The Pattern of This Age

I would like for us to carefully examine one phrase from Romans 12:1-2. The phrase that I would like to focus on is Romans 12:2a: "Do not be conformed to this world."

This phrase has two key words. This first key word is conformed, which means "to shape one's behavior" or "to be conformed to a pattern or mold." The second key word is world, which means "this present age" in contrast to "the age to come," "people," or "place."

So, the phrase can be paraphrased to mean, "Do not shape your behavior to this present age."

James Montgomery Boice translates the phrase as, "Do not let the age in which you live force you into its scheme of thinking and behaving."

Other Bible versions translate the phrase as follows:
- New International Version: "Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world."
- New Century Version: "Do not be shaped by this world."
- New International Reader's Version: "Don't live any longer the way this world lives."
- The Message: "Don't become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking."
- J. B. Phillips: "Don't let the world around you squeeze you into its own mold."

Do you see what the Apostle Paul is driving at in this phrase? He is affirming that the world has its own way of thinking and doing things. But the Bible presents God's way for Christians to think and do things. Paul is saying that Christians are not to think and act like the world. Instead, he says, Christians are to "be transformed by the renewal of [their] mind[s]." What Paul is presenting in Romans 12:2 is the clash of "worldviews."

Simply defined, a "worldview" is "the way a person looks at the world." The American Heritage Dictionary of the English Language defines "worldview" as "the overall perspective from which one sees and interprets the world," or as "a collection of beliefs about life and the universe held by an individual or a group."

Now, it is important to know that everyone has a worldview. Whether you realize it or not, a worldview is an integral part of your life as well as the lives of everyone else.

Worldview matters. Clarifying worldviews is not an academic exercise, intellectual theory, or a philosophical concept. A worldview is an integral part of everyone's life. It determines relationships. It determines successes and failure. It determines goals and motivations. It is at the root of all our thinking.

In this message, I want to note several (though not all) worldviews that confront Christians today.

I. Materialism

The first worldview I want to note is materialism. Materialism is the worldview that says, "The one with the most toys wins."

Materialism can be summed up in one word: more. Materialism says that the only thing that really matters in life is acquiring things. Those who subscribe to this worldview live to collect things.

An example of materialism is given by Jesus in Luke 12:13-21. Someone in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, tell my brother to divide the inheritance with me." But Jesus said to him, "Man, who made me a judge or arbitrator over you?" Then Jesus told them (Continued ... on page three)
Greetings in the precious name of Jesus!

As a chapel family, we are reaching out to others; your response to Operation Christmas Child certainly showed you care to reach out to others.

The apostle Paul addresses the critical issue of bearing burdens in Galatians 6:2: "Bear one another’s burdens and fulfill the law of Christ." These "burdens" refer to the heavy crushing loads people carry. Paul is speaking of burdens too heavy to bear by oneself, whether they be physical, emotional or spiritual. A person who needs to share his/her burden with you cannot be pushed aside because of lack of compassion or time, but we must help them bear that load.

This is different from Paul’s words in Galatians 6:5, "For each one shall bear his own load." These are times of crisis when our responsibilities cannot be transferred to another. While there is a possible need to be able to share the burden initially for stability and strength, the load must be borne alone (e.g. widowhood or being a single parent), and that person has the grace of God promised to him/her. And with Paul that one can say, "I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength." (Philippians 4:13)

Encourage those with the load they carry, but help them also understand the value of the yoke - the yoke especially designed for them by God. They will then be able to run to God for the rest and strength they need. He will give them rest and courage as they understand that "His yoke is easy and (His) burden is light." (Matthew 11:30)

As a chapel "family" we must be sensitive to others burdens; physical is more easily seen, spiritual and emotional more difficult. Sometimes we need only be good listeners to detect a burden.

On Sunday November 22, some individuals saw a physical need in an individual who is hurting. A few of us gathered together to pray for his healing. Galatians 6:2, "... Fulfill the law of Christ."

Let's continue to reach out to others.

I like this poem by Chris Zambemard:

One Day at a Time
Just for one day I will promise
To see God’s love in all things,
In the calm, joy and the peaceful
In the burden, the pain, and the sting.

