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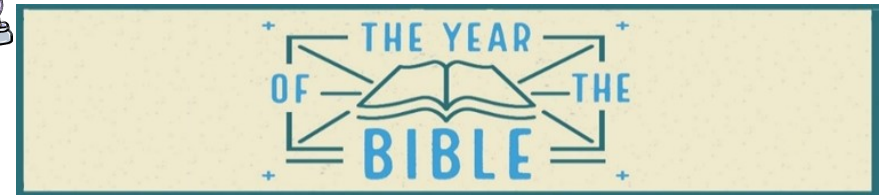


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Rules. Rules. Rules. The role of the biblical law in our lives today is always controversial! The Old Testament has all sorts of regulations:

- Some seem like common sense: “Thou shalt not murder” (Exod. 20:13).
- Others are downright strange: “Live in temporary shelters for seven days” each autumn (Lev 23:42), “Do not wear clothing woven of two kinds of material” (Lev 19:19), “You shall not boil a kid in his mother’s milk” (Exod. 23:19).
- Others yet make *some* sense, but seem unreasonable or out-of-date: “For six years you are to sow your fields and harvest the crops, but during the seventh year let the land lie unplowed and unused. Then the poor among your people may get food from it” (Exod. 23:10); or “If a man is caught kidnapping one of his brother Israelites and treats him as a slave or sells him, the kidnapper must die” (Deut 24:7).

Aren’t we being inconsistent? How can we disobey the law about not-farming every seven years but still bang on about the Ten Commandments? How can we insist on certain Old Testament standards even while wearing mixed fabrics? Aren’t we just being hypocrites?

In a word: No. Presbyterian Christians have always held that there are three *categories* of Old Testament law: *moral*, *ceremonial*, and *civil*. (Examples of each sort are in the three bullet points of the opening paragraph.)

The *moral* law is the broad ethical principles of the Bible, especially as condensed in the Ten Commandments. One reason we believe it applies to everyone always is because it’s a reflection of God’s character – which does not change. For example, God is always truthful – so lying is always wrong for everybody. God is always the giver and sustainer of life – so murder is always wrong for everybody. And so on.

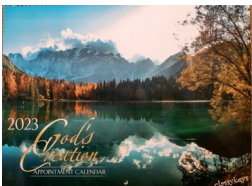
Another reason that the moral law still applies is that Jesus and the Apostles explicitly upheld it. In just seventeen verses, Jesus intensifies the Sixth, Seventh, Third, and Ninth Commandments (Matt 5:21-37). (continued)



BAPTISM

Eliza Mae Brooks

Daughter of Robert & Sabrena Brooks



God’s Creation Calendars

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the office 352-8789 firstpc@midco.net**



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(See also Matthew 19:16-19.) Following Jesus' lead, the Apostle Paul also directly quotes from the Ten Commandments, summarizing them as "love your neighbor" (Rom. 13:8-10).

The second sort of law is the ceremonial law. These rules have to do with the religious practices of the ancient Israelite community: festivals, sacrifices, worship-places, and ritual purity / impurity. These laws have value today in that they point forward to Jesus, but because they have been fulfilled in Jesus they are no longer obeyed. For example, the sacrificial rituals of the OT can teach us that real forgiveness is always costly (see Heb. 9:22). But we don't slaughter lambs, rams, and bulls in church because Jesus "...sacrificed for [our] sins once for all when he offered himself" on the cross (Heb. 7:27). In other words, the ceremonial laws can teach us, but they do not direct us. Now that the reality (Jesus) has come, there's no need for the placeholder. What's more, Jesus and the Apostles explicitly set aside the ceremonial laws (see Mark 7:19, Acts 15:5-11).

The last sort of law is the civil law – regulations governing the community life of ancient Israel. Some of these laws told ancient judges how to apply the moral law in their own context. For example, "Don't murder" is moral law. But their civil law applies that principle to their culture by saying that premeditated murder is punishable by death, while accidental manslaughter is punished with temporary exile to a city of refuge (Exodus 21:12-13). As we don't live in an ancient Israelites village, we don't "follow" these laws (See again Acts 15:5-11). That said, they have value in that they show us what justice and equity looked like in that culture. (See Westminster Confession of Faith Ch. 19).

Do you see why it's essential for us to understand the big story of the Bible? Seeing the Bible as a bunch of unrelated rules and anecdotes means we have constant trouble differentiating between which parts of the Bible are descriptive and which are prescriptive, between which parts are just telling us a story and which parts are calling us to act. But when we get a sense for the single, overarching narrative of scripture we understand better how Jesus (and the Apostles) either uphold or set aside the Old Testament rules.



So grab a copy of The Story in the East Room. There are resources for different ages. Join one day study groups. See you there!

