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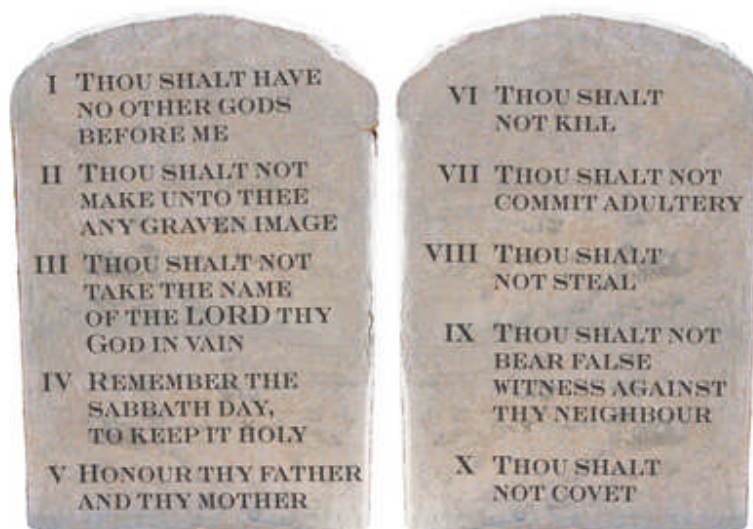


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Moses and the Ten Commandments



Bible School
June 15 -19
9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

From Our Pastors....

June 2009

In flipping our calendar over to June we made an interesting discovery. This year the first day of Summer and Father's Day fall on exactly the same day...June 21. How appropriate that the season of relaxation, adventure and fun should begin with a day honoring the male heroes in our lives. And how fortunate that we Christians have a loving heavenly Father who nurtures and cares for us no matter what our age.

Yes, our God guides and directs us and sometimes that direction is also laced with discipline. But the Scriptures convince us that our God is also one of jubilation and great joy. Jesus speaks to God in John 17:13 knowing that He is soon to be called home to the Father. He is referring to His disciples when he says: "Now I am coming to you. I told them many things while I was with them in this world so they would be filled with my joy". Our Father wants only the best for his children and He delights in our happiness.

Matthew 7: 9-11 reads: "You parents, if your children ask for a loaf of bread, do you give them a stone instead? Or if they ask for a fish, do you give them a snake? Of course not! So if you sinful people know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your heavenly Father give good gifts to those who ask Him."

Author Larry Crabb tells in his book Connecting of a friend of his who grew up in a very abusive home. Mealtime was a time of ridicule and often physical violence. His friend related of how he would attempt each evening to be excused early from the dinner table. He would then make his way to an old-fashioned home down the street that housed a loving Christian family. The house had a big porch just off of the kitchen and the little boy would creep under that porch and listen to the sounds of joy inside. He often dreamed of how it would have been sitting around a table with a kind father at the head. He longed to hear just once the kind voice of a loving father.

Someday each of us will gather on high as one happy, Christ-centered family. And we can rest assured that the Lord God Himself will be seated at the head of that table with a welcoming smile and a kind word for each of us.

Enjoy the Summertime and be sure to invite your heavenly Father to join in all of the fun!

June 2009 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2.	3.	4.	5.	6.
7. Sunday school Morning worship	8.	9.	10.	11.	12.	13.
14. Graduates Honored Sunday School Morning Worship	15. B S C	16. I H	17. B O	18. L O	19. E L	20.
21. FATHER'S DAY Sunday School Morning Worship	22.	23.	24.	25.	26.	27.
28. Sunday School Morning Worship	29. WF will serve at the Holsopple Auction Barn	30.				

Deacon Ministry....

Serving the Maple Spring Congregation

Jesus first; **O**thers second; **Y**ourself last

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance. ---James 1:2-3 (NIV)

"Becoming a Christian does not automatically exclude a believer from difficulties. The proper attitude in meeting adversity is to COUNT IT ALL JOY, which is not an emotional reaction but a deliberate intelligent appraisal of the situation from God's perspective, viewing trials as a means of moral and spiritual growth. We do not rejoice in the trials themselves, but in their possible results. Rejoice when trials come to test your faith." --Jack Hayford, pastor, Church on the Way, L.A., Calif.

What are James and Jack talking about? How can trials bring JOY? According to Webster's dictionary, JOY is a strong feeling of pleasure, happiness, and gladness. We think of shouting, singing and laughter, not difficulties and trials. Where do we find our JOY? Is it in success, security, family, friends, and prosperity or in our relationship with God?

