

# Pleasant View Proclaimer

**Pleasant View church of Christ**

## Jesus—The Hero Of Heroes

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As far as I know, you cannot earn a college degree in listening. Listening is not something that is taught—you are just expected to listen and retain information. But it should be taught: scientists say that your ears are calculating 73,700 vibrations per second. They also say that if you were put in a room that was 100 percent soundproof, you could hear your blood rushing through your veins. There is an art to being able to focus your mind on the sounds that matter the most.

The Bible teaches us about listening. First, James wrote that we should be quick to hear and slow to speak (1:19). Is that your habit, or

are you the one who is always talking? Are you quick to give your opinion? Are you quick to share the story and dominate a conversation? Or do you want to listen to what others say?

Second, Jesus said that many people do not *really* listen to Him—that “with their ears they scarcely hear” (Matt. 13:15). He also said that we should pay attention to how we listen (Luke 8:18). There are many teachers, but only one Teacher who is your Lord and Savior. There are many voices, but only one voice can guide you to heaven.

Third, listening is the first step in establishing a God-pleasing faith: “So faith

comes from hearing, and hearing by the word of Christ” (Rom. 10:17). The lost will only come to know Christ if we say things about Christ. They need to hear us promoting our Lord. They need to hear us honoring the church. They need to hear us sharing the gospel with them.

Endeavor to be a better listener. Strive to be a shoulder others can cry on. Make people feel like they can share their trials and temptations with you without being belittled and talked over.

The world needs more good listeners; we already have enough good talkers.

James Hayes

### Items of Note:

- Super Saturday VBS will be July 6, the day before our Gospel Meeting, from 9:00-2:00. There will be an adult class that morning.
- A shower for James and Vera will be tonight after service.
- Rick Reed is still moving slowly.
- Good to see Kristine Garrett with us last Sunday.
- Continue to pray for Mani Pagidipalli, and Paula Lee.

**Morning Sermon: “Why Study The Bible?”**

**Evening Sermon: “Don’t Bury Them Until They Are Dead”**

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE THE CONGREGATION

Sunday School

Read: Brown

Pray: E. Walker

Morning Worship

Wait on the Table: J. Walker

Serve: D. Demonbreum, Gupton, J. Buchanan

Pray: D. Billingsley

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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

Proverbs 9:10  
“The fear of the Lord is the  
beginning of wisdom, and  
the knowledge of the Holy  
One is understanding.”

*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 chal-  
lenge one's faith. Mike has personally experi-  
enced the things he will discuss. It will be a  
great week! Mark your calendars!*

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## Living Without Regret

1. Think before you do anything (I Thess. 5:21-22).
2. Focus on reasonable consequences, not outlandish “what ifs” (Prov. 1:8-19).
3. Work hard (Eccl. 9:10).
4. Pray without ceasing (I Thess. 5:17).
5. Put others' needs before your own (Phil. 2:3).
6. Use things—don't let things use you (I Tim. 6:10).
7. Do not take revenge (Rom. 12:19).
8. Practice hospitality (Rom. 12:13).
9. Meet with Christians often (Heb. 10:23-25).
10. Listen first (James 1:19).
11. Count your blessings (Eph. 5:20).
12. Submit to your spouse (Eph. 5:21-22, 25).
13. Study God's word (II Tim. 2:15).
14. Confess your sins (I John 1:9).
15. Seek wise counsel (Prov. 1:5).
16. Walk with humility (James 4:10).
17. Do not give nor receive unfair criticism (Matt. 7:1-5).
18. Learn from older Christians (Titus 2:1-8).
19. Be quick to forgive (Eph. 4:32).
20. Avoid addictive substances (I Cor. 6:12).
21. Honor honorable people (Rom. 13:7).
22. Don't wait until you are older to be faithful (Eccl. 12:1-8).
23. Take advantage of opportunities to serve God (Eph. 5:16).
24. Resist the devil (James 4:7).
25. Obey the gospel (II Thess. 1:8).
26. Learn from past mistakes (Prov. 24:16).
27. You be you, and let God be God (Psalm 9:7-8).

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