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To: Editor, *Farmville Herald*

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Dear Editor,

In the November 13, edition of the *Herald*, you published a letter to the Editor which was advocating the repeal of Virginia's law allowing no hunting on Sunday, the first day of the week.. The letter was thoughtful and showed depth.

Please allow me to make several observations concerning alleged "Sunday Sacredness."

1. At creation, the day blessed and sanctified by God was the seventh day of the week; we call this day Saturday. Genesis 2:2,3.

2. In the Ten Commandments, the seventh day was confirmed as the day to be kept "holy." James writes that if we break one of the Ten Commandments, we are guilty of breaking all of them. We know that James is speaking of the Ten Commandment Law because he names two of them: thou shall not murder and not commit adultery In addition, James tell us that mankind will be "judged by the law of liberty." James 2: 11,12.; Exodus 20: 8-11.

3. In the New Testament, Jesus calls Himself "Lord also of the Sabbath." Luke 6:5.

4. Again, in the New Testament, after Christ's death on the cross, the women who came to the grave to embalm Jesus, went home and prepared spices and ointments and "rested the Sabbath Day according to the commandment" (the fourth of the Ten Commandments.)

Therefore, what is Paul talking about when he says that the meat and drink offerings and the "new moon" sabbaths, "are a shadow of things to come." (Col. 2: 14-17.) There were 7 annual Sabbaths associated with the slaying of animal sacrifices. All of these sacrifices pointed forward to the Messiah, Jesus, who died "once for all." After Christ's death for mankind, these ceremonial acts were "nailed to the cross," for Christ's sacrifice fulfilled all of them. Note, the annual yearly Sabbaths and the weekly Sabbaths are completely different. This difference is also shown when God commanded the Ten Commandments written by his finger on stone, were placed inside the Ark of the Covenant, and the ceremonial laws, written by Moses, were placed in pockets on the side of the Ark of the Covenant. Placing the Ten Commandments inside the Ark showed that they were constantly under the protection of God and eternal; the ceremonial laws put in pockets on the outside of the ark, showed that they were temporary until the coming of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, who took the place of animal sacrifices under the ceremonial system.

So, how did the observing of the first day of the week, rather than the seventh day, come about? Here is the answer given by Priest Thomas Enright:

"I have repeatedly offered \$1,000 to anyone who can prove to me from the Bible alone that I am bound to keep Sunday holy. There is no such law in the Bible. It is a law of the holy Catholic Church alone. The Bible says 'Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.' The Catholic Church says, No. By my divine power I abolish the Sabbath day and command you to keep holy the first day of the week. And lo! The entire civilized

world bows down in reverent obedience to the command of the Holy Catholic Church." Priest Thomas Enright, C.S.S.R., February 18, 1884, Printed in the *American Sentinel*, a New York Roman Catholic journal in June 1893, p. 173.

In conclusion, as Pastor of Guthrie Memorial Chapel in Cumberland County, I find no Biblical reason why hunting should not be carried out on Sunday; Sunday is one of the six days of labor and is not the Biblical Sabbath.