

I want to start my essay by asking a question. Is there anything traditional anymore?

Let us observe the term "family". In our current society, can the word "family" be referred to or understood in a *traditional* manner? The "customary" family, which *normally* consists of a monogamous relationship between a man and a woman and may include one or more children, is incrementally being turned on its proverbial *traditional* head.

Our world is changing at such a fast pace, the very essence of the meaning of *tradition* has been lost to *progressivism*. Nothing, it seems, stays the same long enough for it to have the time it needs to germinate and establish itself as a *tradition*.

The steadfast tradition of *pragmatism* is disappearing as it ebbs into the sea of apathy and convenience. With the loss of pragmatism, we are living in an age where *reason* and practical *commonsense* is no longer employed but is chided as "old school" and no longer relevant.

But au contraire, I would argue the world is on fire and no one is willing to lift a fire hose to douse the flames because *reason* and *commonsense* has been banished from the firehouse.

Reason and *commonsense* are the stable guides in our lives that help us develop rational decisions that improve our lives. *Rational* beings are better equipped at building stronger homes, communities and most important, relationships.

In one of the Apocryphal books of the Bible there is a particular story that illustrates the importance of *reason* and *commonsense*. In 2 Maccabees 3:35-38 (RSV) we find a foreign king who sends his treasurer to the temple in Jerusalem to confiscate a large sum of money, which was designated for widows and orphans. Long story short, God intervenes and stops this man in his tracks. In fact, he almost lost his life in his efforts to procure the stockpile of money from the temple.

Here is the excerpt from this passage giving us the details of the conversation that took place once he returned home and presented himself to the king empty handed.

³⁵ Then Heliodorus offered sacrifice to the Lord and made very great vows to the Savior of his life, and having bidden Onias farewell, he marched off with his forces to the king. ³⁶ And he bore testimony to all men of the deeds of the supreme God, which he had seen with his own eyes. ³⁷ When the king asked Heliodorus what sort of person would be suitable to send on another mission to Jerusalem, he replied, ³⁸ "If you have any enemy or plotter against your government, SEND HIM there, for you will get him back thoroughly scourged, if he escapes at all, for there certainly is about the place some power of God.

This comical illustration effectively demonstrates how this young man reasoned within himself and concluded, I'm no longer the one you should send in the future to procure these funds! Send someone you **don't** like!

Many of us have become accustomed to living on the merry-go-round of life, while many more are caught up in the circus of our culture. The world's drive and pursuit of pleasure and the accumulation of material possessions have driven us to be cynical and confused.

For many, living in the land of fantasy is now the norm. With the loss of *reason* and *commonsense*, scores of people have lost the ability to cope in a *normal* society where they are responsible for their actions and make contributions, which help living in community with one another more palatable.

Our ability to reason is a gift from God; He even encourages us to reason with Him. Notice, Isaiah 1:18 (RSV) "*Come now, let us reason together, says the LORD!*"

If we don't restore *reason* and *commonsense* back into our lives and culture, then perpetual hopelessness and despair will fill their places; then the concept of peace and tranquility will be a foregone conclusion.

May God help each of us to be conscience of the great gifts He has bestowed upon us, and may we live each day with the tools He has given us to bring glory to His marvelous name!

Your friend, Pastor Tim

Prayer Meeting

Our weekly prayer meeting is held on Wednesday Nights in the fellowship hall beginning at 6:00 pm. Come join us as we gather to pray for those in need.

Wacky Tea Party

May 16 was the WOM ladies tea event I'll tell you what happened because I went Many ladies with wacky attire were there Barbara Trimble showed up with purple hair! Liz's shirt got the giggle of the day I had to post it on face book right away! Lots of food covered many a table I think I ate more than I should have been able We tossed teabags into a cup for points There were teabags flying all over the joint Diane gave a talk of wacky days and stress That God is there for you when your life is a mess Take the time to remember what we are thankful for And you will get blessings more and more. I am thankful to all who made this a wonderful day Excuse me now while I'm off to pray

Congratulations

We want to recognize those who graduated this year and congratulate them for their outstanding achievements.

The high school graduate we want to recognize is Rachel Bocar. Rachel completed her high school education from Moreau Catholic High School and plans to attend the University of California, Merced.



