

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

GOSSIP

“And just as they did not see fit to acknowledge God any longer, God gave them over to a depraved mind, to do those things which are not proper, being filled with all unrighteousness, wickedness, greed, evil; full of envy, murder, strife, deceit, malice; they are gossips, slanderers, haters of God...” (Romans 1:28-30).

As the apostle Paul detailed the sins of the Gentiles, he noted that gossiping was among their worst traits. Most people today would not lump gossip with murder and greed, because most Christians categorize sins by relative consequences. Murder has permanent consequences, whereas gossip’s consequences can be rectified.

But our thinking is flawed. Gossip does have permanent consequences. Once lies, white lies, half-truths, and innuendos circulate it is impossible to retrieve them all. The whispers eventually turn into regular conversation, then regular conversations produce reputations.

To prevent gossip in your life...

1. *Cut the chain.* Don’t pass along any information that is salacious, unconfirmed, or vengeful.
2. *Let your speech always be with grace...* (Col. 4:6).
3. *Practice the Golden Rule.* Would you want your worst acts discussed behind your back just so somebody could enjoy telling a “good story”? Of course not.

James Hayes



“Peace I leave with you; My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful.”

John 14:27

IMPORTANT DATES

5/16: VBS meeting at Coopertown at 3:00. Happy Haven Children’s Home contribution; P.M. singing

5/23: Men’s meeting

5/30: Building Fund contribution

OTHER NEWS

Mani Pagidipalli is under immense pressure. Covid is ravaging India. To financially support him, send money to Broadway church of Christ, ATTN: India Missions, 2855 Broadway St., Paducah, KY 42001.

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Sunday School: 9:30
Morning Worship:
10:30
Evening Worship:
6:00
Wednesday: 7:00
Phone: 615-924-9714

Prayer List:

- *Dwayne Brown, a friend of Becky Rose's mother, was in a bad motorcycle accident. He has a long road of recovery ahead.*
- *Ann Reed is being treated for cancer with radiation and chemotherapy.*
- *Freddie Garza is slowly improving from Covid.*
- *Continue to pray for Kristine Garrett, Weston Johnson.*

VBS AND GOSPEL MEETING

Last year we were unable to have our joint Gospel Meeting with the Coopertown church due to Covid. Thankfully, life has slowly returned to normal, so we will resume that event this year. The dates for that event are August 1-4. Nathan Diller, a classmate of Jeff Smith's when they were at Freed-Hardeman, will be preaching that week.

Along with the Gospel Meeting, our churches have combined to conduct a one-day VBS called "Super Saturday." The Coopertown church has decided to do a three-day VBS this year from June 9-11 at night. If you would like to help serve in this event in any capacity, there will be an organizational meeting at Coopertown at 3:00 this afternoon.

Also, we plan on resuming fellowship activities here at the building in the near future. As vaccinations continue and people are more comfortable fellowshiping in close environments, we will seek ways to spend more time together. Thank you for your patience over the past year. Churches have seen tremendous changes, but the Lord still blesses us!

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THOSE WHO WILL SERVE (May 16, 2021)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

READ: E. Walker

PRAYER: Brown

WORSHIP

WAIT ON TABLE: Billingsley

SERVE: J. Buchanan, Rose, J. Demonbreum

PRAYER: Reed