

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Not An Accident

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In 1968, Tommy James of Tommy James and the Shondells was having trouble finding the right lyric for a new song. He wanted to record a party song, like those from the early 1960s, but all of the ideas he had sounded too corny. James explained what happened next:

“So Ritchie Cordell, my songwriting partner and I, are up in my apartment up at 888 Eighth Avenue in New York. And finally we get disgusted, we go out on the terrace, and we look up into the sky. And the first thing our eyes fall on is the Mutual of New York Insurance Company. M-O-N-Y. True story. With a dollar sign in the middle of the O,

and it gave you the time and the temperature. I had looked at this thing for years, and it was sitting there looking me right in the face. We saw this at the same time, and we both just started laughing. We said, ‘That’s perfect! What could be more perfect than that!’ Mony, M-O-N-Y, Mutual of New York. And so we must have laughed for about ten minutes, and that became the title of the song.”

What luck! Life seems to work out sometimes, doesn’t it? A series of happy accidents line up to create a fortunate ending.

But we need to be careful about assigning coinci-

dence and/or “dumb luck” to our good fortune. Do you believe in prayer? Do you believe that God still acts in the lives of those “who love God and who are called according to His purpose” (Rom. 8:28)? Do you believe that “every good thing and every perfect gift is from above” (James 1:17)? As a faithful Christian, I am sure you would answer “yes” to all of those questions.

The providence of God—His work in our lives through non-miraculous means—is real and should not be discounted as pure happenstance.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- David Billingsley had some heart issues coming back from Florida this week. He is home now.
- Faye Waller had an effective procedure on her heart this week.
- John Hampton, the grandfather of Donna Jo Brown, passed away Tuesday. His funeral was Friday.
- Chet and Rachel Duke’s address: 24331 Town Walk Dr., Hamden, CT 06518.

Morning Sermon: “Four Types Of Sinners”
Tonight’s Sermon: “What The Church of Christ Is Not”

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Gupton

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: Smith

Serve: J. Demonbreum, Baker, E. Walker

Pray: Billingsley

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2500 Highway 49 East
P.O. Box 189
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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

Ecclesiastes 5:18

“Here is what I have seen to be good and fitting: to eat, to drink and enjoy oneself in all one’s labor in which he toils under the sun during the few years of his life which God has given him; for this is his reward.”

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ATTN: India Missions

2855 Broadway Street

Paducah, KY 42001

Save, Spend, Give

For the Christian, when it comes to personal finance, the question isn’t, “Will I have enough money when I retire?” And it’s not, “Should I finance a new car or pay cash for an old car?” The question is much simpler: “Do my finances represent my faith?”

For instance, if you were to ask most Christians what their priorities are, most of them would say, “God first, family second, job third.” Good for them! No doubt God is pleased with that order. But if I looked at your finances, would I find those priorities represented in that order? These questions might be helpful when making budget decisions:

(1). *Is my Sunday contribution a pre-*

planned, thoughtful, generous gift? If God is truly first in your priorities, that should be evidenced in your Sunday contribution. The Old Testament law put a ceiling on giving (tithing). But the new covenant removes the ceiling. You should give as you have prospered (I Cor. 16:2), voluntarily (II Cor. 9:7), and generously (II Cor. 9:6).

(2). *Am I ready for the lightning strike? What are you going to do when the transmission goes out on your car? Will you have money to pay your deductibles when you have a car accident? What if the kids need braces? Lightning will strike in your life. Unexpected emergencies will happen. When they do, will you be*

ready financially? Are you using God’s blessings to build a safety net for your family?

(3). *Is my spending deliberate and effective? Have you ever thought, “I have a lot of junk I don’t even like or use”? Well, it might be that you weren’t purposeful in your spending. You wasted God’s resources trying to impress others—buying the latest and greatest just because it was the latest and greatest.*

Pay attention to your money. Write down your budget and stick to it. Save, spend, and give with God’s will in mind. And you will be content.

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