

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

FROM USELESS TO USEFUL

John Wilkes Booth thought he would be hailed as a hero of the South. He figured his name would be remembered with the likes of Stonewall Jackson and Robert E. Lee. But he was mistaken. After shooting Abraham Lincoln in the back of the head, Booth fled into Maryland, accompanied by David Herold. For 12 days Booth avoided the pursuing Union army...and eagerly read Southern newspapers, hoping to read effusive praise for his act. But no praise came. Southerners, knowing that General Lee had surrendered to General Grant five days before Lincoln's murder, at Appomattox Courthouse, Virginia, considered Booth a coward. Shooting an unarmed man in the back of the head was not bravery. It was cowardice.

Once troops surrounded the barn where Booth and Herold were hiding, Herold surrendered, but Booth was shot in the neck through a gap in the barn wall. He was dragged out of the barn, and, with his last breaths, looked down at his hands and said, "Useless! Useless!"

Regret can be crippling. Imagine looking at your hands at the end of your life and thinking that your days were useless. Solomon declared, "I know that there is nothing better for them than to rejoice and to do good in one's lifetime; moreover, that every man who eats and drinks sees good in all his labor—it is a



"I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in Him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing."

IMPORTANT DATES

1/17: Happy Haven contribution; P.M. Singing

1/31: Building fund contribution

OTHER NEWS

Make new year's resolutions regarding your spiritual health!

Take necessary precautions regarding Covid-19. Cases are spiking in our area. If you have ANY coughing, fever, or flu-like symptoms, please stay home and get tested.

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

Prayer List:

- *Sue Clymore is at home recovering from quintuple bypass surgery.*
- *Cara Lea Baker is recovering from nose surgery.*
- *Ann Reed has experienced pain and nausea from her recent chemotherapy.*
- *Janice Moore, Becky Rose's mother, is recovering from knee replacement surgery.*

BURNED OUT

After the Israelites escaped Egyptian slavery, they were essentially a rag-tag, undisciplined crowd of people. They complained. They argued. They didn't know where they were going. Therefore, Moses, their reluctant yet capable leader, officiated every squabble. Lines of people approached Moses daily so he could resolve their issues.

Jethro, Moses' father-in-law, saw this situation and knew it was not sustainable. He said, "What is this thing you are doing for the people? Why do you sit alone as judge and all the people stand about you from morning until evening?...The thing you are doing is not good. You will surely wear out, but yourself and these people who are with you, for the task is too heavy for you; you cannot do it alone" (Ex. 18:14,17). Moses then delegated his responsibilities and his stress was relieved.

It is okay to slow down. It is okay to delegate activities that you are doing that someone else could do just as effectively. Doing what you need to do is being

THOSE WHO WILL SERVE (January 3 , 2021)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

READ:

PRAYER:

WORSHIP

WAIT ON TABLE:

SERVE: