

# THE WHOLE ARMOR OF GOD

March 13, 2016

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

PLEASANT PLAINS CHURCH OF CHRIST

JACKSON, TENNESSEE

## Does Your Conduct Accurately Reflect Your Faith?

In recent posts I have been critical of the behavior of the Republican candidates running for President. But last night something occurred that you don't hear very often. A politician apologized. Acknowledged he was wrong. And vowed to change.

Senator Marco Rubio admitted to Fox's Megyn Kelly that he regretted his recent personal attacks on front-runner Donald Trump. "I'd do it differently. I really would." Rubio had mocked the size of Trump's hands and by innuendo other parts of his body. In tweets he had made fun of his spray tan and his poor spelling. The Senator admitted that his attacks embarrassed his children and that his wife didn't like it. He said, "I don't think it reflects good. That's not who I am." Then Marco told Megyn and the audience in suburban Miami, "Honestly, I want to be a good example. I want my kids to be proud of me and I don't think it reflected well on my faith."

I don't know Senator Rubio. I meet him once in Florida. He seems like a decent fellow. And many who do know him well, were disappointed in his recent remarks. One observer remarked that his words and actions seemed "out of character."

Now, this is not an endorsement for the Senator. But Rubio's remarks reminded me of an exhortation to Christians by the apostle Paul. **"Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ" (Phil. 1:27).**

Ironically the Greek verb translated "conduct" is related to our English word politics. It is *politeuomai*. Warren Wiersbe says it means "to behave the way citizens are supposed to behave." Christians must do more than "talk the talk, we must walk the walk." Our conduct should be compatible with our citizenship in Christ's Kingdom. Wiersbe was right when he wrote, "The most important weapon against the enemy is not a stirring sermon or a powerful book; it is the consistent life of believers."

Our speech says something about who we are. Foul language, crude jokes, sexual innuendoes should not characterize the language of Christ's disciples. It is unbecoming of Believers. Out of character. And does not reflect well on our faith. Jesus said, "I tell you, on the day of judgment people will give account for every careless word they speak, or by your words you will be justified, and by your words you will be condemned." (Matt 12:36-37)

It's easy to criticize Rubio for his admitted error in judgment. He's speaking on a national stage for the world to hear. But what about you and me? What example are we setting in our homes before our families? Would we be embarrassed to have our words and actions broadcast for all the world to see and hear?

It would be well for each of us to ask: "Does my conduct reflect well on my faith?" Is my dress becoming to the gospel of Christ? Are my choices of entertainment appropriate for a professed Christian? Do my attitudes and actions properly display the spirit of Jesus to my co-workers, friends, family, and fellow believers? Is my reading material reflective of the faith I espouse? Is my life making my kids proud of me? And my husband or wife happy? More importantly, is the Lord pleased with my behavior?

If any of the questions elicit a negative response, then admission, confession and change would be appropriate for us as well.

"Keep your conduct among the Gentiles honorable, so that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day of visitation." (I Pet. 2:12)

**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.**

**-Ken Weliever, [thepreachersword.com](http://thepreachersword.com)**



Speaker:

NICK ANGEL

Sunday AM Notes 3-13-2016

7 Things I  
Want My  
Kids To  
Know

God \_\_\_\_\_

God \_\_\_\_\_

Satan Is \_\_\_\_\_

They Will \_\_\_\_\_

They Must \_\_\_\_\_

They Will \_\_\_\_\_ Through \_\_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_\_

The \_\_\_\_\_ Is \_\_\_\_\_



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Sunday PM Notes 3-13-2016

# 15 Reasons Jesus Came

Reasons 12-14

12) Jesus Christ came into the world to \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_. (Matthew 5:17)

13) Jesus Christ came into the world to be a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(Matthew 10:34,35)

14) Jesus Christ came into the world as a \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.  
(I John 4:10)

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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.....117  
Last Sunday PM Worship.....93  
Last Wednesday Bible Study.....96

## In Our Prayers

### **RECENT ADDITIONS/UPDATES:**

**-Melessa Sain & Baby Hagan...**born March 3rd weighing 8 pounds and measuring 21 inches. Momma and baby are both doing well! Please continue to keep them in your prayers!

**-Family of Alan Brown....**His uncle died recently. Please pray for the families comfort and their safe travels.

**-Family of Bobby Giles...**Bobby past away recently. He was baptized just a few months ago. Please pray for his family and be on the lookout for arrangements information.

**-Adam Womble...**work associate of Tim Phillips who was involved in a serious car accident and suffering severe head trauma. Please pray for his recovery and 2 young daughters.

**-Roy Lovell...**diagnosed with cancer and has been undergoing radiation treatments. Please keep him in your prayers.

### **CONTINUED PRAYERS:**

**\*\*\*Our expecting mothers: Spring McDonald & Katie Angel.\*\*\***

**-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.

**-Christian Shadburn...**20 yr. old Christian battling cancer.

**-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.

**-Louise Stitt (Amy Gailey's mother)...**Battling leukemia..

**-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

✓**Song Practice - TBD** at the Angel's home after evening service. **First few minutes will focus on learning new songs, and then we will spend the rest of our time singing some of our favorite songs. Everyone is welcome!**

✓**Men's Bible Class - April 2nd** at Panera Bread at 7:30am. Chapter 4 will be covered.

✓**Ladies Class - April 5th** at 10:00am here at the church house. Lesson 5 will be covered.

✓**Young People's Gathering - March 27th** directly after evening service at the Angel's house. Lesson 3 of "The Big Picture" will be reviewed.

### Area Gospel Meetings & Events

◎ **Gospel Meeting at the Elliot Street Church of Christ with John Gibson...**March 13-18 at 7pm during the week.

◎**Ladies Retreat...**March 25,26 at Natchez Trace in Wildersville, TN. See back board for more details.

## Daily Bible Reading For This Week: Exodus 31-38

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)**