

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

EUPHEMISMS FOR SIN

William Shakespeare wrote in *Romeo and Juliet*, “A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.” In other words, no matter what something is called, the substance of the thing doesn’t change.

In our culture, euphemisms (a good name for a bad thing) are prevalent. Adultery was changed to an affair. Homosexuality was changed to gay, a word which had previously only meant happy. Sin is now called a mistake. Disobedience is just independence. Greed is ambition; and laziness is self-care.

No matter what we call sins, they are still sins. They are transgressions of God’s will. When we sin, we miss the mark God has set for our lives. The remedy for sin is not a thesaurus. Giving sin a more pleasant-sounding name does not remove its stain. Excusing and justifying sin does not remove its consequences.

It is imperative that faithful Christians fervently object to the glorification of sin. Yes, we all sin. Yes, we should consider the log in our own eyes before removing the speck from our brother’s eyes. But that does not mean we should cower in the face of willful disobedience. We should defend God’s word and call sin a sin.

“Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. For it is because of these things that the wrath of God will come upon the sons of disobedience” (Col. 3:5-6).



preaching for the Millview church of Christ
“The heavens are telling of the glory of God, and James will be back tonight
the work of His hands.”

1/12: Area-wide devotional at New Providence.

1/19: Singing at the evening service.

Other News:

We are still waiting for TDOT to tell us the closing date for their property acquisition.

We are also awaiting funds from the Comer Trust.

Pleasant View church
of Christ

2500 Highway 49E

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Sunday School: 9:30

Morning Worship:
10:30

Evening Worship:
6:00

Wednesday: 7:00

~~Prayer list~~ 615-924-9714

Jeff Baker's aunt, Julie Vest, is in the hospital in Cookeville with complications from a pacemaker.

Pray for the citizens of Puerto Rico and Australia as they deal with the devastation from natural disasters.

Tuff Slate is in an Atlanta hospital and improving every day. He will still need further surgeries and treatment on his right eye.

LEARNED BEHAVIOR

You might have seen the story of Reddy Weldon and Jaxon Rosebush, preschool boys who wanted to play a trick on their teacher. They figured that if they had the same haircut, their teacher wouldn't be able to tell them apart. So Jaxon went to the local Great Clips and got his head shaved to look just like Reddy's. Mission accomplished. But there was one catch: The teacher was still able to tell them apart, for one main reason—Reddy is black, and Jaxon is white.

We don't come into the world with prejudice. Children are born innocent and ignorant. As they grow and mature, they learn lessons and take cues from adults as to how they should live in this world. When mom and/or dad tell the kids that certain people are bad, the kids believe them. When the teacher at school favors the rich families over the poorer families, the kids notice. When church leaders cater to one segment of the church over another, children see it. **THOSE WHO WILL SERVE** (January 12, 2020)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

See the world as God sees the world. Remove prejudice and favoritism from your life (James 2:1-7).

PRAYER: Reed

James Hayes

WORSHIP

WAIT ON TABLE: Billingsley

SERVE: D. Demonbruem, J. Buchanan, J. Walker

PRAYER: John Hayes