Pastor Andrew

THE
STORY



Third and Eighth
Graders Presented
with Bibles

Cordin Caudell,
Alyrra Kerlin,
Lucas Chipparo,
Grady Gilbert



**Food
Drive
Goal
of 1000
Items**



Month of October

**Pasta, (Roman Noodles,
Spaghetti, Macaroni) & Sauce (not glass)**
Soups - Corn -
Canned Fruit- Cereal
Toilet paper
**Soaps (Laundry, Dish, Bath, &
Shampoo) Personal Care Items**

Elder of the Month:

Diane Clayton

Deacon of the Month:

Gail Lichty

October Celebrations**Anniversaries/Birthdays/Meetings**

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| 1 | Jeannie Sager | |
| 2 | Ellie Eichstadt, Alan Schmidt, Houstyn & Lexi Heinz | 1 |
| 3 | David Peterson | |
| 4 | Ryan Burke | |
| 5 | Bill Meink, James Katz | |
| 6 | Bob & Ann Meyer | 49 Jack & Sharon DeDeyne 51 |
| 7 | Jan LaMont | Andy Reimer |
| 8 | Tami Miner | Rick & Darlene Sabers 39 |
| 10 | Alex Hepper | Lindsey Leyendecker |
| 11 | Brianna Lichty | |
| 12 | Neil & Mona Kotas | 48 |
| 14 | Donna Amundson | |
| 15 | Becky Eichstadt, Corinne Wipf | |
| 16 | Jill Minske | |
| 17 | Mike Kopfmann, Rook Ward, Duane & Leanne Kopfmann | 41 |
| 19 | Betty Dornbush, | Max Peterson |
| 20 | Dar King | |
| 21 | Randall Eden | |
| 22 | Cobbie & vi Magness | 71 |
| 25 | Matt Gilbert, Ashlyn Wipf | |
| 26 | Terry & Marla Bawdon | 48 |
| 27 | Justin Skipper | |
| 31 | Talley Hins | |

Due to a recent request for the respect of privacy issues birthdates will no longer have ages listed unless we are requested to do so.



Thank you to all of the Meals on wheels volunteers who still answer their phones when you see it is me calling! You are very much appreciated by the shut ins in the Huron community and the Senior Center Staff.

**Bless you all,
Sandy Eden**

Prayer Concerns

Members

Rev. Allen Sager	Dick Biel	Chuck Growth
Tana Hagel	Carrie Lemke	Donna Pietz
Larry Peterson	Jake Vilhauer	Sara Jorgensen
Cobbie Magness	Nick Daugherty	Christ Marcus
Sue Galliger	Jerry Galliger	
Ron & Sharon Hastings		

Family & Friends

Jolene Heising (cousin to Becki & Carrie Lemke)
 Silas, Lydia, Johanna, and Amber(the mom)(Robert Brook's cousins)
 Joyce Balliette (Jan LaMont's sister)
 Bob Eickhoff
 Mary Chapman (Sharon Hastings cousin)
 Tanner Gebhart (Tiffanie Kouf's brother)
 Glen Hohn (Brenda Schmidt's cousin)
 Mary Jane George (former member)
 Joyce (Zemlicka)Gardner (Sharon Hastings' cousin)
 Vi Martens
 Pam Marvel Luckhurst
 Gary Rogers undergoing treatment for cancer
 Georgeen Young

Assisted Living, Nursing Homes & Home Bound

Wellshire Village: Shirley Fullerton, Deannie LeRoux, Jackie Sievers

Avantara Nursing Home: Henry Sievers, Eva Vilhauer, Donna Pietz, Nadean Vilhauer, Bev Erdahl, Sara Jorgensen,

Volga: Ruth Winter

Serenity Place Rapid City: Donald Urquhart

CENTS ABILITY UPDATE...

Holy Buckets Penny Offering September \$365.48
 1/2 Men's Prayer Breakfast/Salvation Army meat,
 1/2 Helping Hands for food.
 Total for year 2022 \$2648.46



BACK TO CHURCH



Hamburgers
Were
yummy!

**There are a few extra t-shirts,
if interested contact the
Office. 605-352-8789**





October 2022



Sun

Mon

Tue

Wed

Thu

Fri

Sat

	Food Drive Month					<i>1 Jeanne Sager</i>
2 Sunday School 9:20 Worship 10:30 Communion	3	4	5 Praise Team 5:15 Youth Club 6:00	6 Jack & Sharon DeDeyne 51 Bob & Ann Meyer 49 Non-denominational bible study 9:30	7 Jan LaMont	8 Rick & Darlene Sabers 39
9 Sunday School 9:20 Worship 10:30	10	11 Neil & Mona Kotas 48 Ch. Ed. 6:15 Miss./Evan. 6:30 Church Life 6:30 Admin, Bldg./Gr. 7:00 Worship/Music 7:00 Session 7:30	12 Praise Team 5:15 Youth Club 6:00	13 Non-denominational bible study 9:30	14 Donna Amundson	15 Corrine Wipf
16 Sunday School 9:20 Worship 10:30	17 Duane & Leanne Kopfmann 39	18 Betty Dornbush Max Peterson	19 Praise Team 5:15 Youth Club 6:00	20 Randy Eden Non-denominational bible study 9:30 <u>Food Giveaway</u> HMA Peoples transit/help needed. 11am-1pm	21 Cobbie & Vi Magness 71 Presbytery in Wessington	22
23 Sunday School 9:20 Worship 10:30 ////////////////////////////////////// 30 Sunday School 9:20 Worship 10:30 Holy Buckets Trunk or Treat 5-6 pm	24 ////////////////////////////////////// 31	25	26 Terry & Marla Bawdon 48 Praise Team 5:15 Youth Club 6:00	27 Non-denominational bible study 9:30	28	29