

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

A Difficult Transition

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Have you ever tried to fast, eat healthier, or begin exercising? Is it easy? Of course not. You have trained your body to love certain foods. If you've been drinking three Cokes a day for years, your body craves those Cokes. If you've been eating French fries three times a week since high school, it's going to be hard to drive past the fast food restaurant. If you haven't run since you were a kid or elevated your heart rate in decades, the treadmill at the YMCA is not your friend.

This parallels our relationship to worship, as Wes McAdams pointed out in a recent video blog. We live in an age of constant enter-

tainment. We have games on our phones, movies on our laptops, and hundreds of channels on our TVs. We have conditioned ourselves into thinking that every voluntary act must bring us some level of enjoyment. We never choose to be bored; we always choose fun. So, many churches today have recognized this shift in culture and catered to it. "If the people expect a show," they theorize, "we'll give them a show, and we'll fill up the pews." Bands, plays, solos, skits, etc. have become the norm in many churches. Worship services have become minor league versions of *American Idol* or *The Voice*.

What these churches have failed to realize is that worship isn't about the worshiper's wants. In worship, the people in the pews are not the audience; God is. That's a harsh reality and a difficult transition for many people who come out of the entertainment-first culture and into a Bible-based, simple form of worship. It's like the unhealthy man who tries to go on a diet. He has to transition from what he wants to what is best for him.

The Bible teaches us what God wants. We should give it to Him every day, especially in worship.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Patty Walker's brother, Robert Justise, had a toe removed due to diabetes and is recovering at Northcrest.
- John Hayes will have another eyelid surgery Wednesday afternoon.
- Lori Dickens, secretary at Goodpasture, will have a tumor removed from her neck.
- Pray for Amber Raymer and Ann Marie Meyer (Heather Gupton's friends), and Maurice Moore.

Easter Egg Hunt, March 19th, 2:00 P.M.
Singing Tonight At 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: E. Walker

Pray: Wes Hovis

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Cartwright

Serve: Demonbruem, Trent, Gupton

Pray: Reed

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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

*Bible Bowl This Year Will Cover The Following
Chapters From Leviticus: 6-11, 17, 19, 23-27.*

*“Being deeply loved by someone gives you
strength, while loving someone deeply gives you
courage.”*

Lao Tzu

Proverbs 22:2
“The rich and the poor have
a common bond, the Lord is
the maker of them all.”

Your Treasure

A man passed away and approached the gates of heaven. “Your name?” and angel asked. “John Doe,” the man responded, proudly.

“Ah, yes, Mr. Doe. Follow me,” said the angel.

The angel led the man down the glistening golden streets as he admired all the glorious mansions. He wondered which one would be his. He was hoping his would have a swimming pool, several bedrooms and bathrooms, and a Rolls Royce in the driveway. The angel turned a corner, looked down at her clipboard, and said, “Looks like your mansion is right over there, Mr. Doe. I hope you enjoy it.” And she flew away. Mr. Doe was stunned. His

mansion really wasn’t a mansion at all. It was a small brick house that had no swimming pool, one small bedroom, and no car in the driveway. Mr. Doe was confused. He began waving his arms wildly and screaming for assistance. One angel swooped down and said, “Yes, Mr. Doe. Is there a problem?” He said, “Where is my mansion! Everybody else got one!”

The angel looked at Mr. Doe with sympathetic eyes and explained. “Well, sir, all of the other people sent us the material for their mansion while they were living on earth. They sent all their treasures to us, so it was easy for us to build their magnificent houses. Your house is small

because you didn’t send us much to work with.”

Jesus said, “But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys, and where thieves do not break in or steal; for where your treasure is, there your heart will be also” (Matt. 6:20-21). Possessions are not inherently evil; we need them to survive. But when we become obsessed with the latest and greatest thing, or when all of our goals are earthly, we fail to store treasures in heaven, and we become spiritually weaker.

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