

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK

How many of you make New Year's Resolutions? How many of you keep your resolution? I have never made a New Year's Resolution. If I did, I'd like to think that I would follow through, but I'm not sure that would happen. Things get in the way, and life happens. The same can be said for the Ten Commandments. How many of us can honestly say we have followed them 100%? Of course the majority are easy to follow, however, I think most of us can say we might have slacked with remembering and keeping the Sabbath day holy.

Recently I came across a publication that had 10 guidelines from God, something to think about and follow, in addition to his commandments. I would like to share a portion of that with you.

1-QUIT WORRYING - Life has dealt you a blow and all you do is sit and worry. Have you forgotten that I am here to take all your burdens and carry them for you.

2-PUT IT ON THE LIST - Something needs taken care of? Put it on the list. No, not YOUR list. Put it on MY to-do-list. Let ME be the one to take care of the problem. I can't help you until you turn it over to me.

3-TRUST ME - Once you've given your burdens to me, quit trying to take them back. Trust in me. Have faith that I will take care of all your needs, your problems and your trials.

4-LEAVE IT ALONE - Don't wake up one morning and say, "Well, I'm feeling much stronger now, I think I can handle it from here." You gave me your burdens, and I'm taking care of them. Just let me do my job.

5-TALK TO ME - I want you to forget a lot of things. Forget what was making you crazy. Forget the

worry. But there's one thing I want you to never forget. Please don't forget to talk to me - OFTEN! I love you. I want to hear your voice. I want to be your dearest friend.

6-HAVE FAITH - I see a lot of things from here that you can't. Have faith in me that I know what I'm doing.

7-SHARE - You were taught to share when you were only two years old. When did you forget? That rule still applies. Share with those who are less fortunate than you. Share your joy, laughter, tears and faith.

8-BE PATIENT - I managed to fix it so in just one lifetime you could have so many diverse experiences. You grow from a child to an adult, have children, change jobs, travel, meet thousands of people and experience so much. Trust in my timing, for my timing is perfect.

9-BE KIND - Be kind to others, for I love them just as much as I love you. They may not dress like you, talk like you, or live the same way you do, but I still love you all.

10-LOVE YOURSELF - As much as I love you, how can you not love yourself? You were created by me to be loved, and to love in return. I am a God of love. Love me. Love your neighbors. You are very precious to me. Don't ever forget that!

So if you find yourself struggling with your New Year's Resolution, why not try to trust in yourself and God and maybe you will surprise yourself!

peace,

Courtney

Things to Look Forward To!

January

5 - Spirit Sunday - the Adult class will share their favorite song with us.

February

2 - Spirit Sunday - the 1st, 2nd and 3rd grade class with share a song
9 - Sweetest Day
12 - Teacher & Officer Meeting

Birthday Greetings!

Happy Birthday to you, Happy Birthday to you.... Please be sure to wish these people the happiest of birthdays

January

2 - Jarrod Heffner
8 - Katelyn DeLong
18 - Paige Carvalho
19 - Lisa Bartera
21 - Leah Ginsburg
24 - Lisa Walker
27- Lisa Krause
28 - Traci Gehringer

February

3- Quintin Zoccola
6 - Ray Schell
18 - Cooper Kellum
26 - Kelly Leiby
28 - Janet Fegely

Perfect Attendance – October 2019

The percentage listed is the monthly percentage of attendance for each class. The names listed are those that were in class or visiting another church 100% of the month

Pre-nursery/nursery 54% Riley Bartera

Pre-K /K 75% Parker Bartera, Logan Berger

1st , 2nd & 3rd 94% Grace Haas, Cooper Kellum, Lila Berger

4th / 5th 81% Richard Haas, Lisa Bartera

Confirmation year 1- 75% Paige Carvalho
Confirmation year 2 - 75% Pastor Jeff

Sr. High 69% Peggy Morgan, Andrew Haas, Zachary Haas, Jewel Karaisz, Caleb Krause, Kaylen Leiby, Jonah Shorette, Owen Shorette

Adult- Jim Laub, Loretta Flicker, Dave Merkel, Judy Koller, Kyle Koller

Backstage- Sharon Leiby
Staff - Tara Berger, Courtney Kellum

Perfect Attendance- November 2019

Pre-nursery/Nursery- 85% Sue Haas, Riley Bartera, Lucas Haas

Pre-K &K 83% Jen Scaffidi, Parker Bartera, Logan Berger, Gabriel Haas

1st , 2nd & 3rd 79% Grace Haas, Julie Karaisz, Cooper Kellum, Lila Berger

4th / 5th 79% Lisa Bartera, Richard Haas, Amanda Shorette

Confirmation year 1 - 100% David Herber, Paige Carvalho, Archer Scaffidi, Ethan Weidman, Cayden Ciccone-Haas
Confirmation year 2 - 75% Pastor Jeff

Sr. High 69% Jewel Karaisz, Caleb Krause, Kaylen Leiby, Owen Shorette, Jonathan Weidman

Adult – Loretta Flicker, Diane Herber, Linda Ballew-Johnson, Dave Merkel, Judy Koller, Kyle Koller, Mike Weidman, Dorothy Moyer

Backstage- Jarrod Heffner, John Perella, Angie Wagaman
Staff - Tara Berger, Courtney Kellum

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-Judy Koller for providing our 2020 Spirit Sunday theme

-Patty Haas for many years of dedication as our Sunday School Treasurer AND Mandy Graff for stepping in to complete the term of Sunday School Treasurer for the 2020 year.