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Remember the Sabbath
By Rev. Kevin W. Thomas
First Baptist Church

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Do love God, do love your neighbor, do good deeds, just to name a few. Every major world religion is founded upon guidelines or rules for living. In Christianity we have the Ten Commandments.

The Jewish nation took the Ten Commandments and created over six hundred laws based on their teachings. According to their system one was nearly always guilty of some infraction of some part of the commandments. But aren't the Ten Commandments much more simple than that? I think they are rather clear, and pretty much common sense. Love God, don't place anything before him, and treat others with love and respect.

It is interesting to note, however, that the commandment number four. Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. (Exodus 20:8)

In the verses following that statement we find a detailed explanation for this commandment.

Isn't it ironic then, that this commandment is the one that seems so easy to ignore? Think about it. Isn't it easy to sleep in a little later on Sunday rather than go to worship? It is easy to schedule a family outing, or a fishing trip, or some other leisure activity that takes us out of God's house. We can't think of dozens of excuses to stay away from church. Thus, we neglect commandment number four, and we suffer spiritually.

In these days of hectic schedules and busy lives, the neglect of the Sabbath day simply compounds the spiritual dilemma that most families face. Let's face it. It is very difficult to find enough time to carry out all of our responsibilities, to make ends meet, to make quality time for family, and to take time for leisure and relaxation.

However, when we place all of these things before God, our minds are troubled. The guilt of breaking the Ten Commandments is compounded. The very first commandment tells us to place nothing before the Lord. Sometimes our priorities can be placed in an amazingly "good" things, like family, our jobs, community events, and leisure. But when these things come before God, it is a spiritually devastating lesson. They become our "gods." The way in which we remember the Sabbath usually is a good indicator of where we have placed our priorities.

What about you? Have you placed other "gods" before the Lord? If you answer yes, no doubt you feel spiritually defeated. I would submit that when we neglect the Sabbath day, the day that should really focus upon the worship of God, we fail as a Christian, as a parent, as a spouse, and as a neighbor. My prayer is that each and every one of you will seek out the church of your choice this Sunday and meet to worship God. Isn't it time that we as individuals, as families, and as a community remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy?

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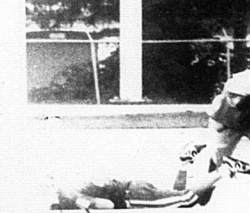
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The Carlisle Mercury/Mason Braunham Photo
Be sure to come out and support the Bluejackets at home. Kickoff is 8 p.m. Friday night.

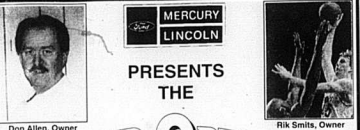


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The Nicholas County Bluejackets suffered defeat in EKU grid play.

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Start August 24, 1995

School's back in session and in the excitement of the new school year, many school-age children, especially the young ones, may forget to look both ways when crossing the street or exiting the school bus. That leaves it up to you as a driver, to be extra careful around school yards, neighborhood play areas, and departing school buses. So remember...when you see yellow, be sure to see red—as in red alert. Let's all slow down and give our children the chance they deserve.

This public service safety message is brought to you by these businesses and professionals whose cards appear below.



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