



10 Commandments

of a

Friendly Church

- ⇒ Speak to people, even if you don't know their names. There is nothing as nice or cheerful as a friendly word of greeting.
- ⇒ Smile at people. It takes 72 muscles to frown and only 14 to smile. Your smile is one of your finest assets. Use it regularly.
- ⇒ Call people by name. The sweetest music to any person's ears is the sound of his own name.
- ⇒ Be friendly and helpful. If you want a friend, be one.
- ⇒ Be cordial. Speak and act as if everything you do is a genuine pleasure. Try to look happy, and you'll be happy.
- ⇒ Be generous with praise and sparing with criticism.
- ⇒ Be genuinely interested in people. If you try, you can like everybody. Don't limit yourself to a few friends when there are so many likeable people all around you.
- ⇒ Be considerate of the feelings of others.
- ⇒ Watch for ways to serve others. What we do for others counts most in life.
- ⇒ Add to all of these a good sense of humor, a generous dose of patience, and a dash of humility.

Are you doing all you can to make our church a friendly church? If not, why not start today?

Psalm 23

(For the Work Place)

The Lord is my real boss, and I shall not want.

He gives me peace, when chaos is all around me. He gently reminds me to pray and do all things without Murmuring and complaining.

He reminds me that he is my source and not my job.

He restores my sanity everyday and guides my decisions That I might honor him in all that I do.

Even though I face absurd amounts of e-mails, system crashes, unrealistic deadlines, budget cutbacks, gossiping co-workers, discriminating supervisors and an aging body that doesn't cooperate every morning,

I still will not stop-- for

He raises me up,

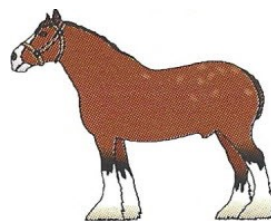
even when they fail to promote me.

He claims me as His own, even when the company threatens to let me go, His Faithfulness and love is better than any bonus check.

His retirement plan beats every 401 K there is!

When it's all said and done,

I'll be working for Him a whole lot.

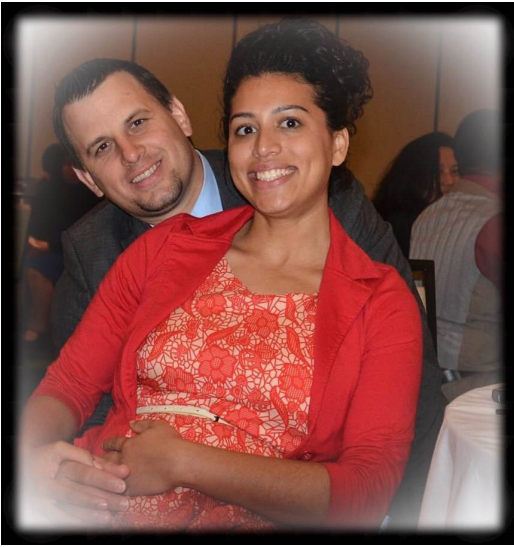


"I Would Like to Have Him As a Member of My Church"

A horseman went to Henry Ward Beecher and said, "Mr. Beecher, I have a good family horse I want to sell you. He is a good Saddle horse, a good buggy horse and a good carriage horse. He works double with any horse on either side of the tongue. In short, he is a good all-around horse and a good team worker." Mr. Beecher replied, "My friend, I can't buy your horse, but I would like to have him as a member of my church. "

Selected- Morning Glory

PASTOR'S CORNER



Pastor's post on Valentines day. "Lucky to have you by my side as a friend, companion, wife, counselor and confidant. I love you my princess!!"

As always a cute picture of Emma, not sure what she is hammering. So will she be a carpenter or a "Judge"... Time will tell.

Hope you enjoy.....



I command you today to love the Lord your God, to walk in obedience to him. Deuteronomy 30:16

A journalist had a quirky habit of not using blue pens. So when his colleague asked him if he needed anything from the store, he asked for some pens. "But not blue pens," he said. "I don't want blue pens. I don't like blue. Blue is too heavy. So please purchase 12 ballpoint pens for me — anything but blue!" The next day his colleague passed him the pens—and they were all blue. When asked to explain, he said, "You kept saying 'blue, blue.' That's the word that left the deepest impression!" The journalist's use of repetition had an effect, but not the one he desired.

Moses, the lawgiver of Israel, also used repetition in his requests to his people. More than 30 times he urged his people to remain true to the law of their God. Yet the result was the opposite of what he asked for. He told them that obedience would lead them to life and prosperity, but disobedience would lead to destruction (Deut. 30:15-18).

When we love God, we want to walk in His ways not because we fear the consequences but because it is our joy to please the One we love. That's a good word to remember.

Dear Lord, as we read Your inspired story, may Your Spirit be our teacher.

