

Weekly Newsletter

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To Forgive, Forget, or Just Stay Offended?

Have you or someone you know ever said, “I don’t have to forgive _____, because he/she did not ask to be forgiven?” Such a statement may hold *some* truth, but it often reveals a heart that wants to do anything but forgive. When we are offended, we sometimes hold onto our hurt for far too long. We become bitter and hateful, and before you know it, we are mad at everyone over everything. Instead of allowing your hurt to keep hurting, try the following:

Before assuming the worst about the offender, take time to honestly assess the situation. Could the offense have been accidental or unintended? Maybe there was simply a misunderstanding. If such is the case, it is often best to let go of your hurt and return to normalcy with the other person.

If you are still bothered by the situation, have you addressed it with the other person in a Christ-like manner? By doing so, resolution is usually found quite quickly. Hopefully, we are wise enough to address our grievance only to the offender and keep silent among those not involved with the situation.

Unfortunately, some people are just cruel, they want to hurt us, and they are not sorry. While we can not always influence others’ actions, we can always control how we respond to them. If others do not want forgiveness, that is their problem, not ours. Unfortunately, though, we often allow the obstinacy of others to create bitterness and resentment within us. But what did Jesus do? He constantly had enemies who wanted to trick, trouble, and even kill him. However, he never resented or retaliated those who hurt him. Instead, he wept over their hardened hearts and was always ready and willing to forgive them. As in all things, let us follow his example and be slow to assume, eager to love, and quick to forgive.—Blaine

CHRIST IN Youth



A Great Week!

Regardless of how you define “success,” our past week at Taylor Christian Camp was definitely that. First of all, it was a success because there were no major injuries, illnesses, or accidents. Camp was also a success because of the conduct of the campers. Peace and harmony existed among the campers as they patiently waited in line for meals, assumed the responsibilities of cleaning camp facilities, and competed against one another in various activities.

The success of camp can largely be seen through the “shining lights” of South Green Street. Our campers conducted themselves in ways that positively reflected Christ before all, and we are proud of their example. Additionally, we should commend the following campers for their accomplishments:

- Adam Fife was named Best Boy Camper. Congrats also go to Adam for being a part of this month’s Governor’s Scholars Program.
- Hannah Steen was named Best Girl Camper.
- Brittney Dugger (8-9 year old class) & Emma Steen (4th & 5th grade class) were selected as their classes’ Best Bible students.

Ultimately, camp was a success because the campers grew closer to God. Such evidence could be seen when our very own Ava Ferguson and Lindsey White, as well as Ava’s friend Jessica Miller, put Christ on through baptism. Additionally, Bobby White asked for the prayers of his Christian family. We are proud of all of our campers, and we give God glory for the growth of his kingdom through the addition of our new sisters in Christ.

Breakfast in Bed

by Steve Higginbotham

This past week was Bible camp for us. As most of you already know, for the past fourteen years, I've spend a week of the Summer serving as a counselor and teacher at Taylor Christian Camp. One of my responsibilities each week at camp has been to deliver the morning devotional. This year during the devotional period, I tried to impress one basic thought upon the young people, and that thought was "Jesus went about doing good" (Acts 10:38). Every morning, I would use an illustration to remind the young people that Jesus went about doing good and would conclude by challenging them to go do likewise.

Camp was going well, but my little seven-year-old girl became homesick for her mama. You see, Kim was out of town a week prior to camp, so by Wednesday night Anne Marie had about all she could take. She wanted to go home and see her mama who was scheduled to arrive home. So we gathered up her things and Anne Marie and I drove home at midnight.

Bright and early the next morning, I was awakened by the noise of my bedroom door opening. What I saw was Anne Marie walking gingerly with all her concentration upon two bowls of Cheerios which she held, one in each hand. Anne Marie had decided not only to make me breakfast in bed, but also her older sister down the hall!



After I ate her Cheerios, she climbed up in bed next to me and I asked her what made her think to do something like that. After all, she had never made me breakfast in bed before. Her response was, "Daddy, you've been telling us all week that Jesus went about doing good, and I want to be like Jesus."

Friends, I may someday dine in some swanky restaurant that serves only the best foods, prepared by a great chef, but I'll never have a better breakfast than the bowl of Cheerios my daughter served me last week. Jesus went about doing good (Acts 10:38). What about you?