I will look to His love in the moonlight
In the wave of each swaying branch,
In each breath, in each step,
in each moment
I will pause to my Lord and
give thanks.

Though the turbulent waters
surround me
I’ll be still as a calm peaceful lake,
For if He is in charge of this temple
The outcome to all will be great.

So do not sway for a moment
When dark clouds are somber
and gray,
Just look to the sunshine
beyond them
And just let the Lord have His way.

Respectfully Serving Him,
Bob Peterson
Immediate Past President

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a parable, saying, “The land of a rich man produced plentifully, and he thought to himself, ‘What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?’ And he said, ‘I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. And I will say to my soul, ‘Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’ But God said to him, ‘Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’ So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God.”

Jesus’ response to materialism, which he calls “covetousness,” is given in Luke 12:15, “Take care, and be on your guard against all covetousness, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.”

Do not be conformed to this world of materialism. Life does not consist in the abundance of possessions; but, rather, in being rich toward God.

II. Selfism

The second worldview I want to note is selfism. Selfism is the worldview that says, “I’ve got to think of me first.”

We live in a “me first,” serve-yourself world that says it’s all about you. Commercial slogans cater to this viewpoint. Slogans like: “have it your way;” “we do it all for you;” “obey your thirst;” “you’ve got to think of what’s best for yourself,” and “you deserve it.”

For the last 60 years, the Baby Boomer generation has been called the “Me Generation.” This “me first” idea has infected our society.

For example, selfism has torn up marriages. This is illustrated by the person that says, “I don’t care how divorce impacts my spouse or children; it’s all about me.” Of course, it is not usually stated so crassly. But when a person will not honor his marriage vow of staying married “for better or for worse,” but wants to get out of the marriage for “personal reasons,” it is usually because of selfism.

Selfism has destroyed workplaces. The employee who says, “I don’t care how my laziness impacts my coworkers; it’s all about me,” is a living example of selfism.

Selfism has even ruined churches. People come into the church and say, “I want you to serve my needs.” Frankly, these are often the people who are not involved in any meaningful ministry in the church. If you press them, they will say, “I have a busy schedule and I don’t have time for ministry in the church.”

Do you see that selfism is a self-centered, individualistic way of life that says our needs and desires should be served at the expense of others?

Jesus says, “If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.” (Matthew 16:24-25)

Do not be conformed to this world of selfism. Jesus says you only begin to live when you give your life away. Significance in life does not come from serving yourself; it comes from serving God and others.

III. Hedonism

The third worldview I want to note is hedonism. Hedonism is the worldview that says, “Do what feels good.”

Hedonism is the belief that the most important thing in life is how we feel. It is pleasure-seeking. The number one goal of a hedonist is to feel good, be comfortable, and have fun.

It’s the worldview that Hugh Hefner founded the Playboy empire upon. He willingly acknowledges he is a hedonist. But I hasten to add, it’s not just playboys who are hedonists. In fact, someone who lives for the goal of retirement is a hedonist. If the whole goal of a person’s life is to simply do nothing, live a self-centered life, and make no contribution to the world while he/she has the breath of life, that’s hedonism.

The Bible’s answer to hedonism is found in Proverbs 21:17. Let me read it in version of the Bible known as The Message: “You’re addicted to thrills? What an empty life! The pursuit of pleasure is never satisfied.”

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Special Patriotic/Veterans Events...

Sun, 31 Jan 10 — Four Chaplains Remembrance — commemorating the 67th anniversary of the sinking of the USS Dorchester on which four chaplains gave their lives.

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Sun, 7 Nov 10 — Veterans Day Remembrance — recognizing U.S. veterans of all branches of the armed forces.

Sun, 5 Dec 10 — Pearl Harbor Remembrance — recognizing survivors... with the tolling of the ship bell for those who have passed away since last year.

Mark your calendar with these dates... and join us at 11:00 a.m.

If on a Sunday morning it is significantly snowing... or tremendously cold... or the winds are resulting in drifting conditions, please call our Foundation office at 612/870-7866 for an announcement of worship cancellation. In this way we will attempt to inform you of Chapel closings.

