

# THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

August 14th, 2016

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

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

## 5 Things Elders Need To Hear Regularly

If it were not tragic, it would be funny. That is this: often, the only thing elders ever hear from the congregation is complaining. If things are going well, we just assume the elders know we appreciate it. But let things start going downhill—even just a little bit—and we have no problem talking to our shepherds. Part of being in a position of leadership is understanding that you will hear complaints at times. It comes with the territory. But it really is tragic that too many elders *only* hear complaints, though they are striving to help people grow closer to the Lord and reach heaven.

Elders are not perfect men, but those who are in this position of leadership are worthy of our consideration and kindness. Additionally, they need to be built up through our words on a regular basis. To that end, here are 5 things that elders need to hear from each member on a regular basis.

**I Pray for You.** Carrying the weight of watching over the souls of a congregation is a very heavy task, indeed. Elders need to know that members are regularly bringing their names and concerns before the throne of God.

**I Trust You.** Our society always leans toward distrust of anyone in any position of leadership. Yes, that bleeds over into the church. Elders need to hear that the members trust their wise judgment. Even if the elders make mistakes, their intent is not to be harmful or disruptive. They need to know that you know that!

**I Pray for Your Wife.** One of the hardest roles in the church is that of being the wife of an elder. When something is heavy upon the heart of her husband but, due to confidence, he cannot share that with her, it weighs on her heart and mind, as well. She needs your prayers, too, and elders need to know that the members do not treat their wives as some group of "others," but as ladies who need our prayers.

**I Think Our Future is Bright.** Elders are constantly hearing from people about how things "used to be." "Back when we were..." is a very common beginning to many conversations with elders. While that certainly has its place, elders need to know that you think the congregation has a bright and God-glorifying future. While they do not seek nor want the credit, it helps put wind in their sails to know that their vision of what—with God's help—could be is being shared.

**Thank You.** Those two words mean the world to anyone, but especially to those in positions of leadership. Long hours, heart-wrenching prayers, and sleepless nights are the parts of the work that most people do not see. All we see is the fruit of all those things. For those things we should be grateful, and that gratitude needs to be regularly expressed.

Elders hold an office that simply is unequalled in its importance. These pastors love souls, and want the church to grow in number, spirit, and unity. They understand the depth and breadth of their position, and they also know the pressures that come with it.

Just a few words, regularly and honestly spoken by the members, will help these men lighten their load and bring more joy to their lives.

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.

-Adam Faughn, [faughnfamily.com](http://faughnfamily.com)



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 08-14-2016

**FINISH**  
*the*  
**RACE**

**Hebrews 12:1-3**

With The \_\_\_\_\_ of The \_\_\_\_\_ Who Have

\_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Those Things That Will

\_\_\_\_\_ Us \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_ Our \_\_\_\_\_ On \_\_\_\_\_



Speaker:

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Sunday PM Notes 08-14-2016

**Let Your  
Yes Be Yes  
& No Be No**

**Matthew 5:33-37**

DIFFICULTY OF THIS TEACHING: \_\_\_\_\_ one thing and  
\_\_\_\_\_ another just isn't that \_\_\_\_\_.

Our " \_\_\_\_\_ " is one of our most \_\_\_\_\_.

We should be a \_\_\_\_\_ who's " \_\_\_\_\_ " means \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_ to keep our \_\_\_\_\_ shows a lack of \_\_\_\_\_

and \_\_\_\_\_ for those we give our

\_\_\_\_\_ to.

**DIFFICULT**  
**Sayings**  
**of**  
**Jesus**

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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.....84

Last Wednesday Bible Study.....100

## In Our Prayers

### RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:

**-Christine Benson...**Chris Benson's (son-in-law of Marty & Amy Gaily) mother has just been diagnosed with leukemia.

### CONTINUED PRAYERS:

\*\*\*Our expecting mother: 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 - No regular September class. Max Dawson will lead the men in a day of study on September 17th as a part of our special study with him that will begin the following day.**

✓**Ladies Class - September 6th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson12 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - August 28th.** "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

### Area Gospel Meetings

☉ **Please be making plans to be in attendance for our special study with Max Dawson that will be September 18-21.**

## Daily Bible Reading For This Week: I Samuel 10-17

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)**