

PCC NEWSLETTER

OCTOBER

I'm going to San Antonio October 11-14. It's the annual meeting of the board for Presbyterians Protecting Life (PPL). This year will be my first to serve on the board, and I am happy to do so because PPL has meant a lot to me.

The mission of PPL is: "Compelled by the gospel, PPL equips Presbyterians to champion human life at every stage." This mission is important to me because of some basic Christian convictions I cherish and because I see so much threat to life in our world today.

I believe, for example, that every human being is made in the image of God. Therefore, every human being has worth and dignity. A person who is old and sick, a person who is handicapped, a person who is cognitively impaired, a person who has not yet been born—all have worth and dignity. I believe that God gives life and that only God has the right to take innocent life. (God has conferred on lawful authority the right to take guilty life—Romans 13:4.) I do not have the right to take even my own life. After all, I did not create myself.

I also believe that every human being is a person. You may think, "Of course. That's so obvious, why would you need to say it?" Because it is not obvious. Our society now has a moral foundation that distinguishes between human beings and persons. As Nancy Pearcey explains in her book *Love Thy Body*, "To be biologically human is a scientific fact. But to be a person is an ethical concept, defined by what we value" (p.19).

To take an obvious example, an unborn child is a human being, but by law is not a person. Justice Harry Blackmun wrote this in the 1973 Supreme Court ruling on *Roe v. Wade*: "The word 'person,' as used in the Fourteenth Amendment, does not include the unborn... If the suggestion of personhood is established...the fetus' right to life would then be guaranteed." [*Roe v. Wade*, 410 U.S. 113 (1973)]

So who else might not be a "person?" It seems every ethicist gives a different answer. Once you draw a line between "human being" and "person," the difference becomes a matter of debate. Most make a "quality of life" argument. When a society begins making these distinctions, those who are least able to stand up for themselves—those with dementia, the disabled, and the mentally ill—are endangered.

Euthanasia is now legal in some states. As I mentioned in a recent sermon (quoting from Pearcey's book, p. 90), in one study, only 24% of those who wanted to die gave debilitating pain as a reason. In contrast, 91% feared "loss of autonomy." I fear we will become like Belgium, where even children are euthanized, and 1.7% of deaths are "hastened deaths without explicit request." (see <https://www.lifenews.com/2018/07/25/belgium-euthanizes-hundreds-of-disabled-and-mentally-disabled-people-including-three-children/>)

"Hastened deaths without explicit request" is the fanciest euphemism for murder I have ever heard! I see human life being devalued in so many ways. It is both more scientific and more Christian to affirm that every human being is a person, and every person deserves to live.

I like other things about PPL too. I like our compassionate approach. We are a grace-filled ministry. For example, women who have had abortions (and men who have been involved) often feel afraid to share this with fellow Christians for fear of being rejected. (In some churches, this fear is well-founded.) What they need, however, is grace and healing. PPL equips churches to make this grace-filled response.

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All Are Welcome!

Calling all who have been on a retreat and those interested in going on a retreat. Please join us for our first Ultreya here at PCPC on October 20th in Langill Hall at 11:00am.

"Ultreya" refers to the Pilgrimage gathering which is held either before or after a three-day weekend experience. It's a way of providing continuity and support with other fellow Christians who have been or are preparing to go on a retreat.

For more information contact Krista Rosendahl through the church office.

BE IN THE KNOW

How can you stay up to date with the latest happenings at PCPC? There are several ways!

- Sign up for weekly e-blasts by calling our church office (772-286-9958) or emailing janet@palmcitypres.org.
- Read the newsletter. Our newsletter is posted on our website under "Resources." Hard copies are available in the church office, Sanctuary narthex, HFLC lobby and Langill Hall lobby.
- Visit our website: palmcitypres.org.
- Like us on Facebook. On Facebook you will find previews of the upcoming sermon; photo and video coverage of church events/activities; upcoming events, classes, bible studies and VBS; and inspirational posts.



