

THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

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"BE STRONG IN THE LORD AND IN THE POWER OF HIS MIGHT"

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

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What Have We Come To?

"What have we come to?" asks Dee Bowman in his June column from Pressing On Magazine. To cite his concerns, Dee shares the following examples from our sin-sick society.

- *I saw a commercial that advertises a place that has "just the right amount of wrong." What have we come to?*
- *There is a city that announces unashamedly, "What goes on here stays here." What have we come to?*
- *It is not uncommon for today's political aspirants to use gross, gutter language - even take God's name in vain with impunity— even with a sort of pride. And most folks just look the other way. What have we come to?*
- *Many of today's sports (far too many!) look the other way, even continue to laud their heroes even when they spit in the face of integrity and morality—so long as they perform well enough to win. What have we come to?*
- *The social media can display all manner of ungodly, pornographic-like images and even some who profess to be religious people don't even turn and look the other way. What have we come to ?*
- *Today's business community has come to tolerate—even expect—all manner of inconsistencies, even obvious dishonesty, and then dismiss it all by saying, "Well, that's just business." What have we come to?*
- *Far too many people—including some who call themselves "Christian"—dismiss these and a host of other actions similar to them with reactions like, "Whatever..." or "Well...that's just how it is." What have we come to?*

Our brother's question demands an answer. It reminds me of the sad state of Israel and Judah as recorded by the Old Testament prophets. "Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who substitute darkness for light and light for darkness; Who substitute bitter for sweet and sweet for bitter! Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes And clever in their own sight!" (Isa 5:20-21). In fact, Jeremiah's lament is descriptive our brazen culture today. "Were they ashamed when they committed abomination? No, they were not at all ashamed; they did not know how to blush. Therefore they shall fall among those who fall; at the time that I punish them, they shall be overthrown," says the Lord." (Jer. 6:15, ESV)

While every age has had its share of sinful behavior, it seems that we are constantly reaching a new low in modern day America. Satan's scheme is moving at warp speed. We have come to a point where every belief and behavior, no matter how bizarre, must be accepted and tolerated. In fact, even celebrated. Almost all politicians are catering to the homosexual community and its perverted agenda. Blatant. Brash. Shameless. Defiant. Impudent. And insolent. All describe the attitude of our culture toward God, goodness, and moral restraint. While we are not surprised that godless people will engage in sinful behavior, it is still shocking that Christians will accept it and dismiss it with little concern. Dee's final question should prompt some serious reflection in the minds of Christians: "And where do we go from here?"

We need to return to God's Word as our moral guide-book. We need to return to fervent prayer for our nation, our homes and our churches. We need to return to Lord's day worship as a priority and not a matter of convenience when we feel like it. We need to return to seeking first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness. We need mothers and fathers to return to God's plan for the home. To teach our children right from wrong. And to set an example of faithfulness and fidelity to each other and to the Lord. We need return to trusting the Lord instead of Wall Street, Washington, or political parties. We need to return to "living soberly, righteously and godly in this present world."

Yes, we wonder "what the world's coming to?" Our response should be: "Look what's coming to the world."

-Ken Weliever, thepreachersword.com

We are so grateful that you have made the decision to join our family, today, as we worship our Almighty God! If you have any questions or inquiries, please feel free to ask any of our members and we would be more happy to answer as best we can! Please accept our invitation to join us, again, when you have the opportunity.



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 7-3-2016

Serving
the **NEXT**
GENERATION
JUDGES 2:10

IN THE _____

BY _____

THEIR _____

BE _____ WITH THEIR _____

FOR THEIR _____

Serving
the
KINGDOM



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday PM Notes 7-3-2016

BE STRONG & COURAGEOUS

JOSHUA 1:9

AND BE _____ TO _____

AND BE _____ TO THE _____

AND _____ BE _____

AND _____ WILL _____ US THE _____ HE HAS

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Daily Bible
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Times of Worship & Bible Study

Sunday:

9:30 AM Bible Study

10:30 AM Worship Service: You can expect heart felt singing, reverent prayer, preaching from the Word of God, a focused and reverent observance of the Lord's Supper, and an opportunity for the saints of Pleasant Plains to give back to the Lord.

5:00 PM Worship Service

Wednesday:

7:00 PM Bible Study and Worship

Weekly Attendance

Last Sunday AM Worship.....125
Last Sunday PM Worship.....90
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....84

In Our Prayers

RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

-Please get any updates or additions to Nick as they arise!

CONTINUED PRAYERS:

Our expecting mothers: Katie Angel & Melody Brown.

-Norma Griggs...shut in and struggling with her health.

-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's Mother)...continuing cancer treatments.

-Wayne Wilkinson (father of Jim Wilkinson)...undergoing cancer treatments.

-Keller Stephens (Kathy Raines' Uncle)...still struggling with his health.

-Christy Bennett's Nephew Logan...young man struggling with his health.

-Barbara Leonard...shut in and struggling with her health.

-Robin Hill..... battling cancer.

-Jamie Neal and family (Nancy Phillips' friend)..Battling Melanoma.

-Ashley Pickens (Brent Holt's cousin)... Battling Cancer and has been readmitted to the hospital with complications.

-Pray for the work of this church. The fields are white & we need to be hard at work to spread the Gospel to as many lost souls as possible.

-Men & women making the sacrifice to protect the freedoms of this country.

If you have any updates or additions to the prayer list, please see Nick (in person, phone call, text, or email) so we can keep the bulletin up to date.

Pleasant Plains News

Upcoming Pleasant Plains' Bible Studies & Events

✓**Men's Bible Class - July 9th** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 8 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - July 12th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 9 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - TBD** "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

Area Gospel Meetings

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Daily Bible Reading For This Week: **Joshua 11-18**

Please make an effort to be in daily reading and meditation of God's Word! This year we will be reading through the first 14 books of the Old Testament in an effort to learn along side our kids classes and to be instructed by those things written in earlier times. **(Romans 15:4)**