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Several people suggested to me that I write an article for the newsletter repeating the Ten Commandments of Jesus used in the sermon on June 27. For those who requested it, here it is.

These were quoted from a book by English Catholic historian and journalist, Paul Johnson. He believes we can live transformed lives and transform our communities by living by these "Rules" or Commandments.

No. 1: BE YOURSELF. "Being yourself" means becoming aware that you are unrepeatable, irreplaceable, and by becoming aware that you are a Child of God, unique and gifted.

No 2: LOVE THE WORLD BY LOVING YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD. Jesus preached almost exclusively to the small Jewish community in Galilee. Yet, he preached to the whole world. Every good deed has to start somewhere...why not where you are?

No. 3: LEARN FROM EVERYONE. We are all equal in God's eyes. Jesus liked to shake up his disciples by preaching what seemed like downward mobility. The first shall be last, the last shall be first. Jesus was shaking loose the attitude of superiority. We are all specially gifted. What special gift do you have? Are you using it?

No. 4: LOVE ALWAYS AND IN EVERY CIRCUMSTANCE. Jesus' life, death and resurrection demonstrated perfectly that love is always a verb. The only way to show love is in actions. The more love you pour out...the more love you will have to pour out.

No. 5: BE MERCIFUL. Mercy is one of the most original and revolutionary notions ever introduced into the course of human history. When we begin to judge someone else, we need to stop and think of God's mercy in not judging, but in forgiving.

No. 6: LIVE IN SURROUND SOUND. We follow Jesus' example when we listen to life in stereo, receive multiple messages and process multiple lines of communication. There is never just one voice we need to hear. We cannot hear the voice of Jesus without heeding the voice of scripture and being open to receive the voice of the Spirit. It takes four gospels to tell the story of Jesus.

No 7: LEARN A LIVING. The word "disciple" can also be translated as "learner." We are called to be lifetime-learners. Closed minds have nothing to learn. Those who found Jesus to be an enemy were those with closed minds.

No. 8: TRUTH IS BLACK AND GREEN. Jesus celebrated "truth" as the essence of God's presence in humanity. Creation is God's physical expression of Truth. God uses every color of the spectrum to reveal Himself to us. His-Story is revealed in the black of the writings of Holy Scripture.

No. 9: TRUST THE SPIRIT. In Jesus the ultimate in power and the ultimate expression of powerless came together. God incarnate put to death on a Cross. "It is not by might, not by power, but by my spirit, says the Lord." Zechariah 4:6.

No. 10: SHOW COURAGE. There will be some of us who will be called upon to show courage of resistance, taking costly actions for justice, mercy, truth and love. But each one of us will find it necessary to offer courage of endurance throughout our lives.

These are beautiful expressions of how the Christian Life can and should be used to the fullest to serve the Lord God through His Son, Jesus Christ, who died and rose again for our salvation.

John D. Ragland

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SUNDAY SERVICES

9:45 A.M. – SUNDAY SCHOOL – A class for all ages. Invite a friend!

11:00 A.M. – MORNING WORSHIP – David Bryant will be the worship leader. Reverend John D. Ragland's sermon is entitled "Three Basic Attitudes," Luke 10:25-37. The Chancel Choir's anthem is "Ancient Words" and there will be special music by Stacy Sweeney.

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DEACONS OF THE WEEK

July 18 – 24 Donna Massie & Marvin Jefferson

DEACONS SERVING JULY 18

David Bryant Sheila Norris
Harold Massie Sue Rosser
Carl LaFerney Caren Jefferson

IN THE HOSPITAL

Logan Lee - MCV

SYMPATHY

The church expresses its love and sympathy to Don and Hesper Mays and family in the recent loss of her brother-in-law William L. "Billy" Mays. May God's abiding presence be your strength and comfort.

STAUNTON RIVER CAMPING TRIP

It's time to sign up for the annual men and boy's camping trip to Staunton River State Park. Sign up sheets can be found on the church bulletin board, in the Youth room and in the Older Children's Sunday School Department. The bus will leave the church at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, July 25 and return around 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, July 29th. The cost will be \$35.00



Two Lives, Two hearts
joined together in friendship,
united forever in Christian love...

Greg & Becky Thacker
and
Karl & Teresa Tatlock
invite you to share in the joy of the marriage
uniting their children

Krystal Anne

&

Robert Karl

on Saturday, the seventeenth of July
Two thousand ten
at two thirty in the afternoon
Madison Heights Baptist Church
329 Main Street
Madison Heights, Virginia

Reception following ceremony

July 11, 2010

Budget Envelopes \$
(Weekly Budget Needs \$7568.10) N/A
Plate Offering \$
Designated Offering \$
Miscellaneous Receipts..... \$
TOTAL \$
SUNDAY SCHOOL – LAST WEEK – 151

FIND US FAITHFUL BUILDING FUND

Needed per month: \$3638.64 Received M-T-D: \$2012.00
(We owe approximately \$19,700)

ADULT VBS

Adult VBS for Wednesday, July 21 will be led by Claude Mays. "UnWORTHY" – Matthew 8:5-13.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY IN JULY

*Every Sunday morning at 9:45 am there are Sunday School classes for children of every age! FREE and the lessons learned are priceless!

*Every Sunday morning at 11:00 am there are nurseries for toddlers, Beginner Worship for preschool and Kindergarten, and Children's Church for Grades 1 - 5. FREE and the rewards are priceless!

*On Wednesday, July 21, 9-4 we will have a "Day at Otter Creek" with games, hiking, wading, hot dogs, etc. This will be a FREE event.

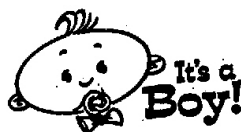
*July 25 – 29 Men & Boys Staunton River Camping Trip for boys 3rd grade and up! (Cost \$35)

*Monday, July 26 – Girls Night In! A night of pampering and primping for girls only – preschool ages and up! (FREE)

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Jerry Martin will be having knee surgery on July 20th and will be unable to conduct Children's Church for a period of time. We are looking for volunteers to fill in until she can return. If you would be willing to help out please contact Jerry at 946-7083 or the church office (846-5914).

The Deacons will meet Monday, July 19th at 7:00 p.m.



Benjamin Lester Jedelsky
son of
Todd and Sara Jedelsky
born
June 29, 2010

(Grandparents: Jim & Gail Jedelsky)