

PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

November 12, 2023

Welcome!



"He is the Rock, His work is perfect; for all His ways are justice, A God of truth and without injustice; Righteous and upright is He."

Join us this evening at
6:00 for worship in
song!

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Prayer List

Kristine Garrett is in the hospital with the effects of her new treatment

Diane Singleton continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.

Continue to pray for: **Michael & Regan Loosli, Maria Hunter Harrington, Steve Webb**, the **Walker** family, the **Mayo** family, **Doug Demonbreun, Belinda Mayo, Rebecca Brown**, the **Tabor** family, the **Buchanan** family, **Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky**, those in **Ukraine**; **Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer**, and **Weston Johnson** and **Bill Gillock**

Please let David
and Wanda know if
you'll be attending
our holiday meal

*We invite everyone to join
us Wednesday night at 7 as
Tim continues our study of
Romans in chapter 14*

Serving Today

Song Leader:
Steve Buchanan

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Johnny Walker

Prayer:
Eddie Walker

WORSHIP (10:30 am)

Scripture Reading:
Charlie Baker
Ephesians 3:1-13

Wait On Table:
Jeff Baker

Serve:
Mike Reed
Josh Demonbreun

Prayer:
Jared Roaden

Service Times

Sunday Bible Study	9:30 am
Sunday AM Worship	10:30 am
Sunday PM Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00 pm

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God's Mystery Revealed – Ephesians 3:1-13
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I. M
(1-6)

Apostles

Full representatives of Christ...Included the 12 (w Matthias Acts 1:15-26) as well as Paul

Prophets

Those with the gift of prophecy...spoke the word of Christ...

-Acts 13:1
-1 Cor 12:28
-Eph 4:11

Summarizes
Eph 2:11-22

II. M
(7-13)

Apostle to the Gentiles

-Acts 9:15; 26:13-18
-Rom. 11:13; 15:15-16
-Gal 2:7
-1 Tim. 2:7

Paul's
Task

"The Church becomes a mirror through which the bright ones of heaven see the glory of God."
- J. Agar Beet (1890)

Manifold

-πολυποίκιλος
(polypoiikilos)

-(very) many sided

Refers back to 2:11-22, and possibly all of chapter 2. Note how Paul interrupts himself, and does not pick back up again until v. 14

¹For this reason I, Paul, a **prisoner** for Christ Jesus on behalf of you Gentiles—

Acts 21:20-36

²assuming that you have heard of the **stewardship** of God's **grace** that was given to me for you,

Gal 1:11-24

³how the **mystery** was made known to me by **revelation**, as I have written briefly.

Eph 1:9

⁴When you read this, you can perceive my insight into the **mystery** of Christ, <- We can have confidence in the words of Paul

⁵which was not made known to the sons of men in other generations as it has now been revealed to his **holy apostles** and **prophets** by the Spirit.

⁶This **mystery** is that the Gentiles are ^[1]**fellow heirs**, ^[2]**members** of the same body, and ^[3]**partakers** of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

⁷Of this gospel I was made a **minister** according to the **gift** of God's **grace**, which was given me by the working of his power. Not saving grace, but grace to perform his assigned task from God

⁸To me, though I am the **very least of all the saints**, this **grace** was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ,

1Co 15:9

⁹and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the **mystery hidden for ages** in God who created all things,

¹⁰so that **through the church** the **manifold wisdom of God** might now be made known to the **rulers and authorities in the heavenly places**.

¹¹This was according to the **eternal purpose** that he has realized in **Christ Jesus our Lord**,

¹²in whom we have **boldness** and **access with confidence** through our faith in him.

Heb 4:14-16

¹³So I ask you **not to lose heart** over **what I am suffering** for you, which is your glory.

See v. 1 - "prisoner"

Stewardship

οἰκονομία - oikonomia

-A task, a job, implying need for administration

-God equipped Paul for his special task

-v. 7; Col 1:23-25

Mystery (mystērion)

As used in the NT does not mean "enigma," but refers to God's plan of salvation, which was formerly kept secret but is now revealed in Christ.

-Ro 16:25

-1Co 4:1

-Eph 1:9; 3:3-9; 5:32; 6:19

-Col 1:26; 2:2

Gentiles are...

All three terms begin with the prefix syn- ("with" or "co")

(1) **Fellow** heirs

-Rom 8:17

-Gal 3:29; 4:7

(2) **Members** of the same body

-Rom 12:4-5

-1Co 12:12-14

(3) **Partakers** of the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel

-Gen 12:3

-Gal 3:7-9

Hidden for Ages

-Rom 16:25

-1Co 2:7

God's Eternal Purpose

-Eph 1:3-5; 2:10

-Act 2:23

-Rom 3:21

-1Co 2:7

-1Pe 1:18-21