preparations that had to be made. She came to Him and asked, “*Lord, don’t you care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her to help me!*” The Lord answered, “*Martha, Martha, you are worried and upset about many things, but only one thing is needed. Mary has chosen what is better, and it will not be taken away from her*” (Luke 10:38-42). When will you and I make time to listen and obey?

### Items of Note:

- Bill Johnson went back to Vandy last week. He’s now at Donnie’s resting.
- Continue to remember these in your prayers: JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Rick Reed, the Newells, David Johnson, Judy York, Paula Lee, John Kachelman, and Jim Waldron.
- If you have any issues that need to be discussed in the men’s meeting, please submit those to David.

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**Men’s Meeting Tonight At 5:00 P.M.  
Singing Tonight At 6:00 P.M.**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Billingsley

Pray: JL Shelton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Baker

Serve: Simpkins, Demonbreum, Hovis

Pray: M. Newell

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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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II Thessalonians 3:5  
“May the Lord direct your  
hearts into the love of God  
and into the steadfastness of  
Christ.”

*“Eat healthily, sleep well, breathe deeply, move  
harmoniously.”*

*Jean-Pierre Barral*

*“It’s true that laughter really is cheap medicine.  
It’s a prescription anyone can afford. And best  
of all, you can fill it right now.”*

*Steve Goodier*

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## When We Disagree, By Wes McAdams

The fact that those claiming to be Christians are no longer killing one another over doctrinal disagreements shows great progress. However, there are still times when those of us who name the name of Christ are *wrong* in the way we stand up for what we believe is right. Here are some things to consider.

### 1. When We’re Always in “Attack Mode”

For some of us “attack mode” seems to be our default setting. We treat every matter of disagreement like a matter of life and death. When our brethren offer a slightly different view on a matter, no matter what it is, we talk to them like they’ve denied the deity of Christ.

Of course living in attack mode is a failure to recognize that Jesus said **some matters are “weightier than others”** (Matthew 23:23). Paul dealt extensively with the fact that some matters are matters of conscience and opinion (1 Corinthians 8; Romans 14).

### 2. When We Treat Everyone Like “False Prophets”

When someone has the audacity to chide us for being too harsh in our treatment of those with whom we disagree, we often cite Jesus’ treatment of the religious leaders of His day. Jesus used some pretty harsh language when he called the Pharisees a “brood of vipers” (Matthew 12:34). I think it needs to be said

that **Jesus could read people’s thoughts**(Matthew 9:4). You and I don’t have that luxury. Jesus knew that the Pharisees, and other religious leaders of His day, were **power-hungry murderers**.

### 3. When We Are Rude

Whether online or in person, **there is no excuse for Christians behaving rudely**. I usually cringe when I read comments online. And sadly, I often agree with a person’s position, while being repulsed by their vitriol. In other words, I believe they are right in what they are saying, but wrong in the way they are saying it.