

Ten church website commandments

1. Thou shalt have no other target audience before Guests and Seekers.
 - Answer their questions: where? when? who? why? what to wear?
 - Ask genuine newcomers for feedback
2. Thou shalt keep it simple.
 - 4-7 pages (or just one!) and menu items
 - Most of your content is evergreen
 - Get to the point: what do you want visitors to do?
3. Thou shalt make worship times easy to find.
 - Please keep it current
 - Christmas, Ash Wednesday, Holy Week, Easter
4. Thou shalt make contact information easy to find.
 - Phone number, email or contact form, physical address
 - Church leaders
5. Thou shalt make it easy to find and enter the church.
 - Physical address
 - Picture of the church exterior
 - Where to park
 - What entrance to use
6. Thou shalt say and show how children will be welcomed.
 - Sunday school, nursery
 - Welcomed in worship?
 - Photos
7. Thou shalt tell your story with photos.
 - Your *real* congregation at its best; small groups, smiling, warm people, active, engaged people
 - What people wear in church!
8. Thou shalt stick with two fonts and one color.
 - Fonts: Google “font pairing”
 - Color scheme: colors.co
9. Thou shalt look good on smartphones and tablets.
 - Modern website builders: Weebly, Wix, Squarespace
 - Diocesan website program—visit samplechurchwebsite.org
10. Thou shalt remember that the website belongs to the church, not the webmaster.
 - At least two people know how to access and maintain the site
 - Website access instructions are maintained by the church