

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

IT IS NOT AUTOMATIC

After 12 years of elementary, middle, and high schools and possibly four more years of college, what is next? A wedding. Children. A white picket fence and a dog. The American Dream becomes reality. But many people—if not most people—realize that life is not always automatic. Things do not always line up as we planned.

So then what? When things go awry, what do you do? Become bitter? Stop making future plans? Blame God? None of those are acceptable options for the Christian. The Bible should guide our paths.

The Bible teaches that your plans may have been unfulfilled because your plans were ungodly: “Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will make your paths straight” (Prov. 3:5-6). You can also not expect plans to be successful if they are not covered in prayer. “Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God” (Phil. 4:6).

When life does not go as planned, it is not a time for groaning. You should use that time to learn. Use the time to re-evaluate your relationship with the Lord. Put first things first.

“Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteous-



“For am I now seeking the favor of men, or of God? Or am I striving to please men? If I were still trying to please men, I would not be a bond servant of

IMPORTANT DATES

10/18: Happy Haven contribution; P.M. singing

10/25: Men’s meeting

OTHER NEWS

The new awnings were installed last week!

The road sign will be recovered due to the burn on one side. When TDOT begins expanding the road, the entire sign will have to be moved. We expect the road expansion to occur within the next

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Sunday School: 9:30
Morning Worship:
10:30
Evening Worship:
6:00

Prayer List:

- *Kristine Garrett had an MRI and CT scan last week. The tests revealed new cancer spots on her lymph nodes and liver. Her old spots are still there. She is awaiting biopsy results on her breast tumor.*
- *Tim Donkin was re-admitted to the hospital last week. There is no tumor re-growth, and the infection was determined to be a slight bleed. He will begin chemo in the next 2-3 weeks.*

PASS THE HAT

When Teddy Roosevelt was New York City Police Commissioner, he asked a police applicant what he would do if he needed to disperse a crowd. The applicant said, "Pass the hat."

Some people get "alligator arms" when the hat gets passed. Giving is not easy for them. In my opinion, the biggest reason why people are reluctant to be generous is that they cannot see an immediate benefit. When you buy a car, you drive the car home. When you buy a house, you live in it. But when you give to the Lord on a Sunday morning, you might ask, "What is this money doing for *me*."

The answer is: the money is doing everything...and nothing for you. It is doing everything because that money is used to finance everything a church needs to do to function, Without a local congregation, you would have no spiritual support. But, the money also does nothing for you. You aren't buying something.

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE (September 27, 2020)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

READ: J. Buchanan

PRAYER: Gupton

WORSHIP

WAIT ON TABLE: Billingsley

SERVE: D. Demonbreum, Reed, E. Walker

PRAYER: Baker