

Pleasant Valley
Church of Christ

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Schedule of Services

Sunday

Classes 9:30 am
Worship 10:30 am
Evening 6:00 pm

Wednesday

Classes 7:30 pm

The Pleasant Valley Church of Christ is a non-denominational group of believers who are committed to following Jesus in our attitudes, our relationships, and our worship. If you want the same thing in your life, please contact us. We'd like to help.

Unless otherwise noted, all scripture quotations are from the New King James Version Bible, Thomas Nelson Publishers.

Wings



*"But those who wait on the Lord shall renew their strength;
they shall mount up with wings like eagles" (Isaiah 40:31)*

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God's family

by Sam Stinson

"Therefore, having put away falsehood, let each one of you speak the truth with his neighbor, for we are members one of another" (Ephesians 4:25, ESV).

I have been blessed to work and worship with you for these twelve months. Yet this world, even Wichita itself, is not our home and we're just a passin' through. Moving on to the next phase of my personal sojourn causes us to reflect: What was the purpose of the internship?

Paul exhorts Timothy, "You then, my child, be strengthened by the grace that is in Christ Jesus, and what you have heard from me in the presence of many witnesses entrust to faithful men who will be able to teach others also" (2 Tim. 2:1-2). The internship has been an expedient means for Jerry to teach me, another preacher who strives to be faithful. He has entrusted me with responsibility for truth and equipped me for labor in the Lord's vineyard so that I may equip others (Eph. 4:12). Jerry excels at his work. As his protégé this year, I have imitated his actions—as well as yours—as a child learns by imitating a parent. I have watched the teachers teach, and have tried to imitate; I read what David wrote, and wrote as well; I heard the fine lessons Jerry proclaimed, not only from the lectern but in private Bible studies around dinner tables.

Truly, one man sharpens another (Prov. 27:17).

Timothy and Sarah noticeably grew this year—unfortunately, I will miss their birthday by a week—and I have seen Joel stand up to walk. Have I begun to stand as a result of this

year's work? Thanks to your love and support, I am convinced I have. Thank you.

As Paul told the brethren at Ephesus, we are members of one another (Eph. 4:25). Migrating an entry to the back of our directories does not mean we will not see one another again. But if we never meet again this side of Heaven, let us continue faithfully with hope to see one another's names in God's directory, the Book of Life (Rev. 21:27). Let us consider our extended family, among whom are brethren of all nations—Rob Speers, Mark Broyles, Cloyce Sutton, John Kilgore, the Wards, the Angells, and others who may come to visit or who have continued with their journey.

One final thought: Recall the studies Mark brought us. Certainly, they apply not only to our physical families but to our spiritual one: careful planting in one another's heart, through the Lord's cause of growth, yields the fruit of our fellowship. May it flourish even more in feelings of warmth and friendship. Our peaceful and continual presence in one another's homes and personal lives produces an atmosphere which is conducive to edification and growth of the Lord's body (Heb. 10:23-25). Let us each continue to look for opportunities to serve fellow members of the Lord's colony which currently journeys where we do. To the journey!

[From David: For my part, I would like to thank Sam for all the times he stepped up to produce this bulletin while I was out. He did an excellent job. He has grown a great deal during his time with us. God speed, Sam!]