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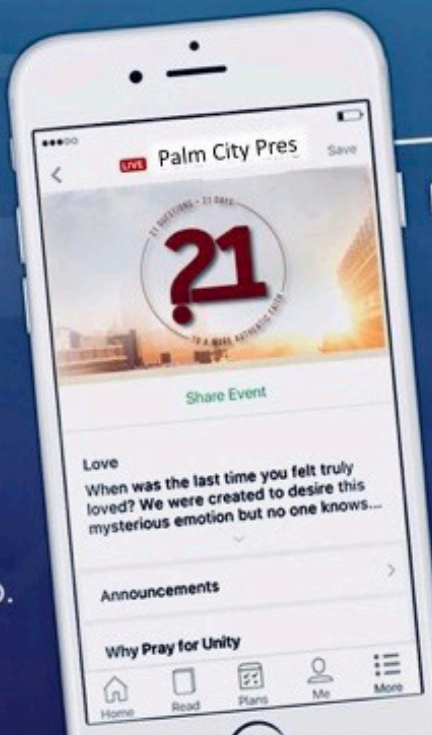
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HOW TO FIND US.

- 1) Make sure location settings are 'on'
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- 3) Select 'events' to

Palm City Presbyterian Church

Introducing Casual Wednesday

Beginning Wednesday, October 3, we are expanding our Wednesday night lineup!

5:30 p.m. Dinner:

Served in Lower Langill Hall, \$6 per person; \$15 max per family—please make a reservation; see below for instructions. (The menu will be published once it is available.)

6:00 p.m. Discipleship:

- Adult Study in Lower Langill Hall
- Middle School Youth Group in the Huizenga Family Life Center (high school youth may join the adult class or help with middle school youth)
- Children's Fun and Learning in Upper Langill Hall
- Nursery will be available!

How to make a reservation? We offer four ways! (Please make your reservation each week before noon on Monday.)

- Email your name and number of people to janet@palmcitypres.org.
- Call the church office 772-286-9958.
- Use the PCPC website www.palmcitypres.org/casual-wednesday-registration/.
- Text your name, the number of people in your party, and the date of the reservation to 772-207-1855.

Adult Discipleship study schedule:

- Oct. 3-Nov. 14: "The Story In-Between: Understanding the Time Between the Testaments" (Pastor Brad)
- Nov. 21-Jan. 2: Holiday Break
- Jan. 9-Mar. 6: "How to Lead a Small Group" (Pastor David) plus another opportunity
- Mar. 13-Apr. 10: "Bonhoeffer's *Life Together*" (Pastor David)

Employment Opportunities

We are seeking a Children's Ministry Director and an Operations Manager. Job descriptions and application instructions are posted on our website (search "employment opportunities" or click on the scrolling banner display on our homepage): www.palmcitypres.org.

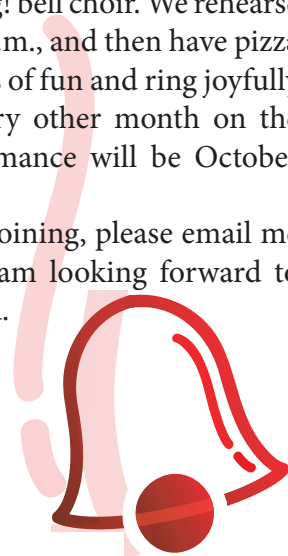
Kids Ring!

Calling all kids who ring, or would like to ring bells and chimes!

If you are in 4th grade through high school, you are eligible to be in the Kids Ring! bell choir. We rehearse each Sunday afternoon at 4:30 p.m., and then have pizza after the rehearsals. We have lots of fun and ring joyfully for the Lord. We perform every other month on the third Sunday. Our first performance will be October 21st at the 11:00 a.m. service.

If you are interested in joining, please email me at joanne@palmcitypres.org. I am looking forward to seeing you and ringing with you.

Ringingly yours,
Miss Joanne



Our Chancel Choir has been on break for the summer, but rehearsals begin again October 4th. If you like to sing, you are invited to join! The Chancel Choir sings at our 8:30 and 11:00 Sunday morning traditional worship services. They also present special music during Christmas and Easter season. Rehearsals are Thursday evenings at 7:00.



8th Annual Palm City Turkey Trot 5K Run/Walk & Kids Fun Run

-Rob Johnson, Race Manager

Thanksgiving is right around the corner. And what does Thanksgiving morning mean at PCPC? That's right...the Palm City Turkey Trot!