Four Immortal Chaplains

Researching for this article, I came across a picture of the four chaplains. I was awestruck looking at their picture. They were four ordinary looking men; you couldn’t tell by looking at them who was of which faith. Even though they were ordinary looking people, their outstanding feature was that of their hearts, each was filled with love for God... and they demonstrated this love by lovingly serving others. In their selflessness, they gave their life jackets to save others... and by faith gained everlasting life.

When your spiritual life is sinking, remember Jesus is your life jacket. He’ll hold you up when your life is in despair. He will walk out on that water and He will take your hand, so reach out your hand; He will never let you sink!

— Kay Schoen
Worship Committee Chair

Operation Christmas Child — 2009

Operation Christmas Child is a ministry of Samaritan’s Purse - Franklin Graham.

You did it! Congratulations! 145 shoe boxes were filled between 15 and 22 Nov by Chapel Foundation members and friends. These shoe boxes were prayed over 22 Nov and then delivered to the collection site at KTIS Radio (Northwestern College, Roseville).

In less than 10 minutes, many of you assisted in carrying the boxes out of the Chapel and placed them in Pat Hoy’s vehicle. Thank you all for your voluntary participation.

A special thanks to Pat Hoy for transporting the boxes and also handing delivering a $1,000 benevolence check to assist with shipping costs of the shoe boxes to children in third world countries.

We thank you for assisting in making a special Christmas for 145 children.

God bless you all.

Bob Peterson
Coordinator
Do not be conformed to this world of hedonism.

IV. Relativism

The fourth worldview I want to note is relativism. Relativism is the worldview that says, "True for you, but not for me."

This worldview says it doesn’t matter if it’s right or wrong. It doesn’t matter if it hurts anybody or not. If it works for you, fine.

In our culture today, this is a very popular worldview. Nobody wants to tell someone else that what they are doing is wrong. In fact that’s the only way you can be wrong in our society today — if you tell someone else they’re wrong.

Some years ago Professor Allan Bloom of the University of Chicago wrote a book called The Closing of the American Mind, in which he said, “There is one thing a professor can be absolutely certain of: almost every student entering the university believes, or says he believes, that truth is relative.” What that book set out to prove is that education is impossible in such a climate. People can learn skills, of course. You can learn to drive a truck, work a computer, handle financial transactions, and do scores of other things. But real education, which means learning to sift through error to discover what is true, good, and beautiful, is impossible; because the goals of real education — truth, goodness, and beauty — do not exist. And even if they did exist in some far-off never-never-land, it would be impossible to find them, because it requires absolutes even to discover absolutes. It requires such absolutes as the laws of logic, for example.

Proverbs 14:12 says, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” The fact is that there is truth in the world, and it is found in God and in His Word. Anyone who opposes God and His Word will discover the way to death.

Do not be conformed to this world of relativism. Jesus said, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.” (John 14:6) Truth is not relative.

V. Atheism

The fifth worldview I want to note is atheism. Atheism is the worldview that says, “God doesn’t exist.”

Atheists don’t believe in a grand creator or a grand design. They believe we are all accidents of nature or evolution. They believe that everything in life is a result of random chance.

If there is no God, there’s no plan or purpose for life. If there is no purpose, than your life doesn’t really matter. For atheists, life has no value, meaning, or purpose.

It takes more faith to be an atheist than it does to believe in God. When you look at creation and how the world is set on an axis, it proves the existence of God to me. If it were one degree one way, we’d freeze up. If it were one degree the other way, we’d burn up.

The Apostle Paul says in Romans 1:18-20, “For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who by their unrighteousness suppress the truth. For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them. For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world, in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

In other words, we can look at nature and see a lot about God. We know God is creative, powerful, organized, and likes diversity. There are lots of things we know about God and His existence just by looking at nature.

Do not be conformed to this world of atheism. The Bible says that the fool says in his heart, “There is no God.” (Psalm 14:1) Only fools think that there is no God.