In his book Victory Over the Darkness Neil Anderson wrote *"The world's concept of happiness is having what we want... God's concept of happiness is summed up in the simple proverb: 'Happy is the man who wants what he has.' As long as you are focusing on what you don't have, you'll be unhappy. But, when you begin to appreciate what you already have, you'll be happy all your life. Actually, you already have everything you need to make you happy forever. You have Christ. You have eternal life. You are loved by a heavenly Father who has promised to supply all your needs. If you really want to be happy, learn to be thankful for what you have."*

We sing songs with words such as: "...real JOY is mine, no matter if teardrops start..." ("Happiness is the Lord"), "Lord, I would clasp Thy hand in mine, Nor ever murmur or repine; Content whatever lot I see..." ("He Leadeth Me") Do we sing these words with sincerity or do the words of the song "When Your Cup Runneth Over" better describe our attitude?

*"When your cup runneth over with JOY
You find it easy to pray and to sing all the day,
When your cup runneth over with JOY.*

*But when your cup is all empty and dry,
You find it easy to pout and to cry and to shout,
When your cup is all empty and dry."*

No matter what our situation, may we be able to sing/say with meaning "I have the peace that passeth understanding down in my heart." ("I Have Joy, Joy, Joy, Joy down in my Heart")

"Rejoice in the Lord always. Be anxious for nothing, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God; and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds through Christ Jesus."

--Phil. 4:4a;6-7(KJV)

If you have a concern or know someone who needs a visit, please contact any deacon.

Monthly Visiting Deacons

Brian Eppley & Arbutus Blough

Weekly Visiting Deacons

June 7 – 13

Blaine & Carol Leverknight

June 14-20

Elsie Michael & Nancy Dunmyer

June 21-27

Mearl & Carole Horner

June 28 – July 4

Brian Eppley & Arbutus Blough

June 2009 Birthdays and Anniversaries

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1.	2.	3. Brian Fockler, Jr. Brian Thomas Lori Yoder	4. Laverne Leverknight	5. Melodee Pebley Alan Tresnicky	6. Jerry & Jeannette Berry Mona Blough Bob Fisher
7. Clair & Carole Rose Kellie Stevens	8. John Gerald Hostetler	9. Nicholas Hudson	10. Vincent Gongloff	11. Vickie Martin Brandon Weimer	12. Tristin Adams	13. Jeremiah Ergas Brock Hemmingner
14. Bob & Fran Gongloff Barry Spangler Aldine Thomas	15. Cary Todaro	16. Kasadie Miller	17. Dave Koba Alison & Sheley Nagle	18.	19. Erin Cable David & Patty Koba Jedediah Marian Alayna Patterson Eli Wenger	20. Bill & Ruth Lape Ann Tresnicky Bill & Audrey Wenger
21. Ralph & Joyce Napotnik	22.	23. Eva Mostoller	24.	25.	26. Tom & Barb Korber Bill Miller Brian & Jean Ann Thomas Clifford Thomas Bob Wojtaszek	27. Delores McClellan Alan & Patty Tresnicky
28.	29. Christina Dunmyer Karen Harvey Cody Todaro	30. Mike & Shelli Lysic Howard & Mae Miller Roberta Neuhof				

Nursery Schedule for JUNE

June 7th

Sunday School.....Chris & Penny Hoffman
Church.....Diana Croyle

June 14th

Sunday School.....Robyn Blanset
Church.....Rebecca Lichvar

June 21st

Sunday School.....Wonda Wojtaszek
Church.....Samantha Kane

June 28th

Sunday School.....Dawn Cable
Church.....Karen Harvey



BIBLE SCHOOL June 15 – 19

Bible School will be held June 15 – 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. each day. Annie Bridge is helping direct this year's Bible School for her high school graduation project. The theme is "Moses and the Ten Commandments." This year's offering will be donated to Heifer Project International.

Children from Kindergarten through Sixth Grade are invited to attend and bring a friend. This is based on 2008-09 school year. Pre-school children who attend Maple Spring regularly are also invited. We ask that pre-school children who do not attend Maple Spring on a regular basis have an adult volunteer at Bible School.

The Bible School program will be held during the morning worship on June 21.

We look forward to another exciting Bible School here at Maple Spring!

Annie and Diane Bridge, Co-Directors
Renee Hostetler, Assistant Director

**26th Annual
Brethren Heritage Festival
at Camp Harmony
September 19, 2009
10 am to 5 pm**

Challenge for June

May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation...the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ...for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

...Phillipians 1:11 NIT

Heavenly father, like a good parent, you are helping me develop my spiritual muscles and character muscle. Today, help me to see any challenges I encounter as glimpses of your grace...opportunities for me to strengthen my character and to become a little more like Christ. Amen.

