

We Are Pleasant View

From My Perspective

In January, 2018, after much prayer and consideration, I found myself staring at a form that had to be submitted to the Superintendent and the Bishop. There were three boxes. Box one said "Stay." Box two said "Move." Box three said "Either." I knew which box I would ultimately mark, but it was difficult to mark the box, to say the least. I marked box two, signed my form, and sent it on.

I explained to the Superintendent that I had moved wherever I was asked to move, but this time, I had a request: my Dad was in failing health, and I really needed to move close to Knoxville. Those four hour trips from Radford to Knoxville were taking their toll. The Superintendent assured me that they would do their best to get me near Knoxville.

Next thing I heard, I was moving to Abingdon, to become your Pastor. While it cut the travel time considerably, it still didn't seem to be very close to Knoxville in my thinking. But, I prayed about it and soon had a peace that this was where I was meant to minister. So, we agreed and came to Abingdon with a full sense that we were following God's will, and with a real enthusiasm for serving here.

As you know, my Dad passed away just before we moved, thus nullifying the only reason we had asked to live close to Knoxville. It seems that God has a way of seeing around the next corner much better than we do.

Seven years later, I am sure of one thing: God brought us together for a time such as this. I am often reminded that God gives us what we need, in spite of sometimes not getting what we want.

God brought us together. Souls have been saved. Hearts have been changed. The hungry have been fed. Good News has been proclaimed. The Body of Christ has functioned like the Body of Christ is supposed to function.

See you Sunday, at the place we're meant to be. What we do here matters.
Dale



From the Second Chair

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June, the month of graduations, weddings, vacations, and baseball; the month Summer officially begins and children are out of school. With Spring and its starts and stops and violent weather behind us, we look forward to what this new season holds.

For Methodists, June is historically a month of change. It's the time when one who has lived among us and led by example and word begins the process of moving on. And it's also the time when another will begin the process of moving in. One leaves us with rich memories and will take parts of our hearts as he goes; the other will begin the process of making memories and start to carve his place in our hearts. We will hold our time with the Gilberts fast in our memories; and as we travel down Memory Lane, we'll remember rejoicing with them at the arrival of Olivia as first grandchild. We'll recall the times we wept and prayed with them for the safety of their children and for the healing of a son. With Dale at the helm, God led us safely through the 2020 shutdown, through disaffiliation, and into a new affiliation.

We have our corporate memories of the Gilberts, and we each have our own individual ones. Mine began in 2009 when I, being newly widowed, began the process of becoming a Methodist pastor with Dale Gilbert as the Dean of my Licensing School at Buffalo Mountain. Then nine years later, I remember rejoicing when we heard the news that he was being appointed as our Lead Pastor at Pleasant View. The older I get the clearer I see how God weaves the tapestry of our lives and brings people in and out who will change us and be changed by us. I will be eternally grateful to Him for making Dale and Angela Gilbert a permanent part of my weaving. We will never say "Goodbye," only "See you later!"

Blessings,

Barbara

June's Food Pantry Items

Soup (10.5 oz. cans)

Saltine crackers (16 oz. boxes)

Please be in Prayer for...

The youth and adults who will be traveling to John's Island to do mission work this June. Vacation Bible School is June 8-12. Please pray for the children and adults participating

June's JOY Group Trip

They will leave on Thursday, June 26 at 10:30 am from the church parking lot to go to Mike's Seafood Restaurant in Boone, NC.

June's Book for Once Upon a Time Book Club

The ladies will discuss on Monday, June 30 at 1 pm "Where The Jessamine Grows" by Everhart. We will meet in the library.





WINGS at Pleasant View Church



We gather as women walking in faith and working together.
In the light of the immeasurable,
Never-ending love of our Lord Jesus Christ. We live in
Gratitude for God's goodness and gifts of grace and salvation.
Seeking always to honor him and to serve others by lifting
them as on eagles' wings wherever we can.



June 2025

John 13:34 - I give you a new command: love one another. Just as I have loved you.

Remember this from Dale's sermon a couple of weeks ago? God gave us ten commandments and Jesus gave us one. If we believe, feel, know and follow the ten from God we can't help but believe, feel, know and follow the one from Jesus. Dale pointed out so many ways we, (Pleasant View Church) follow that with our many different missions.

We, (WINGS) try to do the same with our group of ladies. We all can do so many things for our Lord, as individuals as a group and as a congregation.

Let's also remember something else from his sermon, if we don't try new things that might not work, we could become a dying church. This is the only way we can truly grow in helping more and in new and different ways as time goes on. Let's always be open to new ways to serve our God, by feeding, nurturing and supporting others around us and those not so close to home. Love one another, just as Jesus loved us.

We hope you our next meeting Tuesday, June 3rd at 6:30 in room 200.

May our Lord and Savior bless you in a way that only He can, and that you feel it and know it's from Him.

Cathy Swindall
President
WINGS at Pleasant View Church



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

June Newsletter

What is in your heart?

"I have hidden Your word in my heart that I might not sin against You" Psalm 119:11
Pleasant View Church has the best children! I am so honored to be apart of their faith journeys. Last Sunday, I couldn't believe my ears during our lesson. Our children know God's word. They are making connection between God's word and their lives. Thank you for all your time and prayers you pour into these little disciples.



Mark your Calendar!

Sunday:

- 9:45 Sunday School
- 11am Kid's Worship & Cherub Church

- June 9-12: True North VBS
- June 29: No Kids Worship
- July 14-18: Agape Week
- Aug 3: No Sunday School or Worship due to SERVE
- Aug 3: Back School Bash
- Aug 31: No Worship
- Aug 20: Excite Night!



True North VBS

Vacation Bible School is June 9-12 at 6-8pm. VBS is for preschool and elementary children. We will learn how we can trust Jesus in a wild world. There will be bible lessons, science, games, music, and snacks! Use the QR code to register.





Maize for Malawi

The country of Malawi is ranked among the ten poorest countries in the world. Most Malawians face extreme poverty – 80% of the people are subsistence farmers who survive on less than \$2 per day.

For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink... 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.'

Matthew 25:35, 40

Pleasant View Methodist Church supports missionaries who are there on the frontlines, ministering to the Yao people, a people group who are predominately Muslim. Food insecurity is a daily reality for the Yao. **You can help.**

Our mission team purchased and distributed several tons of corn while we were there in January. It sounds like a lot. It isn't. We only fed a few hundred people. There are so many others. We are going back to Malawi in July, and we want to feed as many as we can.

A ton of corn costs \$700. The more money we can raise, the more mouths we can feed, and the more people we can reach for Christ. Won't you help?

To donate to the Maize for Malawi project, simply make your check to Pleasant View, marked for "Maize".

Thank you for your support!!



Foundations Youth Ministry



**VISIT OUR
WEBSITE**

For up-to-date schedules and announcements, be sure to check out our website!!

www.pleasantviewyouth.com

Foundations Youth

Wednesday Nights

Supper at 5:30pm

Foundations at 6:00pm

**Bring somebody!
Come as you are!!**

Foundations Youth Ministry is the youth ministry of Pleasant View Methodist Church

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2025 JUNE

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4 Splash Country!!	5	6	7
8 Sunday School 9:45am	9	10	11 Foundations 7:30pm to 9pm	12	13	14
15 Sunday School 9:45am	16	17	Johns Island Week			21
22 Sunday School 9:45am	23	24	25 Foundations 5:30pm	26	27	28
29 Sunday School 9:45am	30					



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WEDNESDAY JUNE 4

Cost \$60 – Friends are always welcome!

