‘COMMON SENSE’

Watching the news the other day, they were interviewing one of the many Republican candidates for Presidents, and he suggested that most of the problems we face could be solved by “common sense.”

Now it has been a long time since I heard anyone, especially politician, suggest solving problems that way. But he is exactly right. If we follow the law, the rules of decency and honesty, most of our problems can be solved.

The same is true of those in the church. I remember once a couple came to see me about performing a wedding ceremony. I knew them slightly and asked her if her divorce was scriptural, that is had her husband been unfaithful to her. She had been married before, he had not. She knew what I was talking about and answered “no.”

The Bible plainly teaches one cannot divorce and be alright to remarry unless “unfaithfulness” is involved, that is fornication or adultery. In Matt. 19:9 Jesus said, “And I say to you: whoever divorces his wife, except for sexual immorality, and marries another, commits adultery.” (ESV) I declined their request.

You see, the problem is that people want what they want regardless of the rules. Then for whatever reasons I have never figured out, they want acceptance, regardless of what they do and try to figure a way around the law or rule or command, then say it is alright.

These folks later shopped around and found a preacher that told them if he was baptized, then they could get married and it would be alright. It is a shame, but we have such preachers in the church today.

Most of the trouble we get ourselves into can be attributed to our lack of using common sense. Do right, do what the Bible says, and life will be a lot easier. It is not always easy to do that but a whole lot less trouble. Like mama used to say “ain’t nothing easy.”