New Addresses

Melody Gray
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Jerome, PA 15937

Peggy Lambert
Stoney Creek Commons G1
Hooversville, PA 15936



Congratulations to Kirby and Lydia Shaffer on the birth of a daughter, **Eliza Kate** on May 13, 2009. Also to the proud grandparents, Ray and Pat Shaffer...#9!

*The Lord has blessed you with this new life.
May His grace be with you as you raise this child to
His glory and honor.*

What's happening at the Emanuel Children's Home

The children are now a few months into another school year and all are doing well. They recently enjoyed a birthday party for all the children whose birthday was in January, February, or March— complete with a cake and piñata.

They are also excited to have one of the Home's graduates return to live at Hogar Emanuel. Yolani had been living in Cortes with her aunt while taking classes, but now began her career with her first job as a beautician in San Pedro Sula. We were blessed to share in her excitement last month when she learned that she was hired! I wish you could have seen her lit up face when she shared with Bill and me that she "got the job!" She is happy to provide some extra help caring for the kids at the Home in exchange for a place to stay while getting on her feet as an independent adult.

While the US is suffering economically, Honduras is doing even worse which is causing more abuse, neglect, and crime in a country that already has more than its share — and children are suffering the brunt of the problem. Last month, La Prensa (a San Pedro Sula newspaper), did a front page story on the plight of Honduran children who are at social risk. Although the statistics given were very sad, the sunshine in their story was the article they included about El Hogar de Niños Emanuel. La Prensa's article made it a point to say that this particular home is well run by its executive director, Vivian de Chahin, its volunteers, and staff who are making every effort to reach out and make a difference. The Home coverts your continued support, because YOU are the only way this home can continue to operate.

Vivian reports that the children spent time learning about taking care of the world we live in. "We sent out an e-mail asking San Pedro Sula businesses and organizations to

send us their old newspapers, magazines and used paper products. We collected it and will be "selling" it to the new recycling mill in town." The hogar's farm also received their first shipment of hens and another group of baby chicks for the children to raise.

The real excitement at the Home this month, was the arrival of the bus! The paper work was finally approved for a "dispensa" on the bus, so that the initial cost of the bus would be exempt from tax. The application process for this dispensa was long and tedious work, but it finally paid off. Once again, we want to offer thanks to everyone who helped to make this dream a reality.

ATTENTION: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL DIRECTORS

It is that time of year when you are working hard to choose a theme, order materials, plan your craft projects, and decide how the children can become involved in a meaningful project with their daily offerings. Kids love to help other kids! Help them have an understanding that many are not as fortunate as they are. Teach them about the children living in other countries who do not have the benefit of a loving biological family, but who do have the love of Jesus and His servants to care for them. Get in touch with me to receive prepared flyers for the children and a PowerPoint presentation about the work at El Hogar de Niños Emanuel. We might even be able to send one of the many volunteers who have traveled to Honduras to talk with your children about their experiences at Hogar Emanuel.

Rona

Camp Harmony News

It's camping time at **Camp Harmony**! Applications are available in the office and the registration form needs to be signed by Janet Good (Camp Rep.), Pastor John or Pastor Linda. The church will pay ½ of one camp for any student who attends a camp.

VOLUNTEER WORK WEEK – June 14-20

Come to Camp and stay the week free while you work. Call Camp to let us know you will be coming.

CAMP HARMONY REUNION DAY Saturday, June 20, 2009

1:00 - 2:30 PM - Swimming, Climbing Tower,
Hiking

3:00 - 4:30 - Opening Camp Worship and
Dedication Service

5:00 - Picnic Supper (Free) Supplied by the District
Women's Ministries Ice Cream Sundaes
(Free) supplied by the District Men's
Fellowship

8:00 - Traditional Camp Harmony Campfire

CAMP HARMONY DINNER THEATER Friday, June 26- 5:00 PM

Full Course Dinner followed by
Cotton Patch Gospel by Performing Arts Camp

Tickets - \$25

Proceeds will go toward completing the Tabernacle

Matinee - Saturday, June 27 - 3:00 PM

\$3.00-Adults, \$2.00-ages 4-11,

Free - ages 3 and under

PROJECTS...

...Bring 2 x 4 x 8' lumber to Camp to be used for building projects. These can be signed by families, Sunday School Classes, Churches, etc.

...**Adopt a Camper** – We already have children who would like to come to Camp and are not members of a church and definitely don't have the finances to pay totally for a week. If anyone would like to provide funds to send a child to camp, we will match you with a child keeping all important information confidential. Remember a week of camp is comparable to a year of Sunday School. Contact your Camp Representative or call directly to Camp Harmony if interested (798-5885).

...**Picnic Tables and Fire Rings** – 11 picnic tables and 6 fire rings have already been purchased. Approximately 30 tables and 20 fire rings are needed.