Help us to walk the path of obedience as we hear the voice of Your heart.

Love for God will cause you to live for God.

INSIGHT:

Today's passage begins with a beautiful statement of how intimately God wants us to know Him. He has not given us commandments that are "too difficult" or "beyond our reach" (Deut. 30:11). This passage ends with the reason His commands are "very near" (v. 14)—that we may love and obey God and enjoy life in Him (v. 20).

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Wish I was back in Home School , sounds like fun doesn't it?

Home School Trips from Linda Mims:

This is a small group that gathered for some fun time at sky zone in Hoover. They had prayer before jumping and climbing and flipping to their heart's content on last Thursday Feb 16. They had a blast!

We went to the nature center and had a class on treating nature the way God intended and that includes cleaning up our trash and cutting grass. They made lawn mowers from snacks and then got to eat them.

These are just a couple of things we have done. We also did the space and rocket tour that the kids loved. When we went to Florida we went to the Pensacola naval museum and they featured the Blue Angels and it was awesome as well as free.



Powers Home Schooling: Here are some pictures from our trip to Colorado. We visited Nebraska in these. These are Wyoming and Colorado. We had a wonderful time seeing some of God's beautiful handiwork in the West. We hope to explore more this summer. Charlotte Powers and family.



13th Sabbath Mission Emphasis

Sabbath (the 12th week this Quarter),

March 25th

Kay Cheser, Sabbath School Superintendent

Remember your 13th Sabbath Mission Offering for the Trans-European Division:

Includes countries of Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, Greece, Greenland, Hungary, Iceland, Ireland, Latvia, Lithuania, Montenegro, Netherlands, Norway, Poland, Serbia, Slovenia, Sweden, Macedonia, United Kingdom, the southern portion of Cyprus, and the Aland Islands.

This division is home to 204.8 million people.

Total Seventh-day Adventist membership in this division is 85,289 with a ratio of 1 Adventist for every 2,401 people.

We have heard stories this quarter of the marvelous way in which God is working with people within the very secular settings in these countries to draw them to Himself and into His Church.

To help meet the challenges of reaching people in this world division, the 13th Sabbath Offering will help to:

- Build a Seventh-day Adventist Church in Dublin, Ireland.
- Build a men's dormitory at the Adventist secondary school in Marusevec, Croatia.
- Renovate and evangelistic international youth center in Oslo, Norway.
- Build a television studio for Hope Channel, Poland in Warsaw.

Those who may have similar Sabbath attire may plan to wear it March 25th in honor of the Trans-European division. The pictures on the side are examples of traditional Croatian, Danish. & Irish attire.

The children will have a special 13th Sabbath presentation during the Mission period between Sabbath School and church.

Finally, bring Trans-European (Polish, Irish, Norwegian, Swedish, etc) cuisine with the recipes to the Fellowship meal. For those who may need recipes, there will be recipes downstairs in the Fellowship Hall beginning 2nd Sabbath in March.

So, come and enjoy our fellowship together to celebrate this special day!



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February Birthdays

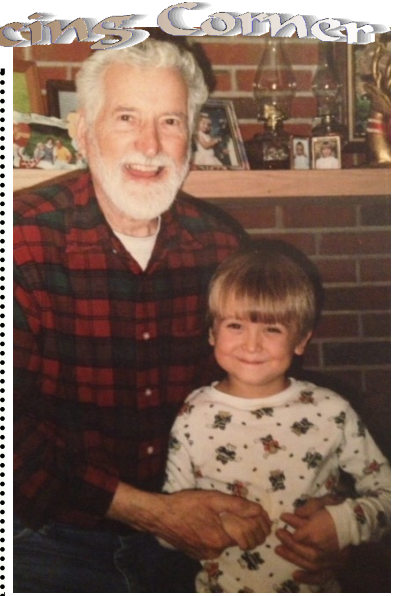
- 5— Pat Gill
- 9 - Emma Isabel Rodriguez
- 13 - Cleo Smith, Keiona Lucas
- 20 - David Mahan

Happy, Happy Birthday to everyone this month. Don't forget if you have a birthday that hasn't been turned in to me, please do so and we promise to try and send you a birthday card on your special day.

