



Pastor's Page

The Lamplighter

by Pastor Gary

The Ten Commandments are not only foundational to Christianity but to humanity. Moses wrote in Deuteronomy 5:22, "These words the Lord spoke unto all your assembly in the mount out of the midst of the fire, of the cloud, and of the thick darkness with great voice; and He added no more. And He wrote them in two tables of stone and delivered them unto me." As we will see, The Ten Commandments are foundational to our liberation, our salvation, and our nation.

The Ten Commandments are foundational to our liberation. The Ten Commandments remind us of our Creator God: they were conceived by Him, written by Him, and given by Him. God is the basis of our freedom. Our rights come from God—not government. Thomas Jefferson said, "The God Who gave us life gave us liberty at the same time." Jefferson also wrote in the Declaration of Independence that people "are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights that among these are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." God's intention for mankind is freedom. He created people to be free starting with Adam and Eve who were absolutely free until they enslaved themselves and all of humanity under sin. God included a provision for freedom in His law known as the Year of Jubilee which occurred every 50 years. In this year, people who had been enslaved were to be freed. Leviticus 25:10 describes the Jubilee, "And ye shall

hallow the fiftieth year and proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof..." This verse is not only written in God's law, it is also inscribed on the Liberty Bell in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the birthplace of American freedom.

The Ten Commandments are foundational to our salvation. The Ten Commandments do not bring salvation, but they do show us our need for a savior. In Galatians 3:24, the Apostle Paul calls the law our schoolmaster to bring us to Christ. The Ten Commandments provide God's standard for behavior without which people would determine for themselves what is right and wrong. The One Who set the standard has provided a Savior to keep the standard and to forgive those who violate the standard.

The Ten Commandments are foundational to our nation. Our nation has a Christian foundation. Our nation was claimed by Christopher Columbus for Christ, settled by the Pilgrims for Christ, established by the Founders for Christ, and in 1892 confirmed by the Supreme Court for Christ. John Quincy Adams stated, "The greatest glory of the Revolution was this: it connected in one indissoluble bond the principles of civil government with the principles of Christianity. James Madison, called "The Father of the Constitution," said, "We have staked the whole future of American civilization

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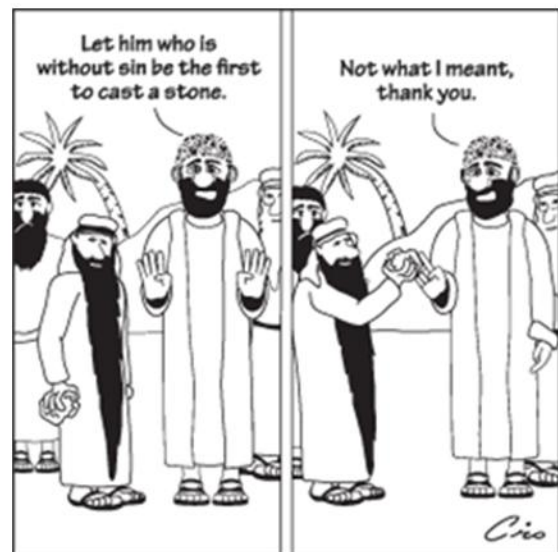
"The Ten Commandments are foundational to our liberation, our salvation, and our nation"

-Pastor Gary

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not on the power of government...but upon the capacity of each and every one of us to govern ourselves according to the Ten Commandments of God." The Ten Commandments can be found depicted in various locations in the Supreme Court building, in the National Archives, and in the Library of Congress. The Ten Commandments are as much a part of American history as the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution. But what about the separation of church and state? This phrase is not found in the Constitution but in a personal letter written by Thomas Jefferson to some Baptists in Danbury, Connecticut, in 1802. Our Founders wanted the state to stay out of religion—they never intended religion to stay out of the state; in short, they did not want a state church. Proving Jefferson's intentions, two days after writing that letter, Jefferson attended public, Christian worship services in the US Capitol building. Jefferson also authorized using the War Office and US Treasury building for Christian church services. While separation of church and state is not found in the US Constitution, it is enshrined in the Constitution of the USSR!

We are Christians, but we are indebted to the Hebrews for preserving the Ten Commandments for us without which we would not know freedom nor the One who makes us "free indeed." (John 8:36)





Library News



Missions & Outreach

New and on the Shelf

by Bob Mathews

Fiction

Nonfiction

Paralyzed by Fear or Empowered by Hope by Mac Brunson (NF 248.4)

One Nation Under Man? by Brandon Howse (NF 302)

What Hollywood Believes by Ray Comfort and Kirk Cameron (NF 252)

The Bible Lessons of John Quincy Adams for His Son by J.Q. Adams (NF 248.4)

DVD

The Case for Christ

Jonah, the Musical

Parents are stewards

Striving to raise happy, well-rounded children isn't wrong "unless those successes become the goal," writes Jeffrey Reed in *ParentLife* magazine. For Christians, he says, the driving force of parenting should be helping kids follow God's path.


