

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

February 12, 2023

<div>Welcome!</div> <div>When you go through deep waters, I will be with you.</div> <div>Isaiah 43:2</div> <div>"Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!"</div> <div>Our service this evening will be in song. Charlie Baker will have the reading, and David Billingsley will offer the invitation.</div>	<div>Prayer List</div> <div>Kim Waller got a good report after her shoulder surgery</div> <div>Sherry Russell's sister Rhonda Savage has returned to the hospital</div> <div>Tim's father Pat Agee is doing well after his back surgery</div> <div>Weston Johnson's cancer has returned</div> <div>Lowell Gregory is doing well after cornea surgery</div> <div>Maria Hunter Harrington has discontinued chemotherapy and will have surgery</div> <div>Catherine Pennington is recovering from hernia surgery</div> <div>Elizabeth's grandmother Carol Saling has cancer</div> <div>Forshia Pennington has cancer.</div> <div>Continue to pray for: Camille Brosky, Diane Singleton, Chelsea Roaden, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, the Brown family, Kristine Garrett, the Krantz family, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, and Isabel Johnson</div>	<div>Serving Today</div> <div>Song Leader: Jeff Baker</div> <div>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: John Buchanan</div> <div>Prayer: Johnny Walker</div> <div>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Ricky Mayo 1 John 4:1-21</div> <div>Wait On Table: David Billingsley</div> <div>Serve: Jearmie Gupton Doug Demonbreun</div> <div>Prayer: Eddie Walker</div>
<div>Service Times</div> <div>Sunday Bible Study 9:30 am</div> <div>Sunday AM Worship 10:30 am</div> <div>Sunday PM Worship 6:00 pm</div> <div>Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 pm</div>	<div>Follow Us</div> <div> pleasantviewcoc</div> <div>pleasantviewchurchofchrist.net</div>	

We Know: Study of I John – 1 John 4:1-21
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John is again looking
in two directions

- (1) Tests to know the Spirit of God
(2) Tests to know the spirit of the antichrist

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(1-6)

1Jn 3:24 "the Spirit who he has given us."

¹Beloved, do not believe every **spirit**, but **test the spirits** to see **whether they are from God**, for many **false prophets** have gone out into the world.

²By this you know the **Spirit of God**: every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is from God,

³and every spirit that does not confess Jesus is not from God. This is the **spirit of the antichrist**, which you heard was coming and now is in the world already. <- *Parallels 2:18-27 concerning antichrists*

⁴Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for **he who is in you is greater than he who is in the world**.

⁵They are **from the world**; therefore they **speak from the world**, and the **world listens to them**.

⁶We are **from God**. Whoever knows **God listens to us**; whoever is not from God does not listen to us. By this we know the Spirit of truth and the spirit of error.

⁷Beloved, let us **love one another**, for love is **from God**, and whoever **loves** has been **born of God** and knows God.

⁸Anyone who does **not love** does **not know God**, because **God is love**.

⁹In this the **love of God** was made manifest among us, that **God sent his only Son into the world**, so that we might live through him.

¹⁰In this is **love**, not that we have **loved God** but that **he loved us** and **sent his Son** to be the propitiation for our sins.

¹¹Beloved, if **God so loved us**, we also **ought to love one another**.

¹²**No one has ever seen God**; if **we love one another**, God abides in us and **his love is perfected in us**.

¹³By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because **he has given us of his Spirit**. <- *1Jn 3:24; Acts 2:38; Rom 8:9-11*

¹⁴And **we have seen and testify** that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <- *We = Apostles - 1Jn 1:1-4*

¹⁵Whoever **confesses that Jesus is the Son of God**, God abides in him, and he in God.

¹⁶So we have come to **know** and to **believe** the **love** that God has for us. **God is love**, and whoever abides in **love abides in God**, and **God abides in him**. <- *Have to KNOW before we can BELIEVE*

¹⁷By this is **love perfected with us**, so that **we may have confidence for the day of judgment**, because as he is so also are we in this world.

¹⁸There is **no fear in love**, but perfect **love casts out fear**. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in **love**.

¹⁹We **love** because **he first loved us**.

²⁰If anyone says, "**I love God**," and **hates his brother**, he is a liar; for **he who does not love his brother** whom he has seen **cannot love God** whom he has not seen. <- *HORIZONTAL and VERTICAL relationship*

²¹And this commandment we have from him: **whoever loves God must also love his brother**. <- *Mt 22:34-40; Mk 12:28-31*

(2-3) The false spirits will deny the Christ came in the flesh.

-Mk 13:22-23

(5) The world listens to the false prophets, because their message accommodates the world's beliefs.

(6) Belief of the gospel is the true test of the Holy Spirit's presence and work. In order to detect false prophets and evil spirits, we MUST be people who listen to and follow God's word!

-Jn 8:39-47

God is Love (8, 16)

*Love is not just one of God's many activities but rather all His activity is loving activity, because that is His nature.

*Our failure to love can only mean that we have no true knowledge of God, we have not really been born of him, we do not have his nature.

(11) We must be loving because He is loving...God's love is poured into our hearts by the Holy Spirit whom we have received (Rom 5:5). This love must motivate us to love each other.

(15) Confesses Jesus as opposed to anything else. (2:24)

-Confession is more than just speaking His name, but implies faith, belief, obedience, etc.

(1) Christians have to be equipped to test whether or not these spirits are truly from God. How do we do that?

-Phil 1:9-11

(4) The Spirit in believers is greater than the false spirit in the antichrists!

-1Jn 3:24; Acts 2:38

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(7-5:12)

Love one Another (7)

-1Jn 2:7-11; 3:10-24
-Jn 13:31-35

The love he describes is not naturally within us, because it is from God

(9) John 3:16

(10) True love can only be given to God after it has first been received from Him through His Son. It exists only as a response to what He has done for us.

No one has ever seen God (12)

This is a humbling, terrifying statement because it indicates the ONLY way in which the world will see God is through the love we reflect from God within the community of believers.

-Jn 1:14-18

(17-18) God's love is perfected by the love shown within the community of believers. This leads to confidence in eternity (Rom 5:1-5), which replaces fear of judgment.