

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Your Last Day

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On August 15, 1942, Marcelin Dumoulin and his wife, Francine, went on a hike in the Swiss Alps to feed some animals. They never returned. For the rest of their lives, the Dumoulin's seven children searched for their parents, to no avail. But last Friday, the youngest Dumoulin child, 79-year-old Marcelline Udry-Dumoulin, received closure. The bodies of her parents were found frozen on the Tsanfleuron glacier, 8,580 feet above sea level. (DNA tests confirmed their identities.) They were still in their 1940s-era clothes. Their bodies were intact. Even a few personal belongings were found next to them. It is believed that the

couple fell into a crevice and could not get out.

Even though the Dumoulin's were aware that such a hike was risky, surely they did not think they would die on that glacier. But they did. And their last moments were preserved for 75 years.

When you wake up in the morning, remember these two eternal truths: God made the day you are living in, and it might be the last day He makes for you. Your life may end due to an accident, like the Dumoulin's. It may end because of your poor decisions. You may leave this earth for any number of reasons. If you say you are sure you won't

die tomorrow, could you please tell me why you are so sure?

James teaches us that our future plans should come with a caveat. He wrote, "...you ought to say, 'If the Lord wills, we will live and also do this or that'" (James 4:15). Planning is good. Preparation is good. Assuming you can dictate the future is bad. James went on to write, "But as it is, you boast in your arrogance; all such boasting is evil" (James 4:16).

Today may be your last day. If so, how is your relationship with God?

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Randy Baker is recovering from knee replacement surgery.
- Thank you to those who helped with VBS yesterday.
- Dot Knight is not doing well. She is at home.
- Building fund contribution will be next Sunday! We are always thankful for the generosity of Pleasant View Christians, especially on our building fund Sundays.

This Morning's Sermon: "Proclaim" Don Loftis Will Preach Tonight At Coopertown

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Baker

Pray: John Hayes

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Smith

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Gupton, Hovis

Pray: Brown

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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

Psalm 119:2
“How blessed are those who
observe His testimonies, who
seek Him with all their
heart.”

Gospel Meeting Starts Tonight!

July 23-26

7:00 p.m. each night, including Sunday

Don Loftis will be the speaker

Steven Hayes will be the song leader

Ice Cream on Sunday night after church

Sunday and Monday night at Coopertown

Tuesday and Wednesday night at Pleasant View

Faith

The common, secular, explanation for the existence of the world is that the universe is billions of years old and that all that exists came into existence through natural processes.

Sadly, some in the church have attempted to accommodate this godless outlook by twisting Scripture to allow for the “days” described in Genesis to not be “days” but something other than what the text describes.

In contrast to this secular approach which is borne of disbelief, the Bible calls us to understand, through faith, “that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.”

Faith is essential to our spiritual lives, for “without faith it is impossible to please him, for whoever would draw near to God must believe that he exists and that he rewards those who seek him.”

Believing God requires a commitment that whatever Scripture says — about baptism, about marriage, or about the creation of the world — is exactly true. We must not find ourselves in the position of second guessing God.

The Lord, in His grace, has provided us all spiritual guidance we need through the work of the apostles and prophets — ultimately providing His complete revelation in His Son, Jesus Christ.

Being a Christian requires an attitude of repentance, placing God’s truth as the guiding principle of our lives. Following the teachings of Scripture, we can be sure of pleasing God and of being the people He wants us to be.

Greg Tidwell

Editor

Gospel Advocate

(Join us on Wednesday night as we explore ways to discuss the existence of God with our ever-doubtful culture—JH).
