

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## A Parent's Objective

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Abraham Lincoln said, "All that I am, or hope to be, I owe to my angel mother." The late Jim Valvano, former head basketball coach at North Carolina State, wrote, "My father gave me the greatest gift anyone could give another person—he believed in me." Well-trained children tend to become well-adjusted adults. Poorly trained children age physically, but their emotional age stays the same. So, the world needs good parents. The community needs good parents. The church needs good parents.

But what makes a good parent? The Bible states that if you train a child in the way he should go, when

he is old he will not depart from it (Prov. 22:6). Paul wrote that fathers should bring their children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Eph. 6:4). But let's be honest: Those verses are vague. Applying those principles to 21<sup>st</sup> century American living is a challenge for every parent.

Let me submit that the number one objective for all parents should be for them to live out their values. I know that is a simple principle, but few parents do it. They are all talk. They say that their priorities are: Jesus first, family second, and work third.

But when you look at their bank statement, their worship and Bible study atten-

dance, their speech, and their service to others, you see that their priorities are actually—leisure first, work second, family third...and Jesus when we have a few minutes here and there. When parents live out their values in front of their children, their children might not have those same values one day, but their children will never call their parents frauds.

When Jesus truly is first in the lives of godly parents, there will be joy and harmony in the home. If you are a parent, what are you doing today to show Jesus to your children?

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- John Hayes had an outpatient procedure on his scalp Friday.
- Janet Tabor did not have a stint implanted this week, but she is still sick.
- Ray Hester, Joyce Walker's brother, is in NHC nursing home in Springfield.
- Continue to pray for Angelo Delgado, a classmate of Easton Walker, is in hospice care.

## Morning Sermon: "Living At Peace With All Men" Singing Tonight At 6:00

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: John Hayes

Pray: Mike Smith

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Brown

Serve: D. Demonbruem, J. Buchanan, Reed

Pray: Gupton

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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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Romans 8:1-2  
“Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death.”

*As you are arriving tonight, some of our young men will be leading songs. We are trying to get them comfortable in front of people so that when they become Christians one day they will be able to lead us in our regular services.*

*“How shall the young secure their hearts, and guard their lives from sin? Thy word the choicest rules imparts to keep the conscience clean.”*

*Isaac Watts*

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## The Power Of Laughter

Being funny is one thing—having a sense of humor is something else. Being funny is making other people laugh. But if you have a good sense of humor, it means you know *when* to laugh. One is the giver; the other is the receiver. And both are powerful.

(1). *Laughter improves your health.* Scientists agree that laughter decreases stress hormones and increases immune cells. It triggers the release of endorphins, the body's natural feel-good chemicals. That's why people say they feel better after a good laugh. Your body wants you to laugh.

(2). *Laughter unites people.* Harsh

words and strife divide people. But laughter is contagious. We migrate toward people who make us feel good by lightening our mood.

(3). *Laughter hides grief.* Proverbs 14:13: “Even in laughter the heart may be in pain, and the end of joy may be grief.” Just because someone is laughing, that does not mean they are necessarily happy. Some use laughter as a mask.

(4). *Laughter can humiliate.* We have all been on the receiving end of humiliating laughter. Someone decides to make a joke about something you care about, and it hurts you to the marrow. The Bible does not state that we should rejoice when others

are weeping—we should only rejoice with those who are rejoicing.

(5). *Laughter projects the joy we have in Christ.* It is hard to be salt and light in the world with a frown on your face. Evangelism is ineffective if the Christian acts like the Christian life is drudgery. Misery should only be found among those who reject Christ. Those who know Jesus and obey His word should demonstrate the joy that comes from living that fulfilled life.

Be quick to laugh. Never use laughter to hurt others. Enjoy being a Christian. And remember, most of the time, life is just funny.

James Hayes

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