

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Fantasy World, Part One

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Imagine this: You wake up in the morning to the smell of your favorite breakfast sitting on the kitchen table, awaiting your arrival. Your clothes have been laid out for you, clean and ready to wear. After a quick bath or shower, you gobble up your breakfast, put on your ready-to-wear clothes, and proceed to your workplace. You do not have to worry about road rage because you are chauffeured. You are dropped off at the front door and handed a bag of your favorite food that you can eat at lunch. Your boss expects good work, but you do not have to do your best work. Your chauffeur picks you up at the end of the day and reassures you that

everything will be alright. That evening you eat your favorite snack, watch your favorite shows, and talk to your favorite people on the phone.

That seems like a fantasy world, but it is reality for a segment of our society called children. Their innocence is precious. That innocence should be guarded and maintained by the adults around them.

But that world has to end. The real world is not that fantasy world. Unfortunately, there are many people who have never moved away from the fantasy world into the real world. Every time there was a battle, their parents fought for

them. Every time money was needed, their parents handed it to them. That teenager then has the rude awakening when he or she enters the real world. Mom and Dad used to say yes to everything; but the real world say no a lot.

Have you ever wondered why so many people are overwhelmed by debt? Have you ever wondered why the divorce rate is so high? Have you ever wondered why so many young adults are still living at home? In many cases, the answer is simple: They never moved from the fantasy world into the real world.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Cathy Lawson, sister of Faye Head, has been moved to The Bridge in Portland, TN.
- Beth Clymore, Sue Clymore's daughter-in-law, had surgery last week.
- Billy Jean Perry, a member at Sycamore Chapel, turned 90 recently. Her address is on back wall.
- Linda Demonbreum will have double knee replacement on October 10.

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## Part Three of "My Favorite Chapters" Series: Psalm 23 Hillcrest Nursing Home Service Today At 2:30

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: T. Walker

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: B. Cartwright

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Trent, 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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I Corinthians 15:58  
“Therefore, my beloved  
brethren, be steadfast,  
immoveable, always  
abounding in the work of the  
Lord, knowing that your toil  
is not in vain in the Lord.”

*“There is not one blade of grass, there is no  
color in this world that is not intended to make  
us rejoice.”*

*John Calvin*

*“Do you think God made the world to amuse  
Himself because He was bored? Because to do  
so would be mean.”*

*Jack Kerouac*

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## Fantasy World, Part Two

Imagine this: At 6:00, Bill's alarm goes off. He sets his smart phone to blast a Harding University Chorus playlist throughout the house to rouse his sleeping family. After prayer, breakfast, and a shower, he is on his way to work. In the car, he finds his favorite Christian music radio station. His mind focuses on the cross and the sacrifice of Jesus. When he arrives at work his boss comes to his offices and tells Bill that he's disappointed that Bill missed the staff devotional, but that it's okay. At the water cooler, Bill's co-workers share stories from the previous Sunday's worship service and encourage others to attend Bible study on Wednesday night. Bill

goes home at 5:00 p.m. and helps his wife with dinner. The children do their homework and read a Bible story before going to bed.

Does this sound familiar, or is this a fantasy world?

A typical day for most people goes like this: On the way to work a guy listens to music that glorifies adultery, drunkenness, and lying. His boss is more worried about the bottom line than his employees' well-beings. His co-workers gossip, tell dirty jokes, and backstab. The only family time he experiences all day is when he's taking his kids to their ballgame, but even then the children are staring at their phones and ipads the whole time.

Then we wonder why we aren't more spiritual. We wonder why God seems so far away. We wonder why our kids don't talk to us. We wonder why we don't have strong relationships with our spouses.

We cannot remove the Bible from our lives and expect it to penetrate our hearts. We cannot stop praying and expect God to work in our lives. We cannot avoid worship and expect our minds to focus on the blessings of our Creator.

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you” (James 4:8).

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