VI. Humanism

The sixth worldview I want to note is humanism. Humanism is the worldview that says, “You are your own god.”

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Getting to Know You ...

"No daughter of mine is going to be a glorified waitress in the air!" The phrase still rings in Nancy Eilbert's ear ... nearly fifty years after her father spoke the words. She smiles, remembering his objection to her youthful wish, indeed, her lifelong dream. Because although her dad's advice may have temporarily stalled her plans, it never quenched her desire to become a flight attendant or prevented her from accomplishing the goal in an unexpected way.

Nancy is perhaps an improbable transplant to Minnesota. She's a California girl who grew up in sunny Pasadena, surrounded by arid heat and mountains. Smart, ambitious, and beautiful, she always had plenty of ideas to keep her busy; ones her father would approve of.

For instance, during the personal fitness craze of the 1980's, she and a girlfriend opened a business called the Shape Shop. To get ideas, they'd travel from Pasadena to Los Angeles to be part of Jane Fonda's new workout program. Nancy then went to school and obtained a degree in gerontology, the science of aging, and taught exercise to older clients.

But Nancy always loved clothes. So years later, when she noticed a women's consignment store for sale, she went to her father for advice. "What do you think of me buying a consignment shop?" she asked.

"You've never failed at anything you've done," was his favorable reply.

She named her store Nancy's Merry-Go-Round, and during the ten years in business, it gained nation-wide attention for having the largest selection of used fur coats west of the Mississippi River.

Still, something nagged at her, which eventually brought her to the Twin Cities. "Never in my wildest dreams did I ever think I'd end up living here," she said. "I'd walk around the lakes and say, 'Wow, this is really a pretty place.'"

It all happened in the fall of 2001. A friend of hers found a newspaper advertisement from a company that trained in Minnesota called Omni Air International, seeking flight attendants. Nancy didn't know it at the time, but their biggest contractor happened to be the U.S. Department of Defense. Forty years after her father tried to talk Nancy out of flying, a girlfriend talked her into applying for the job.

Even without direct experience, Nancy eagerly faxed her resume and got on a plane to Minneapolis. Once here, she rented a car, borrowed clothes from another friend for the interview, changed at a gas station, and arrived perfectly composed for the meeting. In the end, the women interviewing her had one question; "Can you be up here at midnight to take the red-eye?"

Over the next eight years, Nancy would find herself, three or four times a week, leading a staff of eleven other attendants through the seven-hour flight aboard a DC-10 from Germany to Kuwait, delivering America's Soldiers and Marines to the battlefield and back. "I hated to take them over," she said, "but loved bringing them back."

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For many of the excited and anxious recruits it was their first tour-of-duty. Nancy remembers some of them carried teddy bears from home. If they felt like talking, she always lent a sympathetic ear. For some, on their second or third tour, Nancy became a familiar friend. "Somehow they found out that I could sing "Happy Birthday" like Marilyn Monroe," she laughs.

Yet the return trips to Germany weren't always so happy. The year or more apart from their Soldier took its toll on the waiting families. All too often, men returned to broken homes. Nancy learned to pick up on the somber mood pervading the flight whenever a weary Soldier returned under "special circumstances." "It was one of the hardest things," she said. "One young guy was served divorce papers as he got off the plane."

Aboard the flights, Nancy's main responsibilities were to see that her 350 young passengers were comfortable, well fed, and hydrated for their drop-off into the desert. Usually the trips were at night, and for security reasons the planes went dark for their landing at the base.

Before each run, she and her crew would secure the plane's interior, checking underneath seats and padding for explosives. Nancy's authority as lead attendant placed her directly below the captain of the plane. She'd give him the go ahead to take off only after her security search was complete.

Once in Kuwait, "Miss Nancy," as she was known by the locals, would stay in a comfortable five-star hotel with the rest of the crew. "I practically lived in Kuwait," she said. She loved venturing to the markets to shop and rub elbows with women in burkas, and choose from the abundance of colorful jewelry and clothing. "I was a good shopper," she admits, and was well-known to the merchants. "They'd see me coming and their faces would light up."

