

# Back to Schooling the Ten Commandments

By Kevin Cauley

Summer has not officially ended (that will be on September 22nd), but from a practical standpoint, it is gone. The beginning of the school year is upon us. Parents are ready, children are nonplussed, and teachers are sprucing up their bulletin boards. Going back to school is an annual routine that has been happening since before our country was founded. The first public school in the colonies opened in 1635, so the first back-to-school was in 1636! We've had almost 400 years of public school. Why is that? Because we value education.

The first schools in our land were founded to teach Christian values. Christianity values education. Such is not true for the other world religions. The consequences of this have been institutions of learning that are second to none in the world. Unfortunately, our educational system is not what it once was. We have deemphasized Christian values and adopted secular values. The consequences have been clear to see.

The state of Louisiana passed a law that requires all classrooms to display the Ten Commandments beginning in 2025. Texas Senate Bill 1515 would require a similar thing. If passed, each classroom would be required to display the Ten Commandments (Exodus 20:3-17). Last year, an effort was made to do this, but it languished in committee and died. While I don't want any specific religion to be taught in the school system, without a doubt, our children will learn some values from somewhere. It might as well be Judea/Christian values. The Ten Commandments encapsulate these values. Acknowledging their historical contribution to education in our country would be a great thing. Moreover, perhaps by reading them, someone's behavior may be influenced for the better.

Let's pray for our students, parents, and educators as we go back to school.



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Sunday Morning Bible Classes - 9:30 AM  
Sunday Morning Worship - 10:30 AM  
Sunday Evening Worship - 5:00 PM  
Wednesday Evening Classes - 6:00 PM.

8/17/25

## Welcome Visitors

If you are seeking a church home, we hope that you will consider joining with us. We are a growing congregation, dedicated to worshiping in truth and spirit. Please fill out the Visitor's Card and place it in the collection plate!

## Those to Serve

### Today

**Announcements-** Lyle Russell

**Communion-** Paul Simpson

**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

**Opening prayer-** John Chisley

**Closing Prayer-** Damien Miller

### Next Sunday

**Announcements-** Wayne Fowler

**Communion-** Lyle Russell

**Sermon-** Don DeLukie

**Opening prayer-** Travis Rogers

**Closing Prayer-** Rick Cook

## Announcements

— Check the bulletin board in the foyer for local events and Gospel Meetings happening in our area.

— **Question & Answer Series:** Our next Question & Answer Series will be when enough questions are collected. Give your questions to Don.

— **Children's Home Collection:** Our congregation is collecting items for the Children's Home in Paragould, AR. Collection boxes are by the nursery. A list of needed items is in the foyer.



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## Please Pray For:

Rhonda Rogers, Billy Granger, Gracie Aaron, Sandy VanLoon & Jacob Blondin, Matthew, Mina, & Mae Fricke, Mary Wyatt, Lynn Urban, Debbie Grice, Carolyn Jones, Samuel Costello, Mary Taylor, Luella & Kendle Jacobs, Pam Few, Chuck & Shannon Boyer.

**Bereaved:** Family of Martha Hodge, Virginia Chisley.

## Needing Long-Term Prayers:

Debbie Walker, Carey Day, Leo & Shirley Goodwin, Tommy Franklin, Arthur Binford, Dan Ross Jr, Dena White, Larry & Joanne Randolph, Bettye Flowers, Dave & Linda Garris, Sharon White-Ross, Bobby Barker, Cindy Smith, Terrance Dawson, Jamie Ross.

*He makes everything  
beautiful in His time.*

Ecclesiastes 3:11



### August Birthdays

2 - Larry Silmon  
3 - Branson Wells  
4 - Brenda Fricke  
6 - Sandy Van Loon  
8 - Kaylen Hill  
8 - Mandy Magee  
8 - Travis Rodgers  
20 - Leo Goodwin  
26 - Brandon Rogers  
30 - David Garris

### August Anniversaries

3 - Paul & Wanda Simpson  
13 - Jerry & Joyce McDonald