Anniversaries

4 - Shawn & Natalie Smith

So did everyone know Verla Gill, Dot Higgins & Betty Stephens Brooks from last months reminiscing? We had a wonderful deacon ordination for James Oakley Powers (our Jimmy who is 16 now) on Sabbath February 18. We didn't get a picture of the occasion but thought sharing a picture of him and his grandfather when he was younger would be a good memory for our page and a tribute to his wonderful Christian grandfather at the same time. We are proud of you Jimmy. Until next month, Brenda



Tentative Speaker Schedule: **March:** 4th - Pastor Rodriguez, 11th - Ted Winslow, 19th - Pastor Rodriguez, 25th - Jerome Edmeade **April:** 1st - Lary Petty, 8th - Pending, 19th - Pastor Rodriguez, 22nd - Gary Linkous, 29th - Pastor Rodriguez

Calendar of Events

- Weekly:** Prayer Meeting: Tuesdays at 6:00 PM -
- Jail Ministry: Sundays 6:30pm at the Clanton Jail
- Monthly:** **Each Sabbath after Fellowship meal:**
- Sabbath School Visitation: 1st Sabbath
- Nursing Home Visitation: 4th Sabbaths

The first Camp Meeting/ Convocation will be coming to Camp Alamisco on April 7th & 8th 2017.

Our guest speaker will be Pastor Mike Tucker from the Quiet Hour. Pastor Tucker lost his wife in 2016 , together they have done some of the best marriage and counseling events to date. He is a Christ filled man who has lots to share with us. We also have coming to Alamisco Steven Mosley who will present to us a dramatic presentation called the "Chosen Garments". We have a great team coming down to share with our children and young adults in that of Destiny Works Productions. Please make plans to attend. You'll find a registration form in the last issue of GSC Today.

Then on **May 24-27th we will be worshipping at BASS Memorial Academy** for the second portion of our Camp Meeting. Beginning on that Wednesday and Thursday evening we will have Elder Jim Gilley who has served his Lord in many positions, but we will probably remember him best for his time as president of 3ABN. Our main speaker over the weekend will be Dr. Joseph Kidder from Andrews Seminary. Destiny Works will be taking over again for the youth, and we will also have the same team of Sabbath School teachers coming for the entire camp meeting. Please think of these Camp Meeting events as a time for recommitting ourselves to Jesus and to the work he has entrusted us with. For some of us that means taking back what we might have lost, and for others it means finding the Savior for the first time. Again the registration form is in the latest issue of GSC Today or call the office to ask for more information.

The letter came from Arizona, but there are thousands like this correspondent in every state and providence of North America: Dear Voice of Prophecy: I was baptized as a Christian about a month ago, and am so lonely, as no one visits me or speaks to me at church. This poem tells how I feel:

I see you at the meetings
 But you never say Hello.
 You're busy all the time you're there
 With those you already know.

I sit among the members,
 Yet I'm a lonesome one:
 A new fish, a stranger, I,
 No word of friendship one.

Yet it was you who asked me in,
 And you talked of fellowship,
 And you could walk across the room,
 But you never make the trip.

Oh, I'll be at the next meeting
 Perhaps a nicer day to spend.
 Think then you could introduce yourself?
 I want to be a friend!

Let's hope and pray that we at the Clanton church aren't guilty of this.

HOW TO MAKE A FINGER PUPPET ZEBRA CRAFT - Elizabeth has sent this for the younger children of the church. She was hoping to get to do this with Emma but hasn't gotten to it yet. Our newsletter needs to include something for everyone. Hope you as parents enjoy doing this with your children. Don't forget to share something with us also.

Supplies:

- heavy weight white cardstock paper, - 3/4" circle hole punch, - black paint, - paintbrush, - black yarn
- googly eyes, - scissors. - tacky glue

Directions:

1. Start by cutting out a rounded rectangle shape for your zebra body and zebra neck and head shape from your white cardstock paper. You'll also want to cut out two ears for your zebra.
2. Punch four holes into the bottom of your zebra body with your 3/4-inch circle cutter. These will be the finger holes to make your zebra a finger puppet.
3. Paint black stripes all over your zebra body, neck and face. Set the pieces aside to dry completely.
4. Glue your zebra neck and head onto your zebra body. Then glue your ears onto your zebra, one in front and one on the back of the head. Glue a googly eye onto your zebra face.
5. Cut out small strands of black yarn and glue them onto the back of the zebra neck and a few on top of the zebra's head. Now cut off a black piece of yarn for the zebra tail. We tied a knot at the end of our tail so it wouldn't fray all the way to the top over time.



Websites Bill Weise has set up & would like special prayer about the responses from these sites.

www.steppingupward.org www.egwhiteclassicquotes.org <http://www.grandmastidbits.org>

We have a website!! <http://clantonsda.org/>, Tony Plier has posted sermons, music & a lot of info, look under Newsletters to find this publication on line each month. Tony has made it so all the previous couple years area there also. Also a Face Book page has been set up for the Clanton Sda church, log on and find information posted there regularly. Thanks for communicating and sharing what you want to put in the Newsletter each month. Don't forget it is YOUR/OUR newsletter... let's share each month. Thanks to those that do regularly. **Let me know if you don't want to get one anymore, via email or US Mail.** Also need to know if you moved or any other reason to not be sending the newsletters. Thanks Brenda

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