But all good things must end, as the saying goes, and earlier this year the government's contract with Omni Air International ran out; so, Nancy retired. Today she lives in Eagan with her husband Keith, whom she met one day "when I wasn't looking." They fell in love, and in 2004, Chaplain Beale married the couple at the Fort Snelling Chapel.

Though she misses her work, Nancy savors her extra time, enjoying regular walks with her husband and the company of friends. When she does fly, it's as a passenger now, often visiting her two grandchildren in Denver, Colorado and three grandchildren in Portland, Oregon.

Now if you're like me, you're probably wondering what Nancy's father thought of his daughter's "glorified waitress" career. Unfortunately, he didn't live long enough to see that dream fulfilled. If he had, however, my guess is, he'd be a very proud papa.

— Barbara Sommerville

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This worldview is very popular in the Western world. It says we are the master of our own fate, the determiner of our destiny. You'll hear this in the new age movement as well: "You're divine. You're a god."

It's ironic. God wired us to worship something. And if we don't worship God, we end up worshipping ourselves.

That is why Paul says in Romans 1:25, "... they exchanged the truth about God for a lie and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen."

You can go all around the world and find people worshipping little idols that they made — stone idols, rock idols, crystals, and wooden idols. They're worshipping something that they created themselves or somebody else created. In America, we have our own idols — they're called cars, homes, and status symbols. The Bible is clear that God is God, and we are not.

Do not be conformed to this world of humanism. Submit your thinking to God's Word and learn who God is and who you are in relationship to God.

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VII. Biblical Worldview

The seventh worldview I want to note is the biblical worldview.

If Jesus were to ask, “Who do you say I am,” the question he famously asked His disciple Peter, He would be disappointed by some of the answers He’d receive from contemporary Americans. A new nationwide survey conducted by The Barna Group among a representative sample of adults explored how many have what might be considered a biblical worldview.

For the purposes of the survey, a biblical worldview was defined as follows:

- believing that absolute moral truth exists;
- the Bible is totally accurate in all of the principles it teaches;
- Satan is considered to be a real being or force, not merely symbolic;
- a person cannot earn his or her way into heaven by trying to be good or do good works;
- Jesus Christ lived a sinless life on earth; and
- God is the all-knowing, all-powerful creator of the world who still rules the universe today.

In the research, anyone who held all of those beliefs was said to have a biblical worldview.

Overall, the current research revealed that among “born again” Christians, less than one out of every five persons (19%) had a biblical worldview. Practically, that means that only the people in the first six pews on the pulpit-side of the Chapel sanctuary have a biblical worldview; the rest are being conformed to this world.

Not surprisingly, the Barna research found that adults without a biblical worldview and those with such a worldview had vastly different views of immoral and unethical behavior. For instance, those without a biblical worldview were:

- Around 100 times more likely to endorse abortion (46% of those without a biblical worldview believed it to be okay, compared to less than 1% of those with a biblical worldview).
- Around 80 times more likely to say exposure to pornography is morally acceptable (39% vs. less than one-half of 1%).
- 31 times more likely to believe living together before marriage is morally acceptable (62% vs. 2%).
- 15 times more likely to believe homosexual sex is acceptable (31% vs. 2%).
- 18 times more likely to endorse drunkenness (36% vs. 2%).
- 12 times more likely to accept profanity (37% vs. 3%).
- 11 times more likely to say adultery is okay (44% vs. 4%).
- 8 times more likely to gamble by purchasing lottery tickets.

“The primary reason that people do not act like Jesus is because they do not think like Jesus,” says Barna. “Behavior stems from what we think — our attitudes, beliefs, values and opinions.”

All worldviews have consequences. Every day we’re affected and influenced by them. We’re often not even aware of it. These worldviews affect the happiness and success of all people. They matter greatly.

There’s only one worldview that is consistent with the Bible. The biblical worldview says God made us for His purposes. It says that we exist for His pleasure. It’s 180 degrees different from the other worldviews I’ve stated.

Paul tells us here in Romans 12:2, “Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.”

Is that your need today? ... to be transformed by the renewal of your mind so that you will not be conformed to this world? If that is your need, then let us pray for such a transformation.

