

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

The Good Life

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Columnist Tamim Ansary recently put forward his list of the nine greatest inventions of all time:

1. *The Mechanical Clock.*

Before the invention of the clock, there was no fixed time reference. Every event was gauged by the position of the sun. No one carried around a sundial, so it was impossible to precisely plan anything.

2. *The Toilet.* There would be no modern city without toilets. The ability to remove raw sewage and replace it with clean water has revolutionized the way people live. High rise apartments, office buildings, and large schools could not exist without indoor

plumbing.

3. *The Printing Press.* Before Gutenberg invented the printing press with moveable type, people relied on oral tradition and memory to create any link to the past. Quickly created books could preserve past events for future generations.

4. *Immunizations and Antibiotics.* Just three centuries ago almost everyone died of an infectious disease. In 1800 the leading cause of death in the western world was tuberculosis. Today, an infection that would have killed you a hundred years ago can be wiped away with antibiotics.

5. *The Telephone.* By pressing a few buttons on a wire-

less phone that is smaller than my hand, I can talk to anyone in the world.

6. *The Electrical Grid.* Electricity has always existed, but making it safe and available was a life-changing invention.

7. *The Automobile.* It not only changed transportation, it changed world economies.

8. *Television.*

9. *The Computer.* Everything we do—from communication, to shopping, to education—is made faster and more efficient because of computer technology.

God has richly blessed us.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Tara Lee's diagnosis changed. She does not have a tumor, just an infection that can be treated with medicine. Her baby can be delivered full term.
- Austin Gee is a 17-year-old boy who is awaiting a heart transplant.
- The Gatlinburg church of Christ building burned down. If you would like to help three of their families who have lost their homes, the address is on the back wall.

Hillcrest Nursing Home Service Today At 2:30 Morning Sermon: What Is Faith?

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Reed

Pray: J. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Cartwright

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Brown, Simpkins

Pray: Baker

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2500 Highway 49 East
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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

Ephesians 2:8-9
“For by grace you have
been saved through faith;
and that not of yourselves, it
is the gift of God; not as a
result of works, so that no
one may boast.”

*“Life can only be understood backwards; but it
must be lived forwards.”*

Soren Kierkegaard

*“Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to
a known God.”*

Corrie ten Boom

The Greasy Wheel

The cowbird is unique in North America. While most birds occasionally lay eggs in other birds' nests, the cowbird does so exclusively. In Illinois, for example, the mink-headed cowbird is a common sight; however, it is hard to find a cowbird a cowbird nest. Writer Peter Kendall put it this way:

“The cowbirds are prodigious egg layers. Each female commonly deposits from 30 to 40 eggs in dozens of other nests each spring. Cowbird eggs usually hatch more quickly than other birds' eggs, and the chicks grow more quickly. Because birds tend to feed the largest and loudest of their young first, the host bird spends an inordinate amount of

time and energy tending to the cowbird. As a result, the cowbird is pushing some birds into extinction.”

All of us know a few cowbirds—people who throw themselves into other people's “nests” instead of tending to their own affairs. They lay their eggs of nosiness all over town, pushing aside anyone else's cares or concerns. Unfortunately, these people often get the most attention because—like the cowbird—they are the loudest. There is an old saying, “The squeaky wheel gets the grease.” I feel that it is high time that those who are responsible, logical, and respectful stop giving the grease. When the cowbirds of our lives start chirping, we need to re-

spectfully say, “Please fly back to your own nest. If you are in need, I will help you. If you are crying, I will cry with you. If you are rejoicing, I will rejoice with you. But we all have our own nests for a reason.”

The Bible teaches personal responsibility. “But we urge you, brethren, to excel still more, and to make it your ambition to lead a quiet life and attend to your own business and work with your hands, just as we commanded you, so that you will behave properly toward outsiders and not be in any need” (I Thess. 4:10-12).

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