

TIME OF SERVICES

Sunday:

Bible Classes 10:00 a.m.
Worship Service 11:00 a.m.
Worship Service 6:00 p.m.

Wednesday:

Bible Classes 7:00 p.m.

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MAKES CHRISTIANS AND CHRISTIANS
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COMPOSED OF CHRISTIANS WHO HAVE
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1 Peter 2:7

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How Do We View Forgiveness?

Jesus gave no limits to forgiveness. When Peter suggested “seven times,” Jesus exploded his answer and blew it out of the water. “I say not unto thee, Until seven times; but until seventy times seven.” We are not to take that to mean a literal 490 times, but that forgiveness knows no mathematics. Otherwise, we would have to open a set of books with each person who ever wrongs us.

It is important that we understand what forgiveness is. In God’s case, “it signifies the remission of the punishment due to sinful conduct, the deliverance of the sinner from the penalty...It is based upon the vicarious.....sacrifice of Christ.” (Vines Expository Dictionary, p 122). In the OT a remembrance was made every year for animal blood could not forgive sin (Heb 10:1-4). Some have depicted that as “sins being rolled forward instead of forgiven.” God is depicted saying “*For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more*” (Heb 8:12). The idea is that there will no longer be the repetitious annual sacrifice for sin, not that God loses his memory. It would not be remembered against them and they won’t be reminded of it every year. That is the way we should forgive, not that we literally lose our memory of things (which may not be possible unless we develop dementia), but that once forgiven we don’t continually remind the one who sinned of sins forgiven.

Here are three charts of things to consider about forgiveness:



from front page

FORGIVENESS IS NOT:

Condoning unkindness
Excusing poor behavior
Forgetting that something painful happened
Denying or minimizing your hurt
Giving up your feelings
Always reconciling with the offender

FORGIVENESS IS: The peace you *learn* to feel when:

You allow yourself to *let go* of anger and hurt and move forward with your life
For you – not the offender
Taking back your *power*
Taking responsibility for what *you* feel

FORGIVENESS EMERGES AS WE:

Take hurt less personally
Take responsibility for how we feel (react)
 Responsibility means we are in control of our emotional and behavioral actions
Does not mean what happened is your fault

These three charts are in Steve Wolfgang's lesson on forgiveness at the 2024 TRUTH MAGAZINE LECTURES. They can help us heal when we learn what forgiveness is and is not. -db

News/Notes/Quotes.

THE SICK. Correction! I tried to rely on my memory but it didn't work. I was thinking it had been announced that Sharon Horton had Covid. She didn't. It was **Debbie Spencer**. Apologies to all....**Debbie Bearden** has been suffering from Covid and pneumonia...We were glad **Belva Williams** was able to be out for the first time since back surgery... **Beverly Smith** is to have thyroid tests on Wednesday...**Virginia Bishop** is dealing with shingles...**Karla Morgan** sprained her foot and is having to wear a boot on it...**Cherilynn McFarland** has Covid...Remember that **Linda Ladyman** is now at The Springs on Latourette Dr., room 313 **Beverly Allen** is in St. Bernard Hospital... ..**Karen Livesay** is still dealing with migraines. **Shut-ins:** **Eli Campbell** at home...**Rhea Vines** (at Roger's house)... **Rita Kieffer**, St. Bernard Village, ...**Shirley Coots**, Walnut Ridge Nursing & Rehab... **Karen Livesay** at home...**Joyce Riley** at St. Elizabeth's Place... **Jean Evans** at Monette Manor, Monette AR...

GROUP MEETINGS. Group 1 will meet on Sept 13 at Donna and Kemuel's @ 5:30. Group 2 will meet on Sept 28 @ 5:30 at Steve and Kristi Lands'.

TEACHERS' MEETING. If you signed up to teach the last quarter of this year (Oct. – Dec.) there will be a teachers' meeting tonight following services.

CLASS @ 5 PM. Remember the classes that are being taught by our college students for 3rd grade-college age. Bring your Bible. Questions? see Konor or Josie.

GOSPEL MEETINGS

Sept 8-11 – Searcy (Airport Loop) – Roger Shouse
Sept 14 – East Shelby (Collierville) – Sisters' Day, 9 am -12 pm
Sept 14 – 4th Annual Singing (4 pm) – StoneRidge!

PODCAST John Mundy – Monday thru Friday, 8 a.m. On Facebook & YouTube.

You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending.

When you were born, you cried and the world rejoiced. Live your life in such a manner that when you die the world cries and you rejoice.