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This article is a sermon preached by Chaplain Ken on 9 Aug 09 from the pulpit of the Fort Snelling Memorial Chapel. A DVD of this message is available to order ... along with almost two-hundred other messages available for purchase.
Benevolent Giving …

“We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their creator, with certain unalienable rights, that among these is life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness.”
— The Declaration of Independence

This is suppose to cover all citizens of the United States or does it? Our Creator created life which begins at conception. Then, why is the unborn not protected by our elected officials in accordance with the Declaration of Independence?

On the frontline of this battle for life is an organization called the Highland Life Care Center, (HLCC) a 501 (c)3 non-profit organization that provides free pregnancy testing, life counseling, parent training and ultrasounds. HLCC’s mission statement states:

“HLLC believes that each person is made in the image and likeness of God. We encourage and demonstrate respect for human life by promoting sexual purity and by serving those facing the challenges of unplanned pregnancies, before and after their children’s births.” HLCC, founded in 2001, started in a basement of someone’s home and moved to the new location in St. Paul in 2007. A sufficient amount of donations enabled them to buy, without financing, the building located at 1999 Ford Parkway, St. Paul. If you don’t recognize the address, the HLCC is located right next door to the Planned Parenthood clinic. A sign outside HLCC reads in big letters, "FREE PREGNANCY TEST" which brings a lot of women in the doors before they make it next door where they planned to have an abortion.

In response to a request for benevolence funds by HLCC, I called Jeanna Desideri (Executive Director) to make an appointment to visit the clinic. As I entered the clinic, I noticed women in different rooms getting life counseling and parent training. The clients earn points for every class they attend and the points will earn them items such as: children’s clothes, strollers, car seats and other much needed items to get started with their newborn. Jeanna showed me the rooms where the ultrasound machines are located.

They currently have one sonographer (a trained professional to operate an ultrasound machine) on staff. As the clinic has gotten busier a second sonographer is needed. She explained, a benevolence gift from the Chapel Foundation would be used to hire this staff member. Jeanna stated "that once a woman sees her unborn baby with the ultrasound, the chance of choosing an abortion drops dramatically."

HLCC has approximately 1,000 visits per year for training, counseling, testing and the ultrasounds. All their services are free of charge to the clients. (They really do operate on a shoestring budget.) There currently are 3 paid staff, approximately 14 volunteers and 10 members to board of directors. HLCC receives donations from many area churches and private parties.

The Foundation’s Board of Directors approved the benevolence request and gave a gift of $500 to support the Highland Life Care Center. Jeanna and her staff are giving the unborn child a chance at life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. I want to thank the entire Highland Life Care Center for the tremendous job they are doing in preserving life. If you would like to donate or volunteer, go to www.highlandlifecare.org or call (651) 695-0111.

— Pat Hoy, Chair
Benevolence Committee

This congregation tithes (10%) from its plate offerings. If you know of an organization/ministry ... that is in keeping with our purpose ... please feel free to secure an application to submit for financial support in 2009. Simply call the Foundation Office at 612/970-7666 ... and provide a name and mailing address.
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7 5th Sunday after Epiphany
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Guest Speaker
Music: Beth Cummins-Postigo, Vocalist

8 43rd Anniversary of Chapel Foundation
9:00 a.m. Worship Mtg. @ Am Legion
11:00 a.m. Fellowship Mtg. @ Am Legion

9 10:00 a.m. Adult Education Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sermon: “Working Together to Accomplish Great Goals”
Music: Chapel Singers

10 11:00 a.m. Annual Mtg. of Foundation

11 15 Presidents’ Day
16 Ash Wednesday

12 17 Last Sunday after Epiphany
Founder’s Day Sunday
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Music: First Four Male Quartet

13 18 1st Sunday in Lent
19 20 9:00 a.m. Publicity Mtg. @ Am Legion

21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 2nd Sunday in Lent
10:00 a.m. Adult Education Class
11:00 a.m. Worship Service
Sermon: “The Road to the Cross”
Music: Eagan “Women of Note

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