

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

## Dealing With Regret

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Scottish historian Thomas Carlyle married his secretary, Jane Welsh. His marriage had little effect on his lifestyle: he spent most of his days toiling away in his study, churning out pages of research. Jane dutifully assisted him in his efforts. But one day Jane got sick. And then she got really sick. There was nothing Thomas could do as his wife moved closer to her inevitable end. After Jane's funeral, Thomas found Jane's diary hidden among some of her personal effects. One entry read, "Yesterday he spent an hour with me, and it was like heaven. I love him so." Another short entry read, "I listened all day to hear

his steps in the hall, but now it is late, and I guess he won't come today." Thomas began to cry. He realized that for most of their marriage, he had neglected his wife. He never knew how much his wife loved him, and he never knew how much he hurt her. He ran back to the grave and wept bitterly, repeating the phrase, "If I had only known..." Carlyle never remarried, and he lived the 15 remaining years of his life as a recluse.

We have all said things like, "I wish I wouldn't have..." Even God had regrets. He regretted making man (Gen 6:6), and He regretted making Saul the king of Israel (I Sam. 15:11). The question

is, what do you do when you have regrets? How do they affect your life?

(1). *Don't live in the past.* Henry David Thoreau said, "Never look back unless you are planning to go that way." The past cannot be changed, so why live in it? Learn from your mistakes and move forward.

(2). *Realize that you're a different person today.* Most of your regrets occurred when you were much younger. Naturally, the older, wiser person you are today wouldn't repeat the mistakes of the 18-year-old person you used to be. So don't be so hard on yourself.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Donna Young spent some time in the hospital last week with high blood pressure.
- Bill Cartwright's sister's house burned down last week.
- Jimmy Harris or the Sycamore Chapel church died last week.
- Our Gospel Meeting this year will again be with Coopertown, with Tim Agee delivering the lessons.
- Pray for JW Head, Mildred Walker, Addie Farmer, Newells.

## Building Fund Contribution Next Sunday VBS Adult Class Topic: "The Life Of Peter"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Baker

Pray: Gupton

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Hovis

Serve: D. Demonbreum, L. Newell, Trent

Pray: T. Walker

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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.*

*“God gave you a gift of 84,600 seconds today.  
Have you used one of them to say thank you?”*

*William Arthur Ward*

James 1:21

“Therefore, putting aside all  
filthiness and all that remains  
of wickedness, in humility  
receive the word implanted,  
which is able to save your  
souls.”

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## Remember

Two neighbors were talking by the fence one day when one said, “My wife and I went to a seminar last week where we learned memorization techniques. It was great!”

“Really? Who was the speaker?” asked the neighbor.

“Oh...well...what’s the name of the pretty flower that has thorns on it?”

“Rose?” said the neighbor.

“Yeah, that’s right. Hey, Rose! What was the name of that speaker from the seminar?!?”

Man doesn’t always have the best memory. Man is capable of losing his mind by disease or trauma, and he is capable of changing his mind.

That’s why we need museums, memorials, and historians. We need constant reminders of things we shouldn’t forget.

That’s what makes the Lord’s Supper so valuable. Jesus said, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me” (I Cor. 11:25). So whenever we eat the bread and drink the cup (the first day of the week), Jesus told us to remember what He did for us. (Why some churches will take up a collection every week but refuse to eat the Lord’s Supper every week is beyond me.)

Remember that Jesus “did not regard equality with God a thing to be

grasped, but emptied Himself” (Phil. 2:6-7). Remember that He prepared a place for you in heaven (John 14:3). Remember that He lived the life you should have lived, and He died the death you should have died. Remember that He conquered death through the resurrection (I Cor. 15:3-4). Remember that if you were the only person on earth, He would have still come to earth and died on the cross. Remember that He will always love you (Rom. 8:35-39). Remember that He did not call ten thousand angels to destroy the world and set Him free. Remember that He is coming back (II Thess. 1:6-8).

James Hayes

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