The District Women's Ministry will hold their annual Camp Day on Thursday, June 18. Don't miss this opportunity to visit Camp Harmony and speak to Camp's Executive Director, Janice Kaltenbaugh. The cost will be \$8.00 and registration is due June 10. Please bring a nonperishable food to donate to a local Food Pantry. The Country Store will be open. Bring your crafts, produce, plants, and other items to sell and be prepared to find some neat stuff to take home.

If you are interested in attending please contact Connie Martin before June 7, so that reservations can be sent. (if you need childcare, you must include the request with your registration.

Yard Sale...Coming up on July 18. If you have items at home you would like to get rid of and would like to donate to the Church for this yard sale you can either bring it to the Church or call Linda Baraniak or Deanna Fisher and we will see that it is put in Parsonage garage. If possible, would you price it for us. Thank you

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The **Women's Fellowship** has aprons available for a donation of \$12.00. We have two different colors. The short apron is dark green and the longer apron is tan with a green logo. If you would like an apron, please see Connie after church, or you can contact her at 629-7423 or 279-5531. Thank you.

More on what's happening at the Emanuel Children's Home?

El Hogar de Niños Emanuel learned about two girls in need of our help when we read about their situation in the local newspapers. Their father had been arrested and placed in jail for molestation and their home was found to be substandard and with no electricity. Their mother washed clothes to earn money, but the girls were severely neglected and were malnourished. Two older brothers had already passed away.

Their dad returned to their home after his three month incarceration, but the Juzgado (the courts) temporarily placed Waldina and her sister Silvia at Hogar Emanuel in October 2008. They are now happy and thriving well. Silvia, the younger of the two, is attending the third grade and will have permanent refuge at Hogar Emanuel.

Waldina is a very sweet young lady and is wheelchair bound because she suffers from muscular dystrophy that does not have a good prognosis. The Hogar is not handicapped accessible, nor do we have the funds needed for the special on-site and medical care that Waldina needs. Therefore, the courts are continuing to search for another place for her to live, possibly a foster home.

However, in the meantime, we would like to make her life as comfortable as possible. Our educators do their best to keep Waldina occupied with reading and writing at the home. She loves to be outside, but there are six to eight steps into either entrance of the home. The other kids attentiveness to her is heartwarming as they gather around her to lift her into the yard and take her for walks.

We are currently accepting bids from local contractors to complete the work of building a ramp to the back door of the main dormitory as soon as possible. The construction of this ramp would provide handicapped accessibility and also an easier way to get large grocery items such as large bags of flour, rice, and corn meal into the kitchen. The railing at the top landing would be removable in order to allow a straight shot through the door for equipment and furniture. There would remain a set of stairs on the other side of the ramp.

If you are able to help with this particular expense, please mark you donation "FOR RAMP" on the coupon. THANK YOU!

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Graduates 2009



Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all ways acknowledge Him, and he will make your paths right.

Proverbs 3:5-6

Douglas Baraniak

Son of Alan and Linda Baraniak

Graduated from UPJ, Associates Degree in Science

Future Plans: Will be working at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville as a Respiratory Therapist.

Ashley Bittner

Daughter of Brian and Majorie Bittner

Graduated from Temple University with a Masters Degree in Social Work

Future Plans: Will be looking for employment

Jeffery Bittner

Son of Brian and Marjorie Bittner

Graduated from University of Pittsburgh with a BA in Economic Administration

Future Plans: Will be looking for employment

Jacob Blanset

Son of Tim and Robyn Blanset

Graduated from North Star High School

Future Plans Will attend Penn Highland Community College and then UPJ for Accounting

Molly (Bridge) Stultz

Daughter of Tom and Diane Bridge

Wife of Jeremy Stultz

Graduated from Penn Highlands Community College with an Associates Degree in Health Care

Future Plans: Is employed at Franklin Street Pediatrics as a secretary

Riley McDonald

Daughter of Tim McDonald and Deborah Bambling

Graduated from Conemaugh Township Area HS

Future Plans: Will be joining the United States Air Force in September

The Bank Account

A 92-year-old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by eight o'clock, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready.

As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, I provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

'I love it,' he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

'Mr Jones, you haven't seen the room; just wait.'

'That doesn't have anything to do with it.' He replied...'Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn't depend on how the furniture is arranged...it's how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It's a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice; I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do.

Each day is a gift, and as long as my eyes open, I'll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I've stored away. Just for this time in my life. Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from what you've put in.

So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:

1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

...contributed

OTHER SPRINGS to MAPLE SPRING

"The most important thing a father can do
for his children is to love their mother."
~~Author Unknown

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