

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## The Magical Church Building Doors

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The front door of your church building doesn't seem to be special. It's either glass or wooden. Some guy or guys installed it many years ago. You don't think much about that door as you walk into the building. But that door affects some people in magical ways. It transforms them into a different people, and not always for the better.

Sometimes the front door of the church building changes a Christian from a mature person to an immature person. On the outside of the building, they pay their bills, show up on time for work, and treat everyone with respect. But when they walk through the magi-

cal church building door, they resort to immaturity. They cannot be counted on to support the various church activities. They complain over the slightest thing that makes them uncomfortable. They want to be served instead of serve others.

The front door of the church building also affects the finances of some. On the outside, they are generous to others and quick to purchase items for themselves. But on the inside of the building, they become stingy. They are quick to rationalize why they can only give a small amount when they collection basket is passed. On the outside of the building, they act

wealthy. On the inside of the building, they act poor.

The front door of the church building even changes some from imperfect, flawed individuals to self-righteous knowers-of-all-things. They know exactly what everyone in the church should be doing with their lives, and they know how everything in the church should operate.

Church building doors are not magical. The only change that should happen for anyone is when they repent and submit to baptism. The blood of Jesus washes their sins away. Any other change is hypocritical and selfish.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Nearly everyone stayed for the fellowship meal last Sunday night! We will have one on every 5th Sunday night of the year.
- Over \$5000 was collected for our building fund last week! Continue to be generous each Sunday as we press toward our goal.
- Lowell Gregory did not need a stint installed.
- Remember Mildred Walker, Randy Baker, and Dot Knight.

## This Morning's Sermon: "Repent" Hillcrest Nursing Home Worship At 2:30

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Brown

Pray: Garrett

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Gupton

Serve: J. Demonbreum, J. Walker, Reed

Pray: John Hayes

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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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*“Shame says that because I am flawed, I am unacceptable. Grace says that because I am flawed, I am cherished.”*

*Anonymous*

Psalm 139:23-24  
“Search me, O God, and  
know my heart; try me and  
know my anxious thoughts.  
And see if there be any  
hurtful way in me, and lead  
me in the everlasting way.”

*“There is no end to amazing grace.”*

*David Crowder*

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## Statements Christians Should Retire

“A penny saved is a penny earned” is an old adage that is credited to Benjamin Franklin. He made other famous statements like, “Well done is better than well said,” and, “Honesty is the best policy.” There are other statements that Christians make that sound good, but they are not entirely true nor entirely helpful. Here are a few:

(1). “*God won’t give you anything you can’t handle.*” This statement is usually used as an encouragement to someone who is going through a terrible ordeal. It’s another way of saying, “You can make it.” But we need to rethink that phrase. After all, does God *give us* everything that happens to us? Many times it is our

own sin that has caused us pain. God didn’t give us that. Also, that phrase would mean that the weakest people on earth would live a pain-free existence—only the tough people get hurt.

(2). “*I hope I can make it to heaven.*” If you are a Christian, why are you doubting the promises of God? “Once saved, always saved” is a false doctrine. “Once saved, never saved” is also a false doctrine. Jesus did not die on the cross so those who obeyed the gospel would live in a world of uncertainty until they died. The apostle Paul looked forward to his “crown of righteousness” (II Tim. 4:8), and so should you.

(3). “*My child would never do that.*”

They might not have done it yet, but they are absolutely capable of involving themselves in all sorts of sinful activity. Satan prowls around for everyone, including your children. They can drink, do drugs, have sex, lie, cheat, and steal. Should you teach them and encourage them not to do those things? Of course. But you shouldn’t be naïve either. Sin is not just for other families. Your family is not above it.

Be careful of what you say and how you say it. Words matter.

James Hayes

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