

Pleasant View Proclaimer

Pleasant View church of Christ

Pass It On

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William Shakespeare (1564-1616) was an English playwright and actor, widely regarded as the best dramatist in world history. He wrote 39 plays, 154 sonnets, and two long narrative poems, among other smaller works. He was a master of the English language. Imagine if you were either Susanna, Hamnet, or Judith, Shakespeare's three children. You would've probably been careful not to use any double negatives, run-on sentences, or clichés as you talked to your father for fear that you would be corrected instantly. But there is evidence that Shakespeare might not have been strict with his children when it came to

reading and writing.

In 1611, Judith Shakespeare (Hamnet's twin) witnessed the deed of sale of a house to William Mountford. Judith signed twice with the mark of someone who was illiterate. That's right: William Shakespeare's daughter could not sign her own name.

It seems like there is something rotten in the state of Denmark (a line from *Hamlet*). It seems like Shakespeare gave far more care to the advancement of his career than to the education of Judith. But sacrificing parental responsibilities on the altar of career advancement is nothing new—

it is as old as the Old Testament. A case could be made that Adam, Eli, and Solomon were not good fathers, although they were successful and faithful in other areas. While it is never wise to assume poor parenting when adult children make poor decisions, it is still true that good, faithful adult children do not develop their faith by chance. They were guided by good, faithful parents who sacrificed their career advancement (or other selfish pursuits) on the altar of faithful parenting. Satan does not take a vacation from tempting, so you should not take a vacation from parenting.

James Hayes

Items of Note:

- Lowell Gregory has been moved to NHC in Springfield.
- Patricia Stroud will have a procedure done on her stomach on Tuesday.
- Kim and Faye Waller are recovering from illness.
- Maime Hamilton is still dealing with bronchitis.
- Area-wide youth devotional is tonight.
- Remember Kristine Garrett, Rick Reed, Paula Lee, and our missionaries

Morning Sermon: “Yesterday, Today, and Tomorrow”

Evening Sermon: “Be Sober, Be Vigilant”

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Smith

Pray: Reed

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: E. Walker

Serve: J. Demonbreum, J. Walker, J. Buchanan

Pray: Baker

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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

Romans 15:4

“For whatever was written in earlier times was written for our instruction, so that through perseverance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.”

This year's Gospel Meeting with Coopertown will be July 7-10, with Mike McPherson as the speaker. Mike has spoken at Pleasant View twice and been well-received both times. His theme will be "Maintaining My Faith When..." He will address serious issues of life that challenge one's faith. Mike has personally experienced the things he will discuss. It will be a great week! Mark your calendars!

Why Not?

Kevin Kelley has been the high school football coach at Pulaski Academy in Little Rock, Arkansas since 2003. He has won seven state championships during his time as head coach...but he does so in the most unusual ways. First off, his teams do not punt...ever. No matter where they are on the field, the Pulaski Academy Bruins always go for it on fourth down. What is more, his teams also never kickoff in the traditional way—they always “onside” kick, which, if his team does not recover the ball, allows the opponent to have good field position. Any football fan will tell you that never punting and always onside kicking is a recipe for disaster. It is

terrible strategy. It goes against decades-old theories of what should happen for a team to win a game.

But Kelley looked at those theories and scoffed. He studied. And studied some more. And then he ran the numbers. He figured out that when a team punts the ball near their own endzone there is a 77 percent chance the other team will score a touchdown on the next possession. If the team doesn't punt and just goes for the first down, the other team scores 92 percent of the time. That is only a 15 percent increase. Kelley said, “It is like someone said, ‘Punting is what you do on fourth down,’ and everyone did it without asking why.”

“Doing it the way we have always

done it”-ism is a philosophy that rarely produces the desired results. That philosophy breeds laziness. It forbids new and better ideas. It is the breeding ground for stagnation. To be sure, some things should always be done the same way, as is the case with anything specifically proscribed in Scripture. But where there is freedom for personal judgment in the Christian life—or in any other avenue of life—we should listen to new ideas. “Stagnant” has never been the chief characteristic of any successful group...including the church.

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