10:45 am Worship Service July 20, 2025

SERMON

"When Storms Come" Mark 4:35-41 **Rev. Dr. Ellis Conley**

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"In God's Household" - Eph. 2:19

The Ten Commandments. Almost everyone has heard of them, but few know their context. This is partly because we think of them separate from their context—as universal laws for humanity. The last five do have a universal quality to them: do not murder, steal, commit adultery, lie, or covet. Nearly every other ancient culture had prohibitions like these. Even the 5th command, honoring parents, has a universal quality. Particularly in Eastern cultures, parents and ancestors are revered.

The Ten Commandments, however, are not abstract, universal laws. They played a very important part in the drama of the Hebrew people's exodus from a life of slavery in Egypt toward the freedom of living in their own promised land. Their context is an important part to understanding them.

Each version of the Ten Commandments (There are three versions, with one [Ex. 34] being very different from the other two [Ex. 20 & Deut. 5].) testifies to the transitional moment at which God gave the commandments. This is the God who brought them out of the "house of slavery" and who was giving them the "land to which you are going." God had rescued them from a place where they had been murdered, stolen from and lied to. As slaves, they had been oppressed in the worst of human ways. Now, God was giving them a new beginning. But before sending them into the Promised Land, God gave them the Ten Commandments, which basically meant two things in their context.

Out of gratitude for what has been done for you, worship the God who saved you and do not do to others what the Egyptians did to you. That's what the Ten Commandments essentially meant. Jesus captured this sentiment in two different sayings. One is the "Golden Rule" - "Do to others as you would have them do to you..." [Matt. 7:12]. The other is the "great commandments" - "Love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself" [Luke 10:27].

Obeying the Ten Commandments really isn't about keeping a list of do's and don'ts. It is about loving God completely and your neighbor as yourself–and that does have a universal quality!

~ Dr. Tim Moore

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Worship God wholeheartedly. Love one another unconditionally. Help people meet Jesus. Help each other become more like Jesus. Love our hurting world.



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WEDNESDAY, JULY 23 6:00 - 6:45 PM | SMITH HALL | COST: \$10 Join us for a Beginner and Beyond yoga class

led by certified instructor Clare Loftus. Mats are encouraged but not required.

If you need a mat, please text Bev Sauvageot at 304-544-0860.

Open to both women and men of all ages. We had 8 people attend our June session & hope to have more join us this time!

FAB Extends Dr. Alexander Lee's Ministry as Interim Music Director

Dr. Alexander Lee will continue to serve Fifth Avenue Baptist as our interim music director through the end of May 2026. Alex has been directing the choir since November 2024. He's also brought together several musicians and created the band, "Cornerstone." He will carry these ministries into another year at FAB.

Dr. Lee is a voice and opera director at Marshall University's School of Music. His wife, Sarah, is an organist for a local church. Their daughters, Elizabeth and Lydia, are active in FAB's children's ministry. We are fortunate to have Dr. Lee serving our congregation and are delighted his ministry here will continue.

Upcoming Pulpit Schedule

July 27 & August 3: Rev. Dr. Jana Stoner

ABMen & Boys Camp

August 1-3, 2025 at Camp Cowen Join us for a weekend of worship and fellowship for all men and boys. Camp begins with dinner at 5:30 PM on Friday and concludes with lunch on Sunday.

Theme: Coaching and Leading in Today's Church Cost: \$90 for full weekend / \$70 for Saturday only

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Kevnote Speaker

Special Guest



LIFE AMONG THE COLUMNS

CALENDAR | July 13-19

Sunday, July 20

8:30 AMC Meeting (CR) 9:30 Sunday Morning Bible Studies 10:45 Worship & Live Stream (Communion) Monday, July 21 9:30 Staff Meeting Wednesday, July 23

1:00 FAB Kids to Highlands Museum Friday, July 25–Sunday, July 27

FAB Camp @ Camp Ona

Ministry Action Budget: June 29, July 6 & 13, 2025

	<u>June 29</u>	<u>July 6</u>	<u>July 13</u>
Envelopes	13,897.00	10,718.50	8,969.25
Online	125.00	725.00	25.00
Total	14,022.00	11,443.50	8,994.25
Given To Date	420,811.06	432,254.56	441,248.81
Expenses To Date	430,834.21	442,320.88	459,891.78
Overage/(Shortage)	(10, 023.15)	(10,066.32)	(18,642.97)
Designated Funds			
OGHS	100.00	0.00	100.00
Total Designated Fur Desig. Gifts To Date	nds 100.00 5,280.20	0.00 5,280.20	100.00 5,380.20

BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS!

<u>July</u>

- 20 Pat Mann, Mary Lee Leslie, Wes Wright, Della Porter
- **21** Jack Mease, Ben Prater, Cynthia Rogers
- 22 P. Michael Shaver, Mike Shaver II
- 23 Chadford Heiner, Margy Kennedy, Kay Ransbottom, Rev. DaVontaé Edwards
- 24 Harry Hager, Sara Wright, Steven Smith
- 25 Ella Hayes, Rene Calero, Jackie Calero
- 26 Debbie Wilson



PRAYER CONCERNS

Linda Lawrence Gay Bird Judy Booth Mary Lee Leslie Julie Lively, daughter of Jack & Jackie Lively Nell Brumfield Kristy Dawn Clay, niece of Suzanne Nieman, friend of Jerrie Hussell Cindy Perry, niece of Mary Madsen Gerry Smith Jessi Cost, friend of Kyla Steve Perry, nephew of Mary Madsen Pat Pinkerton Nelson Jeanine Price Felix Daniels Elsie Pruett Bill Denman Bill Ransbottom Carolyn Dickens Natalie Swann Dodge, great Jean Read, sister of Mary Margaret King Allen Reasons niece of Jack Lively Justin Reynolds, nephew of Janet Jarrell Martha Hagan Cathy Hutchinson, friend of Jim Ryan Sharp, nephew of Jackie Ballard & cousin of Scott Ballard & Brenda Isaac Patti & Mike Shaver Sr. Anne Jameson, niece of Mary Barbara Sheils Madsen Janet Jarrell Toni Shirk, cousin of Susan Dillard Jack & Becky Stephenson, friends of **Opal Jones** Martha Hagan David Justice Debbie Wilson Ruth Ann Koch

If you or someone you have added to the Columns Prayer list can be removed, please call or email the church office.



Lily's Place is a Huntington-based nonprofit dedicated to supporting infants, children, and families affected by substance use through treatment, education, and behavioral health services.

Since opening in 2014 as the nation's first Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome center, they've expanded to serve the broader community with three locations and plans for a new residential treatment program.

[17] THE SPIRIT AND THE BRIDE SAY, "COME!" AND LET THE ONE WHO HEARS SAY, "COME!" LET THE ONE WHO IS THIRSTY COME; AND LET THE ONE WHO WISHES TAKE THE FREE GIFT OF THE WATER OF LIFE. — REVELATION 22:17 NIV

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STARTING AUGUST 3RD!

A CLASS FOR THOSE LOOKING FOR A PLACE TO BELONG

ROOM A30

Using Biblical tools to extract hope from current events