

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Traditions

My great-grandfather refused to buy cars with automatic transmissions, mainly because he was frugal and manual transmissions (“stick shifts”) got better gas mileage. Many drivers of his generation felt the same way, and there are drivers today who prefer the stick shift for a number of valid reasons. But an overwhelming majority of drivers prefer automatics. According to Zusha Elinson of the *Wall Street Journal*, 35 % of new cars manufactured in 1980 had manual transmissions; today, only 7% of new cars have stick shifts. The change has happened for two reasons: First, automatic transmissions have become more fuel efficient

over the years, which negates any gas mileage advantage of the stick shift. The second reason is more obvious: Clay Voorhees of Michigan State University said, “Driving a manual is going to make you less able to text or check your phone.” That’s an issue my great-grandfather never dealt with.

Ultimately, what you drive is your preference. You’re paying for the gasoline, the insurance, and the car itself. The Bible doesn’t tell you which car to buy.

In church matters, sometimes congregations shift (pun intended) from doing things one way to doing things another way. When

change is proposed, elders and church leaders must ask, “Are we changing a congregational tradition or an apostolic tradition?” We’re allowed—as autonomous congregations—to change congregational traditions, whether it’s times of services, numbers of classes, the building we meet in, etc. We are not allowed to change what was handed down from Jesus to the apostles to us.

“The things which you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses, entrust these to faithful men who will be able to teach others also” (II Tim. 2:2).

James Hayes

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Items of Note:

- Randy Baker got a report this week that was better than expected. Treatment options are still being discussed. Continue to pray for him.
- Addie Farmer is recovering from an outpatient surgery.
- Debbie Simpkins is battling a case of shingles on her head.
- Peggy Badders, a friend of Canetha Walker from Texas, requests our prayers for a serious illness.

Happy Haven Contribution Today Building Fund Contribution In Two Weeks

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Terry Walker

Pray: JL Shelton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Billingsley

Serve: Demonbreum, E. Simpkins, J. Walker

Pray: Brown

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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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Proverbs 21:2
“Every man’s way is right in
his own eyes, but the Lord
weighs the hearts.”

“You cannot find peace by avoiding life.”

Virginia Woolf

“Nobody can hurt me without my permission.”

Gandhi

*“You can choose to look the other way but you
can never say again that you did not know.”*

William Wilberforce

Involvement

Nine-year-old Jimmy Wilkinson was playing on a pier on Lake Ontario when he slipped and fell into the lake. According to the *The Calgary Herald*, 20 men were within ear-shot of a nearby girl who was screaming for help, but none of the fishermen did anything. When police arrived, it only took them six minutes to retrieve Wilkinson’s lifeless body.

That story is similar to the famous Kitty Genovese case. Walking home from work in Brooklyn, NY on March 13, 1964, Genovese was attacked by Winston Moseley and stabbed to death. The stabbing happened in the middle of the night when the streets were quiet. Genovese screamed for help for several

minutes. Her screams forced Moseley to run away, but he returned several minutes later to finish the job. Supposedly 37 people in the surrounding apartment complexes heard Genovese’s screams, but no one called the police. Some said they didn’t want to get involved; others assumed someone else would help.

Christians often believe the “Someone else will do it” philosophy. If there is a problem in the church, someone else will resolve it. If there is class that needs to be taught, someone else will teach it. If there is a responsibility that only men can fulfill, other men will do it. And so on. Mothers and fathers have even abandoned their families

assuming that the government will provide for the family’s needs.

You have the responsibility to bear your own load (Gal. 6:5), provide for your own family (1 Tim. 5:8), attend to your own business (1 Thess. 4:11), and *use* the gifts God has given you (Rom. 12:6). You cannot delegate your God-given responsibilities to someone else. You must get involved. Others cannot live your faith for you. You must *live* out your faith. You will stand before the Lord one day to give an account for what *you* have done...not give an account of what you expected others to do for you.

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