The Turkey Trot is a 5K run/walk, starting and ending in our church parking lot. PCPC has done such a great job with the Turkey Trot; it's become one of the premier 5K's on the Treasure Coast. It has sold out every year, and last year we had 600 people finish the race. The runners come mostly from Martin and St. Lucie counties, and it is an opportunity for PCPC to welcome them to our church for a fun, family-oriented event that kicks off a holiday weekend. And it's all for a good cause. Not only do we have the honor of bringing people to our church, but the proceeds go to organizations that help those in need right here in Martin County. This popular event has blessed PCPC, and in return, we have given over \$90,000 to The Salvation Army of Martin County and House of Hope. 2018 proceeds will go to Dunklin

Memorial and The Refuge Ranch.

How can you help? There are many ways!

- You can register to participate at <https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/PalmCity/PalmCityTurkeyTrot>.
- You can share our Facebook post (found under the "Events" tab on our church Facebook page), so your Facebook friends will know about it. <https://www.facebook.com/events/325370618212171/>
- You can volunteer to help. We need volunteers on Thanksgiving morning doing things like passing out medals, giving out cups of water, and preparing the post-race food.
- You can be a financial sponsor. We accept business sponsors for the Turkey Trot. The deadline is October 24. If interested, contact me or the church office.
- Lastly, you can just come out on Thanksgiving morning and watch. We should be proud that many, many past participants have praised church members, crediting them with making the Turkey Trot truly special.

If you are interested in volunteering or sponsoring, please contact the church office at 772-286-9958 or me at 772-485-4309.

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Here are some of the more important things PPL does (this from the official website):

- PPL assists churches wanting to care for women and their children in the womb.
- We train leaders for post-abortion recovery ministry within the framework of a Reformed and Presbyterian theology of grace.
- PPL encourages adoption from a theological foundation—as a redemptive, life-giving means to provide two-parent families for children whose birthmothers are unready or unable to parent.
- We produce sexuality resources that challenge and teach young and old to offer pure hearts and pure lives to God.
- PPL publishes biblically grounded educational resources from a Reformed and Presbyterian perspective to inform and equip local congregations for effective, life-affirming ministry.

I encourage you to look for yourself on the PPL website. It is www.ppl.org. A new website is coming soon. That's on our agenda at the board meeting. We will also be seeking a new executive director. Please pray for the board meeting.

While I am away, you get a rare treat. The Rev. Krista Carlson will be preaching for me on Oct 14. She is a member of our presbytery and the liaison between the presbytery's Ministry Partnership Team and our congregation.

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Bring God Glory by Praying Together as a Church Family

Carole Peterson, Deacon Moderator

You've read many articles about prayer in the PCPC Newsletter recently, found monthly reminders in the bulletin, and possibly received a bookmark from a deacon before services in June. Now, the Deacons' Prayer Team would like to invite you and your family to a Prayer Breakfast they are hosting in Langill Hall on November 3. We will start at 8 a.m. and conclude by 9:30 a.m. You can expect a home-cooked breakfast, followed by three PCPC families who will briefly share how they experienced the power of prayer during very difficult times. We will end with a small group prayer time at each table. If you are comfortable praying aloud, you are encouraged to do so; however, you do not have to take a turn praying aloud—you can just follow in silent prayer. This prayer breakfast promises to feed you well and, more importantly, inspire you while bringing us closer together as a church family.

As Christians, we recognize how important prayer is—it's our way of talking with God and developing a rich, ongoing relationship. While we typically pray alone or are led in prayer during worship, this breakfast is a chance for our church family to get together over a meal and have a time of prayer and praise for what God has done, is doing at PCPC currently, and will do in the future. There is no charge for the breakfast, but God's blessing for your participation is your "takeaway." Look for a "Save the Date" announcement and a reservation form in upcoming church bulletin inserts.



YOUTH NEWS,

Oct. 2018

-Jason Pridmore

We Rock-ed the Universe! (September 7-9)

This past month 30 pre-teens, teens and college students spent the weekend in Orlando at the Rock the Universe Christian Music Festival at Universal Studios. We had an amazing time riding rides, listening to Christian bands (such as Casting Crowns, For King and Country and Family Force 5), and bonding with each other. This was an amazing weekend for all who participated! Already looking forward to going back next year.

