

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Churches of Christ

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In the New Testament, there is one church. It is made of up all the disciples of Jesus Christ. The church was originally led by the Holy Spirit-inspired, Jesus-commissioned apostles. Elders were then appointed to oversee the work of each congregation so that what was taught by Jesus and His apostles would be taught and practiced until the Lord comes again. If all believers were committed to that design today, there would not be thousands of Christian denominations around the world.

Churches of Christ (Rom. 16:16) reject the denominational model for church life. We seek to restore New Testament Christian-

ity. We seek to do Bible things in Bible ways. We endeavor to look at Scripture through 1st century lenses and apply those truths to our 21st century lives. We do not have conventions where doctrinal matters are decided by popular vote. We do not have a central headquarters where decisions are made by special committees—each congregation governs its own affairs. We believe that what saved people 2,000 years ago will save people today, since God is not a respecter of persons. That method of biblical interpretation ignores American social trends, but that's okay since God never commanded us to ride the so-

cially trendy waves. It is a belief that we must first go back to Scripture in order for us to move forward as a church.

Was there a point in time when churches of Christ achieved that worthy goal? No, because just as an individual will never reach perfection, churches will always fall short as well. But we strive for the goal, nevertheless. The restoration movement encourages people to use God's word as their only guide, and that is nothing to be ashamed of.

"I exhort you...in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ...that there be no divisions among you" (I Cor. 1:10).

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Maime Hamilton is struggling with diverticulitis. She is at home on a limited diet.
- Steve Buchanan spent time in the hospital last week with an impacted kidney stone. They were unable to resolve the problem. He will see more doctors this week.
- Canetha Walker is shut-in. She is experiencing mobility issues and vascular dementia.
- Easter Egg Hunt Saturday.

Morning Sermon: "Divorce" Tonight's Sermon: "Dealing With Pain"

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: J. Buchanan

Pray: John Hayes

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Smith

Serve: D. Demonbruem, Gupton, Hovis

Pray: Brown

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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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John 16:33

“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

“Rivers know this: there is no hurry. We shall get there some day.”

A.A. Milne

“The two hardest tests on the spiritual road are the patience to wait for the right moment and the courage not to be disappointed with what we encounter.”

Paulo Coelho

Pain

Pain comes in many shapes and sizes.

(1). *Physical pain.* Every person is equipped with a nervous system which alerts them when a part of their body is harmed. Physical pain is actually a blessing. Without physical pain, we would not get the treatment for the problem, and we would die from even minor ailments.

(2). *Emotional pain.* We have all experienced this type of pain as well. We get our feelings hurt. Loved ones die. Friends betray us. The list goes on. Rarely a day goes by without our emotions being challenged.

(3). *Spiritual pain.* The Bible calls this a sorrow that leads to repentance (II

Cor. 7:9-10). When we realize that the consequences of our sins have caused us (and possibly others) pain, we repent and strive to avoid sinning that way again.

Thankfully, we have a Savior that knows what pain is all about. When Jesus was cut, He bled. When Lazarus died, Jesus wept. When His arrest was hours away, He poured His heart out to His Father. Let's be honest: Life is full of pain—pain-FULL—and no one can avoid it. So, the question becomes, how do we relieve the pain?

Unfortunately, some have sought to relieve pain with temporary, dangerous remedies. They have saturated themselves in drugs, alcohol, sex, or

money, hoping to find permanent relief. But it never comes. The only things that remain are an addiction, regret, and the pain itself. God never wanted us to use material things to fix emotional problems.

When you find yourself with an emotional or spiritual pain, use the Bible remedies. Pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17). Surround yourself with faithful people (Gal. 6:1-3). Repent, if necessary (Luke 13:3). Count your blessings (Phil. 4:6-7). Think about good things (Phil. 4:8). Set your mind on your heavenly future (Col. 3:1-2).

James Hayes