"What if we parented as if we were temporary stewards of the greatest containers of godly potential?" Reed asks. "What if our goal for our children was to continually seek God's guidance on what it is that he wants for them and to help them pursue that goal on a daily basis?" He concludes: "In a hundred years, nothing we do will matter apart from the impact we've made in God's kingdom on earth. Perhaps your children will be that legacy."

?? ? Bible Quiz ? ??

Jesus was known for using a certain type of speech in his teaching. What was it?

- A. soliloquy
- B. parable
- C. lecture
- D. riddle

(See Mark 4:33-34.)







Missions & Outreach

Women on Mission News by Carol Gill

Women on Mission will meet on Thursday, June 9. (not the 2nd, their usual day) at the home of Claudine Kimmons at 11am. They will meet at the church at 10:45 and carpool to her house. Bring your swimsuit and towel if you would like to enjoy the swimming pool. As usual, all ladies are welcome to attend.



VBS Update (July 18-22)

Praise God for all of the volunteers who have come forward to help with this year's Vacation Bible School! VBS will be held July 18 – 22 from 9 am – noon for children age 4 through 5th grade, and 6 – 8 pm for youth who have completed grades 6 – 12.

There are still a few positions that need to be filled:

Nursery Helper for babies age 0 – 3

Pre-K Leaders (2)

Kindergarten Leader

2nd grade Assistant Leader

3rd grade Assistant Leader

4th grade Assistant Leader

Youth Helpers (who have completed grades 9 – 12) for all areas

Balloon Artist (Friday only noon – 1:30 pm)

If you can help in any of these areas, or if you need more information about what the job entails, contact Alison Bode 301-246-4957 or thebodes@verizon.net.

There will be a VBS planning meeting/tie-dye party on Tuesday, June 7, at 6:30 pm. Bring your own t-shirt! We will be making shirts to wear at this year's VBS.

Finally, invite your family, friends, and neighbors! What we need most are students anxious to hear the good news that we are created in Christ and designed for God's purpose. Registration is open online and available through the church website. Take some fliers from the welcome center counter and distribute them to every-

one you know. Door hangers will be available in June for distribution throughout your neighborhood. We can all play a part in sharing the gospel through VBS!

Don't forget to make sure your background check is current. **All volunteers who work with children in any capacity must undergo a background check every two years, so if your last one was in 2020 or earlier you need another one.** Forms are on the counter in the office.

WMU News by Jennifer Miller

Regardless of your career, past work experience, or natural skill set, God wants you to use your life to better His kingdom. Following are three ways you can use your profession for His glory:

1. Meet tangible needs. Wherever you work, you will encounter people who have real, tangible needs. Look for them, and ask how you can help. Jesus often met physical needs while teaching to better further the Kingdom of God.

2. Pray for opportunities to have gospel conversations. Many workers spend more time with their co-workers than with anyone else. We often form strong friendships at work, which can pave the way for gospel conversations. Pray and ask God for opportunities to share your faith.

3. Use your gifts to help a ministry. An easy way to use your skills is to partner with an existing ministry. Use your gifts, talents and skills to serve others and spread the gospel.

Mark your calendar and watch for more information on upcoming events:

June 12-17 - New Orleans mission trip

July 26-Aug. 5 - Panama mission trip

August 21 - Catherine Foundation Tea

Sept. 10 - Visit to the Museum of the Bible

Oct. 8 - "David" Sight & Sound trip

FYI

(Sermon Topic Subject to Change)

6/05	AM	<i>"The Lord's Prayer, Part III"</i>	Matthew 6:9-13
	PM	<i>"Priorities"</i>	Galatians 6:13-15
6/12	AM	<i>"Peace, Be Still"</i>	Matthew 8:23-27
	PM	<i>"Numbers is/are Important"</i>	Numbers 1:1-4
6/19	AM	<i>"A Good Father"</i>	Matthew 7:9-11
	PM	No Evening Service	
6/26	AM	<i>"The Greatest Faith"</i>	Matthew 8:5-8
	PM	<i>"Thankful for God's Word"</i>	Numbers 2:1-3

Tellers for June

Shannon Pankhurst & Jeni Irwin

Sunday Morning Door Team (Plus officers)