What Our Youth Are Studying

We're kicking off a couple of new series this month. First, "Like a Boss!" is a series where we'll be talking all about how we can learn to honor and respect the authorities in our lives, even when it's hard. And we'll discover that life's better when we learn to handle authority like a boss. Later in the month, we will spend an evening dealing with our recurring theme, "I Have Questions," where we look at the question "Why Should I Care About Race?" One of the biggest issues causing division in our world today is race. And whether we realize it or not, this issue impacts all of our lives. Join us Sundays for High School Youth Group 6-8pm and Wednesdays for Middle School Youth Group 5:30-7pm.



Casual Wednesday

By now I trust you have all heard about our weekly EVERYONE IS INVITED, Casual Wednesday, Wednesday nights beginning October 3. We as a church are hoping to create a new culture of family-focused mid-week ministry. Our vision is for Wednesday nights to become a mid-week spiritual refresher/re-energizer for the whole family. There will be a children's component (pre-school – 5th grade), as well as our middle school youth group and an adult study. We would like to see our people come together with their families for a mid-week meal and time of worship and fellowship (beginning at 5:30pm with dinner) then split off into their age-specific programs or classes. We are really hoping our middle school students will bring their families for dinner then join us in the gym for our weekly fun games, activities, and discussions. We hope you all will participate in these offerings...because Sunday mornings are just not enough. There is a reservation protocol for dinner; please sign up through the church website and social media portals. There will also be things for high schoolers to do, so don't leave them at home! For any questions regarding the youth and family component of Casual Wednesday, please contact Jason Pridmore (Youth Ministry) @ (714) 809-5065.

Upcoming Service Opportunity

If you or your student have a heart for feeding the needy, serving the community or are just in need of service hours, come and join PCPC and the youth group on Saturday, October 13 as we help the Treasure Coast Food Bank distribute food from their Mobile Food Pantry at the Martin County Fairgrounds. Meet us there at 8:30am, wear closed-toe shoes and be ready for rain or shine. Call Jason with any questions: (714) 809-5065. If you don't follow us on Facebook or Instagram, or get REMIND text messages or receive our emails...you should!

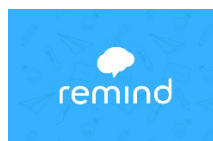
In His service and yours,

Jason Pridmore
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For more information regarding ongoing and upcoming youth events and activities:



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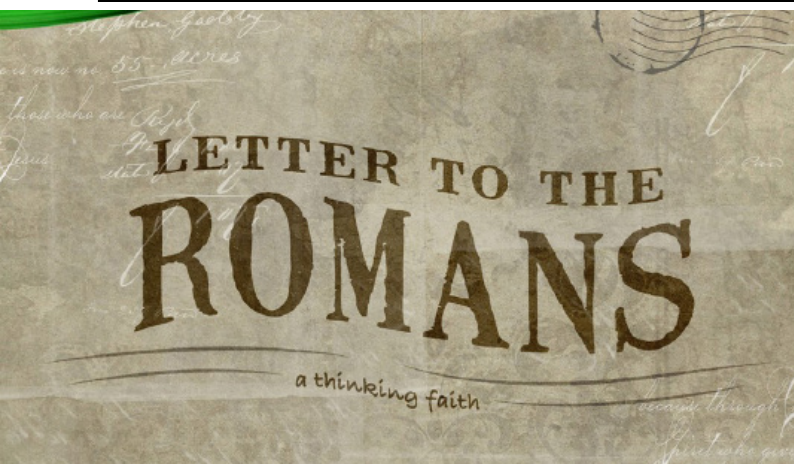


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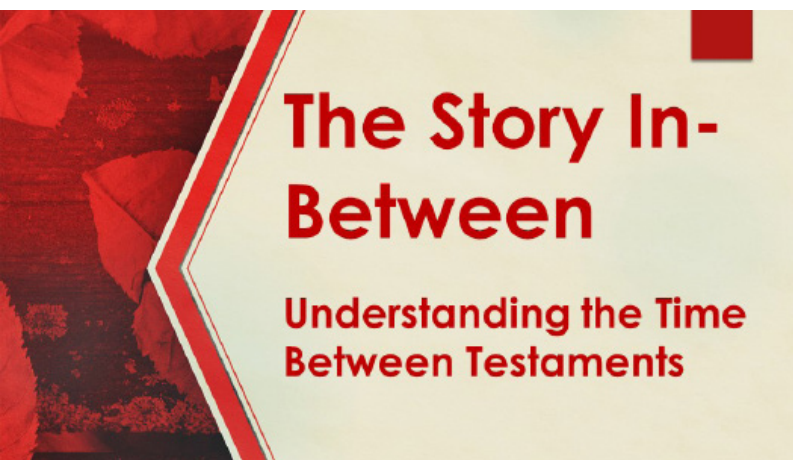
To connect with Jason or to receive parenting resources and youth updates via email, please contact him directly.
Email: Jason@palmcitypres.org
Call or Text: (714) 809-5065



