



# PLEASANT VIEW PROCLAIMER

November 19, 2023

<div>Welcome!</div> <div><p>He HAS MADE everything beautiful IN ITS time</p><p>— ECC 3:11 —</p></div> <div><p>“Whenever I am afraid, I will trust in You. In God (I will praise His word), In God I have put my trust; I will not fear. What can flesh do to me?”</p></div> <div><p>Remember our contribution to Happy Haven Children’s home today</p></div> <div><p>-----</p><p><b>Minister:</b> Timothy Agee timothy@teamagee.com 615-330-8652</p></div>	<div>Prayer List</div> <div><p><b>Mark Russell</b> is home from the hospital but still on oxygen</p><p><b>Beth Gardner</b>, a childhood friend of Cara Lea’s, passed away last week</p><p>Remember the family of <b>Dolores Coleman</b> in her passing</p><p><b>Kristine Garrett</b> has begun radiation treatment for brain cancer</p><p><b>Diane Singleton</b> continues to struggle with her health. They are considering surgery.</p><p>Continue to pray for: <b>Michael &amp; Regan Loosli, Maria Hunter Harrington, Steve Webb</b>, the <b>Walker</b> family, the <b>Mayo</b> family, <b>Doug Demonbreun, Belinda Mayo, Rebecca Brown</b>, the <b>Tabor</b> family, the <b>Buchanan</b> family, <b>Bige Shepherd, Forshia Pennington, Carol Saling, Keith Walker, Camille Brosky</b>, those in <b>Ukraine; Judy Cook, John Hayes, Nick Phifer</b>, and <b>Weston Johnson</b> and <b>Bill Gillock</b></p><p>Please let David know a number attending our Holiday Meal December 9 at 400! and pay \$10/meal by 11/30</p></div>	<div><p>We invite everyone to join us Wednesday night at 7 as Tim continues our study of Romans in chapter 15</p></div> <div>Serving Today</div> <div><p><b>Song Leader:</b> Steve Buchanan</p><p>SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:30 am)</p><p><b>Scripture Reading:</b> Lowell Gregory</p><p><b>Prayer:</b> Jearmie Gupton</p><p>WORSHIP (10:30 am)</p><p><b>Scripture Reading:</b> Eddie Walker Ephesians 3:14-21</p><p><b>Wait On Table:</b> Dwight Pennington</p><p><b>Serve:</b> Jeff Baker Doug Demonbreun</p><p><b>Prayer:</b> David Billingsley</p></div>							
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**God's Mystery Revealed – Ephesians 3:14-21**  
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I. P \_\_\_\_\_  
(14-15)

Repeated from v.1 – Here Paul continues his prayer that began in v.1, after his aside in vv. 2-13.

The whole family of angels in heaven, saints in Paradise, and believers on earth is named (of the Father), being 'the children of God' –John Wesley

<sup>14</sup>**For this reason I bow my knees before the Father,**

Father = πατήρ (patēr)  
Family = πατριά (patria)

Eph 2:18

<sup>15</sup>from whom *every family* in heaven and on earth is named,

Rom 9:23; Eph 2:4-7

Isa 40:27-31

II. P \_\_\_\_\_  
(16-19)

[1] <sup>16</sup>**that** according to the *riches* of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,

2Co 4:16; Col 3:10

The opposite of "lose heart" from v.13

That – ἵνα (hina)

A marker of purpose:

- (1) **Strengthened** – through His Spirit
- (2) **Comprehend** – the love of Christ
- (3) **Filled** – with the fullness of God

Each petition builds upon the previous.

<sup>17</sup>so that Christ may dwell in your hearts *through faith*—  
[2] <sup>18</sup>**that** you, being rooted and grounded in love,

Paul mixes biological and architectural metaphors  
Mat 7:15-20, 24-27; 1Co 3:9; Col 2:7

<sup>18</sup>may have strength to *comprehend* with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,

Rom 5:6-11

How can we know something that "surpasses knowledge?"

<sup>19</sup>and to *know the love of Christ* that *surpasses knowledge*,  
[3] <sup>20</sup>**that** you may be *filled with all the fullness of God*.

III. P \_\_\_\_\_  
(20-21)

The pinnacle of Christian maturity – Eph 4:13

<sup>20</sup>**Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think**, according to the *power at work within us*,

<sup>21</sup>**to him be glory** in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout *all generations*, forever and ever. Amen.

God deserves our praise for what he's done for us  
Eph 1:6, 12, 14

Posture in Prayer

**Bowing** κάμπτω (kamptō) – bow on the knee to worship – symbolizes submission

- 1Ki 8:54
- Luk 22:41
- Act 7:60; 9:40, 20:36, 21:5
- Rom 14:11
- Php 2:10

**Standing** – traditional posture among the Jews

- 1Ki 8:22
- Mat 6:5
- Luk 18:11-13

**Seated**

- 1Ch 17:16

**Fell on Face**

- Mat 26:39
- Luk 5:12

Strengthened...Christ May Dwell...

–Compare to Gal 2:20

–Only with God's strength, through His Spirit, are we able to put to death the deeds of the body (Rom 8:13), and hold fast to our faith in Christ.

–Christ becomes our way of life, our identity.

GOD is **BIGGER** and more **POWERFUL** than **ANYTHING** we will **EVER** face in this life...

**AND**

His power is "at work within us."