8:30

SS & 11:00

6/05	(P) Donna Duehring	(P) Robert Hicks
	(A) Marion Simpson	(A) Sheri Bresnahan
6/12	(P) Norma Stump	(P) Terry Mathews
	(A) Sheri Bresnahan	(A) Al Law
6/19	(P) Courtney Harbin	(P) Betty Lou Moore
	(A) Donna Duehring	(A) Bob Mathews
6/26	(P) Marion Simpson	(P) Jennifer Miller
	(A) Norma Stump	(A) Jerry Pruitt

Greeter of the Week

6/05	Bob Gill	Paul Dillon
6/12	Glenn Miller	Ken Doyle
6/19	Nick Papanicolas	Patrick Hancock
6/26	Dave Bode	Dean Irwin

Children's Worship Schedule

Jun. 05: Debbie & Gloria Schneider, Becky Bucher

Jun 12: Stephanie Walton, Caitlin Hancock & Hannah Pankhurst

Jun 19: Jennifer & Corbin Cooke, Xaris Schneider, Callie Hancock

Apr. 24: Ellen Nupson, Alison Bode & Jessica Miller

Sunday Morning Nursery

Volunteers are still needed for Sunday & Wednesday evenings.

schedule unavailable at press time

June Family News



02 Tyler Hill	16 Matthew Hancock
05 Norma Hanson	16 June Kirkum
06 Jerry Pruitt	18 Doug LaRue
07 Justice Tarburton	21 Justin Irwin
08 Ann dodge	21 Nick Papanicolas
08 Billy Moore	22 Richard Dodge
10 Casey Phillips	22 Kevin Jewell
11 Sharon Bruce	23 Jeni Irwin
11 Caroline Dinh	25 Gordon Hanson
11 Tara Havrilla	28 Morgan Krauel
12 Thomas Hancock	29 Nan Linville
13 Hailey Tippet	30 Glenn Miller
14 Gloria Peterson	30 Jennifer Miller

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Congratulations Class of 2022!

High School

Corbin Cooke is graduating June 2nd from Thomas Stone High School and plans to attend Shenandoah University majoring in Criminal Justice and will also be playing on the Shenandoah football team.

Ryder Mattingly will graduate from St. Johns College High School on June 3rd. Next year he will attend Lynn University in Boca Raton, FL where he will major in aviation and play lacrosse.

Jessica Miller graduates from Lackey High School on June 1st. In the fall she will attend College of Southern Maryland where she hopes to receive a Veterinary Technician certification before transferring to Shepard University to pursue a degree in Livestock Veterinary Medicine.

06 Saverio & Dawn Adamo
06 Paul & Tracy Milcetic
07 Kevin & Amy Jewell
08 Richard & Nora Dodge
14 Titus & Cairna Muniz
24 Paul & Jody Miller
25 Gordon & Norma Hanson
26 Matt & Jennifer Cooke

It's with a mixture of sadness and joy that we announce that Joan Donaldson went



home to Jesus on May 12, 2022 after years of suffering from multiple health problems. During her time here she and Wayne raised two children, Lauren (Bonn) and Zachary and she used her musical skill to lead our choir since she was 18 years old. She worked for many years as a nurse (OB in the local maternity ward, school nurse, and hospice nurse.) Please pray for her children, her mother Sally Sexton, and her sister Janet Doyle and their families in your prayers as they mourn her loss while they rejoice that she's no longer suffering.

College/Advanced Degrees

Steven Bode graduated in December 2021 with a Master's Degree in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Maryland. He will continue his career as a design engineer at the Naval Research Lab in Washington, DC.

Max Bode graduated in May 2022 with a Master's Degree in Sports Management from Missouri Western University. He is currently working as a sales lead for Pact Marketing in Boise, Idaho.

Andrew Bode graduated May 19, 2022 with a Master's Degree in Engineering Management from Johns Hopkins University. He is a supervisory engineer for Northrup Grumman in Iuka, Mississippi.

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The church hive

Bees live in a cooperative way described as “eusociality,” or good relations. Each bee contributes a specific skill to the colony, synchronizing its efforts for the benefit of all. Likewise, a church’s health depends on all members fulfilling their responsibility to the organism as a whole. Descriptions of hive life mirror Paul’s words about the body of Christ, with members having different gifts “but the same Spirit” (1 Corinthians 12:4).

According to R.S. Beal Jr., who was both a pastor and a zoology professor, a beehive is the perfect “living illustration of how to walk in unity.” He wrote, “Those of us who have believed in Jesus belong to one another just as much as we belong to Christ. We cannot live independently of one another anymore than we can live independently of Christ. Like the bees, we must learn to practice the sacrifice, labor, sharing, and submission of love that together we ‘may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ’” (Ephesians 4:15, KJV). How are you using your own spiritual gifts to build up your church “hive”?