Men's Bible Study:

Thursday mornings at 6:30 a.m. in Langill Hall.

We are taking an expository approach to the book of Romans. No other book in the Bible has had a greater impact on the Reformation and the Protestant Church. This is Paul's greatest, fullest, most comprehensive statement of the gospel. Its truths are like coiled springs; once loosed, they leap through the mind and heart to fill one's horizon and shape one's life. Calvin, Luther, and Wesley all came to faith through the truths of this book.



Wednesday Night Family Night:

Wednesday nights at 6:00 p.m. beginning October 3rd.

This class dovetails with Pastor David's successful "Classics of Christian Spirituality" and is a 5-week study of the Intertestamental Period entitled "The Story In-Between." While many call this time frame the "years of silence," it's far from quiet historically and theologically. It's during this time frame that the Pharisees and Sadducees are developed, as well as the Doctrine of the Resurrection of the Body that finds its fuller form. Understanding the setting to which Jesus comes is essential to understanding His ministry and teaching amongst us.

A STUDY OF EZRA



Women's Bible Study:

Thursday mornings from 9:15-11:00 a.m. in the Huizenga Family Life Center, beginning October 4th (through November 29th, excluding Thanksgiving).

This fall we will be led by long-time favorite teacher, Sharon Coleman, in a study of the Old Testament book of Ezra. We will draw parallels between the Israelites who are returning from exile and rebuilding their lives, and our lives today.

Women's Bible Study is a time of fellowship, food, and fun, and a chance to see God's faithfulness in keeping the promises he made to his people. If you are a curious woman who wants to learn more about the history of God's people, you should come; beginners and newcomers are also welcome! The amount of homework involved with this study depends on you—Sharon will suggest levels of study based on your interests, time, and background.

What Is Reformed Theology?

Adult Sunday School:

Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. in Langill Hall.

This fall we are focusing on the question "What is Reformed Theology?" Our 12-week study is an exploration of the 5 Doctrines of Grace along with the 5 Solas of the Reformation that form the backbone of what we believe in our doctrine and ECO's Essential Tenets.

Learning to

Pray

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Pray

Oct 7

**Psalm 51
Praying Your Guilt**

THE *Good* AND *True* STORY

October 14, 2018

Luke 24:13-15, 27-35 & Nehemiah 8:1-3

The Rev. Krista Carlson

Learning to

Pray

Oct 21

**Psalm 42
Praying Your Longing**

Learning to

Pray

Oct 28

**Psalm 12
Praying Your
Frustration**

Oct. Calendar

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:30p GriefShare 6:45p Walk Aerobics	2 10:00a Staff Meeting 4:00p Deacons Meeting	3 3:30p Stephen Ministry 3:45p Mission Committee 5:30p Dinner 6:00p Discipleship o Adult Study o M.S. Youth o Kids Fun 6:00p Walk Aerobics 6:45p Walk Aerobics 8:00p Cornerstone	4 6:30a Men's Bible Study 9:15a Women's Bible Study 5:00p Bells of Praise 6:30p CBS 7:00p Chancel Choir	5 9:00a Bulletin Stuffing	6
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FINANCIAL SNAPSHOT

