

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## It's Not God's Fault

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If one is eternally lost it will not be God's fault! He gave His Son as the atoning sacrifice for our sins and He gave us His inspired word that we might know what to do to be saved. The Bible is available in many languages and versions. One can read it on his computer, cell phone, or iPad. It is available in bookstores, at WalMart, and other retail outlets. One is without excuse for not knowing what to do to be saved from eternal torment and to have eternal life in heaven.

\* If one does not come to faith in God, whose fault is that? (Genesis 1:1; Psalm 19:1; Romans 1:18-20; Hebrews 11:6).

\* If one does not come to faith in Christ as the Son of God, whose fault is that? (John 3:16; 8:24; 14:6; 20:30-31).

\* If one does not repent of his or her sins, whose fault is that? (Luke 13:3, 5; Acts 3:19; 17:30-31).

\* If one does not confess faith in Christ, whose fault is that? (Matthew 10:32-33; Acts 8:37 [KJV]; Romans 10:9-10).

\* If one is not baptized for the remission of sins, whose fault is that? (Mark 16:16; Acts 2:38; 22:16; 1 Peter 3:21).

\* If one does not know that neither sprinkling nor pouring but only immersion constitutes scriptural

baptism, whose fault is that? (Acts 8:36-39; Romans 6:3-4; Colossians 2:12).

\* If one does not know that he is to worship God "in spirit and truth," whose fault is that? (John 4:24).

\* If one does not know that Christians should eat the Lord's Supper every first day of the week, whose fault is that? (Acts 20:7).

\* If one does not know that the church is the spiritual body of Christ and that there is but one body (church), whose fault is that? (Colossians 1:18; Ephesians 1:22-23; 4:4).

Hugh Fulford

### Items of Note:

- James appreciates the calls and cards concerning his health. His arm is much better and his voice has returned.
- A new curriculum is beginning in the cradle roll class. Be sure to bring your babies!
- Continue to remember Janet Tabor, JW Head, the Newells, Rick Reed, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Paula Lee, and all those suffering in civil wars and terrorism.

**A.M. Sermon: All-Scripture Sermon**  
**P.M. Sermon: "You Shall Not Commit Adultery"**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School  
Read: JL Shelton  
Pray: Hovis

Morning Worship  
Wait on the Table: Garrett  
Serve: L. Newell, Terry Walker, J Walker  
Pray: Billingsley

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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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I Corinthians 13:2  
"If I have the gift of  
prophecy, and I know all  
mysteries and all  
knowledge; and if I have all  
faith, so as to move  
mountains, but do not have  
love, I am nothing."

*"Anger carries a person in their mind forever,  
whether you choose to speak to them or not.  
Therefore, don't mistake prosperity or accom-  
plishments as resolution. You can't escape what  
you will not deal with. The day you can stand in  
the room with someone and not be affected is  
the day you truly moved on."*

*Shannon Alder*

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## Unintended Consequences

On July 7, 2011 the Oakland A's were playing the Texas Rangers. In the second inning, one of the A's hit a foul ball that went into the stands, then bounced back onto the field. So as a friendly gesture, Ranger's outfielder, Josh Hamilton picked up the ball and tossed it to a fan in the stands. Hamilton's toss was a little short, causing the man to lean over the railing in an attempt to catch the ball. Unfortunately, this caused the man to lose his balance, topple over the railing and fall head first to his death. I can only imagine how badly Josh Hamilton feels. Although he intended no harm to this fan, his action resulted in the death of this man.

As I have listened to the news reporters and sportscasters comment on this sad event over the weekend, I couldn't help but think of a spiritual application. For how many times does this very thing happen in our homes and in our churches. How many fathers and mothers will make spiritual decisions that are not intended to harm their children, but they do that very thing. A period of "spiritual slumber" for mom and dad results in the unintended faithlessness of their children. Harsh words, judgmental attitudes, and a critical spirit unintentionally sours a child, spouse, or neighbor and they rebel against what they're told is "Christianity." Friends, no man lives

to himself, and no man dies to himself (Romans 14:7). We all influence other people for the better or for the worse. Give diligence to make sure that the choices you make in life don't have unintended consequences that will haunt you later.

Steve Higginbotham

*(As we begin a new year, think about the decisions you make, the legacy you leave, and the standard you set. Others are always watching. You might be the only Christian somebody ever knows. Will they see Jesus in you?—JH)*

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