We wish her God's speed and blessings as she pursues her dreams, and may she achieve all her goals.

We also want to recognize Robbie Currie. Robbie will graduate this year with two Associate degrees. It has taken Robbie several years to achieve his goal but the day of celebration has finally arrived. Congratulations Robbie, keep up the good work!

Mother's Day Breakfast

Many thanks go to the men who prepared breakfast on Mother's day. Al, Charles and John did a great job and delighted all who participated with their presentation. The food was great and so was the fellowship. You guys set the bar high, I hope the ladies can match or surpass your excellent feast on Father's day.

Friday Night Out

Our second *Friday Night Out* event went over with a bang! We had several people gather to fellowship and challenge each other in good *Christian* fun. Our next event is planned for June 12 at 6:00 pm. Everyone is invited, bring your game face, your favorite game and your favorite dessert. See you at the *games*.

Women on Mission

Ladies, our June meeting will be held at the "HomeTown Buffet" in Southland Mall, Hayward on Saturday, June 13th at 11:30 am. Bring your family and friends and come join us for fellowship and food. See you there.

Father's Day Breakfast

On June 21 at 8:30 am, the women of our church will prepare a marvelous meal to celebrate *Father's Day*. Everyone is invited: If you would like to attend, please sign-up on the bulletin board in the hallway.

Business Meeting

Attention All Members - Our business meeting will be held on Sunday, June 28th following the morning worship service. Your presence will be greatly appreciated as we will be voting on the July through December 2015 budget.

Pray for Our Men and Women in Uniform"

Devon Henesley - Grandson of Jean Johnson
Branch - Navy **Rank** - 2nd Class
Assignment - Virginia Beach

Joshua Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Navy **Rank** - Basic Training
Assignment - Great Lakes, Illinois

Megan Hines - Daughter of Pastor Tim and Donna Hines - **Branch** - Marines
Rank - CPL - **Assignment** - South Carolina

Brandon Woolworth - Nephew of Chery Hanna
Branch - Air force **Rank** -
Assignment - Tucson, Arizona



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Sunday Services

Sunday School 9:30 am
 Morning Worship 10:45 am
 Evening Worship 6:00 pm

Wednesday Services

Family Dinner 5:00 pm
 Prayer Meeting 6:00 pm
 Choir Practice 7:00 pm



June Calendar

- 3rd - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
- 8th - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 10th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
- 12th - Friday Night Out - 6:00 pm
- 13th - Women on Mission - 10:00 am
- 17th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
- 20th - Men's Breakfast - 8:30 am
- 21st - Father's Day Breakfast - 8:30 am
 - No Evening Service
- 22nd - Rest Home Ministry - 11:00 am
- 24th - Wednesday Dinner - 5:00 pm
 - Prayer Meeting - 6:00 pm
 - Choir Practice - 7:00 pm
- 25th - Open Door Mission - 6:15 pm
- 27th - Church Wide Parking Lot Sale - 9:00 am
- 28th - Business Meeting - 12:15 pm

Happy Birthday

- 14th - Tom Burns
- 15th - Deane Church
- 18th - Lillian Kopet
- 20th - Char Fortner
- 28th - Gertie Hankins

Happy Anniversary

- 5th - Bob & Doris Curlett
- 13th - George & Esmeralda Bocar
- 14th - Al & Jane Thornell
- 23rd - John & Roberta King



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Church Wide Parking Lot Sale

Saturday, June 27, 2015

9:00 am - 4:00 pm



During the month of June, FSBC will be preparing for a Parking Lot Sale to raise money for the Fellowship Committee. The Fellowship Committee is responsible for creating "fun" events over the year to draw folks together in the bond of *fellowship*.

The first three Saturdays during the month of June will be critically important to the success of this fundraiser. We will be accepting donated items during this time. If you need donated items to be picked up, please contact the church office.

As you can imagine, we will need several volunteers to help this event run *smoothly* and *profitably*. If you would like to help, please sign up or contact Caryl Shaw at 510-276-3688. Thank you in advance for participating in this worthy cause.

Remember; please donate items that will benefit the sale! If an item needs to go in the garbage, please don't bring it!