



PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

August 27, 2023

<div>Welcome!</div> <div></div> <div><p>“The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer’s feet, and He will make me walk on my high hills.”</p><p>Thank you for all the support for our joint gospel meeting with Coopertown!</p><div><div>-----</div><div>Minister: Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com 615-330-8652</div></div></div>	<div>Prayer List</div> <div>We’re saddened by the loss of Janet Tabor who passed away Tuesday. Funeral service will be Tuesday, the 29th, at 1pm at Cheatham County Funeral Home.</div> <div>Keith Walker is recovering at home from covid.</div> <div>Maria Hunter Harrington is undergoing tests to determine why she is passing out. She is still in chemotherapy.</div> <div>Steve Webb is continuing chemotherapy, but is back at work.</div> <div>Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health</div> <div>Continue to pray for: the Buchanan family, Kristine Garrett, Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky, those in Ukraine; Judy Cook, the Brown family, John Hayes, Nick Phifer, Weston Johnson and Bill Gillock</div> <div>We will have Bible bowl practice at 5:00 this afternoon</div>	<div>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7 as we conclude our Summer Series! Keith Pickard will be bringing a lesson from 2 Corinthians 4</div> <div>Serving Today</div> <div>Song Leader: Steve Buchanan</div> <div>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Ricky Mayo</div> <div>Prayer: David Billingsley</div> <div>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</div> <div>Scripture Reading: Charlie Baker Matthew 26:6-13</div> <div>Wait On Table: Mike Reed</div> <div>Serve: Johnny Walker Doug Demonbreun</div> <div>Prayer: Jared Roaden</div>							
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An Example of Generosity - Matthew 26:1-13

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Everyone looks forward to lessons on giving and generosity, right? Ha! In actuality, giving can be a very touchy subject. There was once a new preacher at a congregation who shared with me that he delivered a sermon on giving and was later told by a member “we don’t teach on giving here”. However sensitive the topic, giving is a fundamental part of our Christianity. We must remember that everything belongs to God already, and we have been entrusted with these blessings. It is up to us to make sure they are used for the furtherance of the kingdom of God.

This morning we’re going to look at what might be considered a strange example of giving and generosity in **Mt 26:6-13** (See also **Mk 14:3-9** and **Jn 12:1-8**). This is the story of Mary using ointment to anoint Jesus’ head and feet and wipe His feet with her hair. What can we learn about being generous toward God through this very unusual event?

C_____ - One of the main things all three writers emphasize is the shocking expense of this lavish gift. Matthew refers to the ointment as “very expensive”, while Mark and Luke point out the disciples’ indignation that this ointment was valued at “three hundred denarii”. This amount was approximately a year’s wages for a worker. To say the least, this was a sacrificial offering and provides a pattern for our own approach to giving.

Many will ask “How much should we give?” While tithing was commanded under the old law, the New Testament precedent for giving is....

- Sacrificial - **Acts 4:32-27** (Barnabas); **2 Cor 8:1-5** / **Phil 4:14-20** (Macedonians)
- According to our ability (or beyond) - **2 Cor 8:3, 12**
- As we have decided in our heart / Cheerfully and without compulsion - **2 Cor 9:7**

C_____ - When it comes to the resources we have been entrusted with, our ingrained response is to want to keep these things for ourselves, because we believe they will make us happy! This is an obstacle we must overcome in order to be generous with our giving. While the disciples complained that the money could have been used for the poor, John tells us that Judas really wanted the money for himself. Ultimately this comes down to faith, and we can’t have faith in both God and money (**Mt 6:24; 13:22; 1 Tim 6:9-10**).

C_____ - What really makes this scene unusual is a combination of Mary’s action and Jesus’ response to the complaints of the disciples. How many of us would say or think the same things as the disciples if we were present on this occasion? Why would Jesus say this action by Mary was more important than giving the money to the poor? We must remember that at that moment, the MOST important thing in the whole world was that Jesus was here on this earth to die for our sins. This is a critical precedent for us to follow. Our giving should always be focused on those things most important to the Kingdom of God right now! Mary’s action in that moment could either have been a simple show of respect and reverence for the incarnate son of God or an open acknowledgment of her belief in Jesus’ claims about His death and resurrection (as Jesus alluded to when He said that she had “done it to prepare me for burial”). As individuals, and as a church, we must constantly ask ourselves “How can we best use the resources God has entrusted me with to further His Kingdom?” (**Mt 25:31-40; Acts 2:44-45; Rom 15:25-27; Gal 2:6-7, 9-10; 6:6-10**).