

What's Old is New

1 John 2:7-8a

[7] Beloved, I am writing you no new commandment, but an old commandment that you had from the beginning. The old commandment is the word that you have heard. [8] At the same time, it is a new commandment that I am writing to you, which is true in him and in you...

Some Bible students have counted 613 separate laws given by Moses under the old law. They are all summed up by the *Shema* in Deuteronomy 6:5, "You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might." Jesus called this the greatest commandment and pointed to a second one like it, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself" (Matthew 22:37-39; Leviticus 19:18).

This ancient, sacred commandment to love is the old commandment that John wrote about to his spiritual family (1 John 2:10). This commandment was written in the old law 1,400 years before Jesus's time, and 3,400 years before our time. However, Duane Warden points out that this old commandment is even older than the old law!

"Its oldness was not in the length of time they had known it. It was as old as God Himself. It was as old as the revelation to Abraham and Moses... It was a command as old as their faith, as old as Israel, as old as God's speaking." (Truth for Today: 1, 2, 3 John)

Love is not just a command chiseled in stone or rules written in a scroll. Love is a Person. Love is the eternal, transcendent God (1 John 4:8). Some 2,000 years ago, our God who is love became flesh and dwelt among us (John 1:14). Now, he doesn't dwell among us; rather, he abides within us (1 John 4:13).

John wrote that the old commandment was new, "because the darkness is passing away and the true light is already shining." (1 John 2:8b ESV) Jesus is the true light. Jesus illuminates the wholeness of scripture. Jesus reveals the character of God. His life and his teaching renew meaning to love.

Love is a Person. When you come to love God, you come to love your neighbor. When you come to love God, you come to love His commandments. His commands are not burdensome (1 John 5:3). If you ever feel that God's commands are dull or arbitrary, turn back to Love.

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In Our Thoughts & Prayers



Kay Anderson, Travis Bell, Carol Bessman, Fred Bukowich, Kim Cable, Vera Cornell, Lee Crabtree, Tammy Crawford, Don Deffenbaugh, Kathy Friend, Beth Foster, Joe and Teresa Freund, Pete Griffin, Glen Honeycutt, Molly Jackson Shanna Kraft (Cheryl's daughter), Millie Lyons, Pam McMahan, Sherry Merrill, Tim Murray, Mebyl Privett, Brandon Ross (Debi's grandson), Harold Speir, Edith Toney, Ken Tyler.

- Glen Honeycutt has a follow up appointment in St. Louis on Tuesday.
- Levi Bontrager, Maynard's father, is very ill in Indiana. The family has gone to be with him.
- Rile Friend, son of Jim and Kathy, is undergoing cancer treatments.



every ONE counts!

Every "One" Counts: When you give an extra dollar each Sunday, it goes to help someone in need. If you know someone in need, please contact Jennifer Daniels or Natalie McInturff.

Devo and Donuts is back! Join your friends at 7:00 in the activities center for a devotional, food and fellowship. 

If you can't be here when we **worship**, visit our website, Facebook page or YouTube channel to join us live or to catch up on what you missed.

Please update your **directory entry** in the foyer. We would like to make sure it is up-to-date before we print a copy for those without the ability to use the online directory.

Corrections: We were happy to have Gary and Angie Seames join us last year. Their names were left off the list. Also, we support a missionary in the Philippines, not Singapore.

Today's Sermons



A.M.: *The LORD Says to My Lord*
(Matt. 22:41-46, Danny Boggs)

P.M.: *Pray More*

Join us today at 1:30 at **Gran Villas** for a devotional. It will be an encouragement to the residents and you.

Thursday morning **ladies' Bible class** will begin this week. If you plan to participate, see Danny to get a copy of Cecil May's book on the providence of God.

The bus leaves for **Challenge Youth Conference** in Dallas this Friday at 12:00 pm. Let's pray for our young people while they are away at this uplifting, spiritual event.

The **Senior Saints** will have their **New Year's Potluck Lunch** at noon on Saturday in the fellowship room. Make a resolution to be there!

Wednesday Family Meal will be January 18. Sign up in the foyer.

The area wide **Young Adult Fellowship** will be held in the activities center on Saturday, January 28 from 5:30 - 9:30. You can pick up a flyer from the welcome desk.

Ladies Retreat will be February 17-19. Registration forms are on the welcome desk with more details for the weekend. Please register by February 12.

BIG HORIZONS ANNOUNCEMENT

The elders have decided that Hillcrest will cover much of the cost for anyone who wants to go to Horizons this year! Horizons is July 2-7. Each individual will only have to pay a final amount of \$75 for registration. Horizons is a summer camp at FHU for kids going into 7th through just graduated seniors. That means current 6th graders can start planning to go! Our church started bringing a group when Caleb was 12 years old, and we've returned every year since. Horizons registration opens on January 14, so start talking about it now! Horizons usually fills up. There is a \$100 non-refundable deposit due at the time of registration. After you register, forward your information to info@neoshochurchofchrist.org. Then we will know to pay the remaining balance and reimburse you \$25. If you have any questions about Horizons, ask Caleb or any of the Horizons moms: Angela King, Heather Reiboldt, and Julia Fehring. <https://www.fhu.edu/horizons>

Words can't begin to express how grateful we are for the warm welcome we have received and the kindness extended to us. We would like to thank the Hillcrest Ladies Group for the thoughtful "Twelve Days of Christmas" gifts which put a smile on our faces every day and are much appreciated. We are very happy to be a part of this congregation.
Gary and Angie Seames

WORSHIP LEADERS

Today

AM Opening Prayer: David Fehring
AM Closing Prayer: Todd Tyler
Communion Prayers: Carl Cobb
PM Opening Prayer: John Deffenbaugh
PM Closing Prayer: Lowell McInturff

This Wednesday

Announcements: Sam Collinsworth
Singing: Pat Andrews
Invitation: Gary Seames
Opening Prayer: Austin Fehring
Closing Prayer: Josh King

RECORDS

	1-1-23	1-2-22
Bible Study	139	snow
AM Worship	198	133
PM Worship	123	snow
Wednesday	136	140
Contribution	\$10,571.52	\$7,632.91
Budget	\$8,250.00	\$8,250.00