Received August 2018 \$62,799

Received August 2017 \$106,691

Received as of 8/31/18 \$687,483

2018 Budget \$1,184,297

Needed each month \$98,691

Birthdays

10/02 Sandy Brown, Cindy Johns,
Krista Rosendahl
10/03 Irene O'Brien, Richard Porter,
Autumn Thomas
10/04 Bobby Pridmore
10/05 Amy Chappel, Abigail Herman,
Edwin Hyde, Kathryn Thorsen
10/06 Dylan Cioffi, Ruthann Hewson,
Patty Terech, Pete Williams
10/07 Lin McLellan
10/08 Wanda Rosello, Sallie Thibodeaux
10/09 Joanne Raulin
10/10 Cody Henn
10/12 Gail Pezzicola
10/13 Larry Jones, Judy McDonald
10/14 Val Mudge, Mary Olesen,
Kaj Wiegerink
10/15 Gloria Gottschalk, Anthony Gunn,
Victoria Holden
10/16 Jan Adams, Sydney Steckler,
Zachary Tucker
10/17 Daniel Chabot, Duncan Morrell,
Thomas Wiegerink
10/18 Casey Henn, Kristen McWilliams,
10/19 Jason Artman, Chris Franco,
Sophia Franco
10/20 Sue Henrich, Lily Klostreich
10/21 Judy Thorpe
10/22 Kenneth Johns, Matthew Mesorana

10/23 Al Brockob, Robert Chapman,
Jane Lytle, Carlin Rykse
10/24 Sara Wilcox
10/25 Sam Johnson, Kirk McLean,
Anna Thomas
10/26 Jeffrey Schoner, Sarah Swindall
10/27 John Rosello
10/28 Charles Rosseau
10/29 Jack March
10/30 Reid Karraker

Anniversaries

10/02 Reece & Jackie Forrest
10/09 John & Patty Terech
10/11 Bob & Enid Tatje
10/12 Tim & Laura Thorsen
10/13 Robert & Christine Kane
10/15 Richard & Jean Austin
10/16 Jordan & Barbara Wagner
10/17 Ben Smith & Emily Adkins
10/20 Richard & Valette Porter
10/23 John & Carol Carsello
10/25 Jason & Sherrey Pridmore

Have something for the next newsletter? Email it to our editors, Amy Kitchell and Andrea Wood: newsletter@palmcitypres.org by the deadline indicated on this newsletter's calendar.

Worship Times

Traditional
8:30 Sanctuary
11:00 Sanctuary

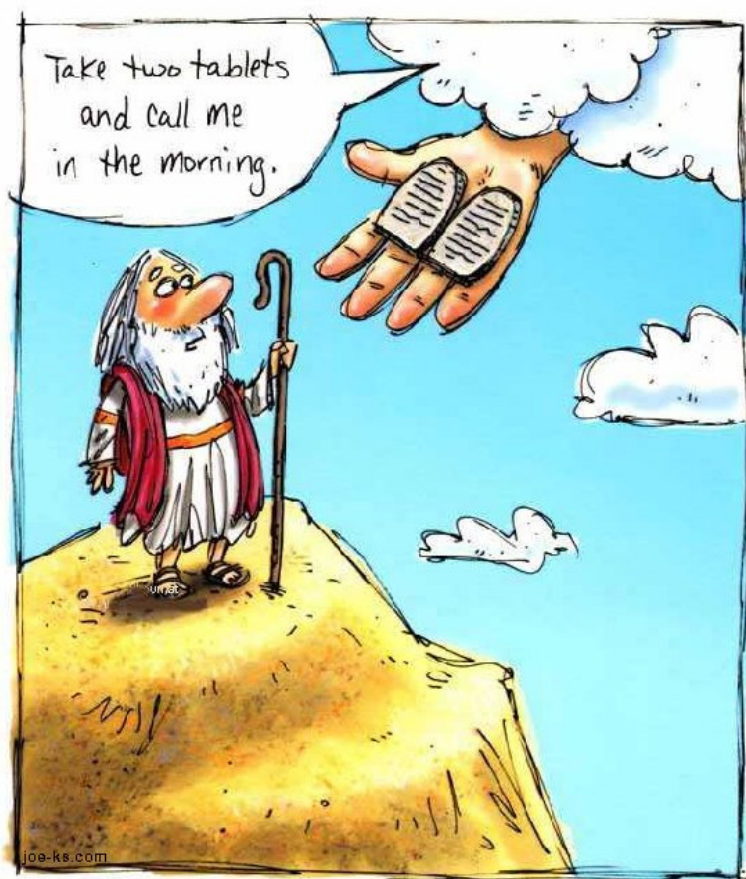
Contemporary
9:30 HFLC

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