

FALL GOLF TOURNAMENT

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

STONEBRIDGE AT NEWPORT

16401 Country Club Dr, Crosby

SCRAMBLE WILL TEE OFF @ 8:00 AM

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\$50 PER PLAYER



Report from San Angelo  
Disaster Relief

There were 15 on the rebuild team in San Angelo which included 6 from South Main. The 3 person shower team included 2 of our own.

The people of San Angelo are hurting and are so grateful for the help. There have been 4 professions of faith on the *Texans on Mission* rebuilds. There were 2 professions of faith at dinner one night as we sat at tables of hurting people and shared God's love.

Everyone in the community wants to share their story. The first place we visited was the home of a disabled vet. After ministering to him, he told me his wife was in the other room on hospice. This man had started a home church with many attending. What a blessing!

Jeff



KIDZONE

For Kinder - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade During the 10:45 Service

September 7, 14, 21 & 28

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WORSHIP CENTER

7:00 PM

WORSHIP

MAIN LOBBY

6:30 PM

SIPS & SWEETS

SEPTEMBER 5

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OF WORSHIP

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# MAIN EVENTS

September 2025

## CLARIFICATION ON COMMANDMENTS

Words have a way of becoming ambiguous. For example, I recently went to Daiken Park to watch the Astros play the Red Sox. It was there I saw a bat. In the context of a baseball game, you may assume I mean a wooden bat designed to hit a ball. However, in this case I'm referring to a small mammal who was flying over fans along the third base line. How the little critter managed to get in with the roof closed, I don't know. Unfortunately, this bat did nothing to help the Astros bats effectively win that evening.

When words become ambiguous, clarity is needed. Therefore, allow me to provide some clarity on the word *law* since I'll be preaching a sermon series on the Ten Commandments. Many refer to this as *God's law*, and some Christians will undoubtedly wonder why the church should bother looking at such a thing since "we are no longer under the law."

Indeed, when we consider all 613 commands in the Torah, Christians are no longer bound by all of them. One can read about the Jerusalem Council in Acts 15 and see how the early church resolved to not require Gentile believers to observe many of the laws written particularly for ancient Israel. Church reformer Martin Luther also helped by categorizing certain laws in the Old Testament as *ceremonial*, *judicial/civil*, or *moral*. Ceremonial law formerly designed to cleanse us when approaching a holy God has now been fulfilled through the perfect cleansing that comes to us through the sacrifice of Christ. Of course, we now live under the judicial or civil laws of our own land as opposed to those written for ancient Israel.

The Ten Commandments, which Luther would qualify as the moral law and I would argue is the heart of the law, remains to be universally good and beneficial for all of humanity. After all, who wants to be stolen from, lied to, or murdered? Circling back to the "we are no longer under the law" logic, no sane Christian would say, "Because of Jesus and grace, I now have an open license to steal from or kill people."

Nonetheless, I wonder how many of us could honestly share in the Psalmist sentiments when he writes, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy...in keeping them there is great reward." (Psalm 19:7, 11 NIV)

As Texas Senate Bill 10 has now required the Ten Commandments to be posted as a 16x20 inch display in the classrooms of public schools; some who do not hold a Judeo-Christian worldview will contend that the first three commandments about worshipping God conflicts with their religion. Ironically, no supporter of this Bill has kept all the commands they now require to be displayed (and neither have we). Consequently, James 2:10 tells us, "Whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it."

How, then, can we keep the law of the Lord and find it refreshing and trustworthy when all it truly does is remind us that we are lawbreakers? I propose personally getting to know the One who issued them in the first place. And just to be clear, that is what this forthcoming series aims to do.

Pastor Daniel

ENGAGING and EQUIPPING others to EXPERIENCE and SHARE  
*God's Transforming Love*



