

THE PLEASANT TRAVELER

June 2020

Pleasant Chapel
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Sunday School 9:00 am

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Worship 10:00am



*Coming Soon
(hopefully)*



June 2 Karen Rupert
 June 2 June Swing
 June 3 Ann Henline
 June 3 Ron Penrod
 June 8 Robert Weaver
 June 10 Peyton Barber
 June 14 Rev. Tom Ford
 June 14 Marcina Simons
 June 18 Seth Johnson
 June 22 Karen Hull
 June 23 Ashley Giordano
 June 26 Arden Rogers
 June 26 Rachel Barber
 June 28 Dalen Johnson

Anniversaries

June 12 Dave and Pam Fields
 June 15 Roger and Ellen Colclessner
 June 23 Larry and Joyce Hand
 June 27 Ron and Pam Penrod

June Greeters

Jun 7 Aaron and Austin
 Jun 14 Ryon and Gavin
 Jun 21 Heather and Sarah
 Jun 28 Reece and Lizzie

June Acolytes

Jun 7 Wisels
 Jun 14 Amicks
 Jun 21 Colclessers
 Jun 28 Magnusons

July Greeters

Jul 5 Karla and Candy
 Jul 12 Phil and Nicole
 Jul 19 John R. and Brent
 Jul 26 Tammy S. and Julie

July Acolytes

Jul 5 Amicks
 Jul 12 Hands
 Jul 19 Ayers
 Jul 26 Hands

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

Events

All Church events postponed until further notice

When are we going to return to the church? Great question. The easiest answer is “when it is safe”! We will listen to the guidelines from both our government as well as from our conference. The bottom line is we are going to do what is safe first. In the meantime, continue to stay connected to your church family by whatever safe means you can, phone, text, or social media. And continue to worship with the church online via Facebook or our homepage or drive-in worship. **When we are allowed to assemble at the church, come when YOU feel safe!**

Bible Studies - All are invited to Parson’s home each Monday at 6:30 (unless otherwise announced) for an hour of study and discussion.

Thank you to each one who has furnished snacks for the coffee/cookie table. Everyone enjoys this!

Thank you to each one who has been leading the children’s church during the worship service.

Inter-Church Events

July 25 Roanoke Car Show – Christ’s UMC food booth
Aug 1 Taste of Roanoke
Sept. 11-12 Fall Fest

Sign up papers for the coffee/cookie table snacks and also children’s church are on the table in front of the mailboxes. Everyone’s help is appreciated!

Social Distance Giving Several have asked about giving to the church during this unique time. Many have committed to financially supporting this church and its ministries and have not been able to make their scheduled contributions. If you would like to continue supporting the church, you can write checks to *Pleasant Chapel* and send it to Ann Henline (her address is in the directory). Thank you for continuing to support this church!

Membership / Baptism.

The church will be providing a three-week membership course this year during Lent. If you are interested in becoming a member of Pleasant Chapel, contact Joel. Membership Sunday will be April 19 (sometime when we can!). We will have a Baptism service that Sunday as well. Meal and celebration to follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Senior Dinners – every Thursday at noon, held at St. Joe Catholic Church in Roanoke. Call Gretchen at 260-403-0365 for reservations. Cost is \$4.00.

HOLY COW!

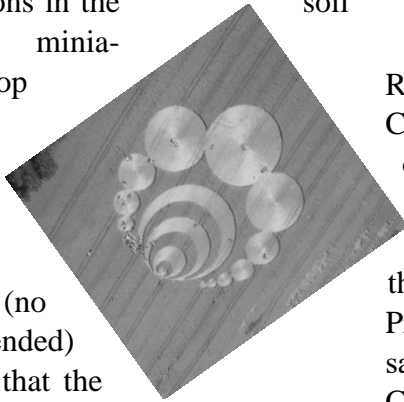
On the morning of May 24 at approximately 0900, Detective Brent Hamel discovered strange markings in the church property on the ground near the north privy.



Mr. Hamel brought this to the attention of the pastor of the church who could not determine if the church had been visited by heavenly cherubim of possibly extra-terrestrial aliens.

It was decided footage from the security system could be used to determine the cause of the strange shaped impressions in the soil (perhaps miniature crop circles).

Security footage (no pun intended) revealed that the markings made in the ground were from an escaped calf from one of the neighboring residences.



Apparently the divine bovine was experiencing some sort of religious experience and was in need of some churching. He simply left his pen, strolled down the road to Pleasant Chapel, sang some Christian moosic, left and offering, and returned home



on his own.

No criminal activity took place and there was minimal damage to the mud pile behind the church.

It was suggested the ground beef would be provided for the next chili supper.¹

Ravi Zacharias was an Indian-born Canadian-American Christian apologist. He died May 18 of this year. He was well known for his use of reasoning and logic as it relates to the Christian faith. White House Press Secretary Kayleigh McEnany said of Zacharias, “For me as a Christian, I always had a heart for Jesus Christ... could equip you with those arguments where you didn’t have to check your brain at the door when you became a Christian. There is intellectual foundation for all you believe in” Following is a recent article from Zacharias.

This is where I think that the Christian faith rises to its most authentic. When Lazarus, a friend of Jesus, came down with a serious illness, his sisters Mary and Martha sent for Jesus.(1) Before Jesus arrived at their home in Bethany, Lazarus died, and the sisters greeted the Lord with the half indicting words, “If you had been here, my brother would not have died.” Martha added, “But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask” (John 11:21–22).

What an odd construction of thought. She is really saying, “Since you were not here to keep this tragedy from happening, it is now our

	March 8, 2020	March 15, 2020	March 22, 2020	March 29, 2020	April 5, 2020	Easter Worship Parade	April 12, 2020	April 19, 2020	April 26, 2020	Drive-in May 3 2020	May 10, 2020	May 17, 2020	May 24, 2020
Attendance	54	26	279	183	219	43	171	190	137	47	46	24	39
Giving	\$ 1,282	\$ 770						\$ 1,625	\$ 6,677	\$ 1,241			

*number of online views (should count for something!)

¹ For future historians reading this article, most of the content is fictitious and used as a means of comedic relief during the Pandemic of 2019-2020. Hopefully senses of humor will remain in the future.

expectation that you will reverse it.” Jesus did assure her that one day Lazarus’s death would be reversed (verse 23). But that was not good enough; Martha wanted it reversed right then. In effect, she was willing to let Lazarus die twice. (I have visited a grave in Cyprus that purports to be the grave of Lazarus. Inscribed on the grave are the words, “Lazarus, Friend of Jesus, Twice Dead.”)

In a dramatic move, Jesus went to the tomb. When he saw where his friend lay, Jesus wept (see John 11:35). He wept, even though he knew that, at least for then, he was going to reverse death. Death is powerful, but the power of God to raise us indeed shouts the triumph of love over sin.

Lazarus’s resurrection portended what would happen to Jesus himself. And here is the point: if Jesus were a charlatan or had deceived himself, he could have kept his plan going in perpetuity simply by saying, “I will spiritually rise again.” Such a claim could never be contradicted or proven false. But Jesus made no such promise. He promised a bodily resurrection—a concretely demonstrable falsehood if it were not to happen. This is vitally important. Jesus made an empirically verifiable claim and then fulfilled it. This statement has profound implications. It means that these bodies of ours, which the apostle Paul describes as a “temple of the Holy Spirit” (1 Corinthians 6:19) will some day be transformed to be like [Christ’s] “glorious body,” just as the Bible declares (Philippians 3:21). They will continue to exist and our individual identities and personalities will be translated into an eternal realm.

The transfiguration of Jesus as described in the Gospels has always fascinated me. Peter, James, and John became eyewitnesses of this

staggering event. I find it extraordinary that the disciples who saw Moses and Elijah talking to Jesus immediately recognized those Old Testament heroes. Did they hear more than the voice from heaven? Did Jesus identify the ancient pair? Did God give the disciples an inner disclosure? The Evangelists do not tell us.

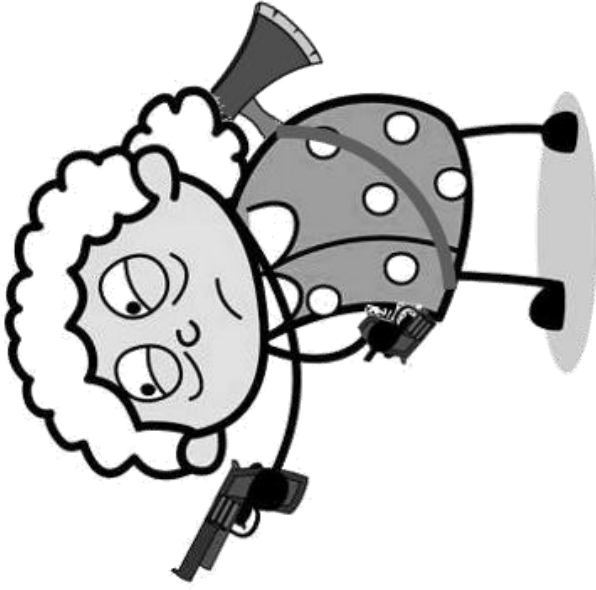
Peter had an especially intriguing response to the two visitors: he wanted to put up a shelter for each of them (see Matthew 17:4). A shelter from what? And why would they who lived in heaven wish to have a shelter on earth? It didn’t dawn on Peter that Moses and Elijah had no grave markers because God himself had buried Moses and left no marker (see Deuteronomy 34:5–6), while Elijah never died but had relocated directly to heaven in a flaming chariot (see 2 Kings 2:11). Neither had a burial stone. And Jesus himself would need no memorial stone.

The destiny God has for us does away with these things that we deem so important now—shelters, tombs, and gravestones. In the end, our identities will be with God, and our personalities will be sublimely consummated to the purpose designed for each one of us. Our move from earth to heaven will serve as the thread that ties our memories together with reality and will enable us to see the temporal in the light of the eternal.

Johann Sebastian Bach once said that the only purpose for music should be the glory of God and the re-creation of the human spirit. What Bach said of music will one day be seen as true of all of life. We will be “re-created,” and all the threads of our earthly life will come together for the design that we will experience in heaven. Every tribe,

every language, every moment, every pain, and every sorrow will come together in the consummate pattern of God’s design.

Ravi Zacharias is founder and chairman of the board of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries.



An elderly woman had just returned to her home from an evening of church services when she was startled by an intruder. She caught the man in the act of robbing her home of its valuables and yelled, "Stop! Acts 2:38!"

(Repent and be baptized, in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven.)

The burglar stopped in his tracks. The woman calmly called the police and explained what she had done. As the officer cuffed the man to take him in, he asked the burglar, "Why did you just stand there? All the old lady did was yell a scripture to you." "Scripture?" replied the burglar. "She said she had an ax and two 38's!"