"...God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power, **who went about doing good** and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him." (Acts 10:38)

Family Matters

Prayer Request

- Dorothy Coffey, Arnold Mansfield and Edna Vibbert
- Howard Gray, nephew of Dr. Carolyn McKinley
- Philip Smith, son of Ann Surber
- Nella Stewart, grandmother of Frankie England

Sympathy

We express our sympathy to the friends and family of Melinda Porter. She passed away on June 13 and funeral services were conducted June 16 in Scottsville. Melinda was the sister of Eddie Gerald.

Restorations

Jeffrey & Sonya Hogue responded to the invitation at the Sunday evening service to request prayers. We love and appreciate Jeffrey and Sonya for their humble hearts and their commitment to their family and to this congregation. Please honor their request and keep them in your prayers.

Visitation Team

Visitation Team #3 will meet June 24 following the morning worship service for a potluck meal and meeting. Team members are reminded to bring their visitation records to turn in. Team Leaders are Doug Frasier and Jim Searcy.

Thank You

Thank you very much to each and everyone who called sent cards, or visited during the illness and death of my brother-in-law, Wendell Britt. Thank you for the prayers and for visiting at the funeral home. We appreciated everything very much.

Gladys Thomas

Golf Scramble

The Annual Golf Scramble will be July 21 at the Fox Hollow Golf Course. Start time is 8:00 a.m. and the cost is \$24.00. Sign-up and pay in advance deadline is July 15, no exceptions. Payment should be given to Darrell Pitcock. Sign-up sheets are posted.

Area Events

- Gospel Meeting-Beckton Church of Christ-June 18-22-Steve Higginbotham, Speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Vacation Bible School-Cave City Church of Christ-June 18-22-10:00a.m.-12:00 p.m.-Theme-Neighbors For Jesus
- Gospel Meeting-Woodburn Church of Christ-June 24-June 26-Jerry Carmichael, Speaker-7:00 p.m.
- Gospel Meeting-Pleasant Hill Church of Christ-June 29-July 1 - Steve Higginbotham, Speaker-7:00 p.m.

Birthday

Banna Smith Proffitt will be 98 years old on June 26, 2007. She is the mother of Dixie Strode and the grandmother of Charlotte Birge. Cards may be sent to: Banna Smith Proffitt, The Palace, P.O. Box 150, Red Boiling Springs, TN 37150.

Mark Your Calendar!

This year South Green will host the area wide Teacher Training Seminar. This Seminar is scheduled for September 24 and 25, from 7:00 p.m.-8:30 p.m. The speakers will include: Sellers Crain, Dale Graham, Mike Greene, Tom Hall, David Hamilton, Steve Higginbotham, Blaine Kelly and Mark Sexton. Speaking to the ladies who teach children's Bible classes will be Lea Dye and Kim Higginbotham. A special song leading class will be conducted by Todd Walker from Murray, KY. Make plans to attend this Seminar!

For The Record

Sunday Morning Attendance	438
Sunday Contribution	\$6,398.51
2007 Weekly Budget	\$6,700.00
2007 Weekly Average	\$6,850.48

Sunday Morning, June 24, 2007

Deacons in Charge..... Doug Frasier
 Robbie Fudge
 Announcements..... John Weaver
 Song Leader..... Jackie Perkins
 Opening Prayer..... Tommy Gumm
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table Jimmy Smith
 Nick Pace
 Serving the Assembly..... Gordon Kelsay III
 Gary Denham
 Jonathan Dugger
 Jerry Staples
 Serving the Balcony..... Guy Simmons
 Glen Birge
 Gary Brownfield
 Closing Remarks..... Darrell Pitcock
 Dismissal Prayer..... Stanley Walton
 Greeters (Front Door) Rollin Simmons
 Mary Ann Simmons
 Greeters (Back Door) Louise Bray
 Sherian Gray
 Greeter (Side Door)..... Betty Pursley
 Assistance (Back Door)..... Ronnie Turner
 Umbrella (Back Door)..... Shane Walton

Ushers Jay Turner
 Bobby Steenbergen
 Usher & Serve Basement James Williams
 Lloyd Isenberg
 Count Contribution..... Mark Bowman
 Dan Button
 Ernie Weir
 Leslie Wilson
 Nursery Attendant..... Sheryl England
 Bake Bread..... Beverly Smith
 Bus Driver..... Glenn Pritchard
 Pick Up Attendance Cards..... Riley Fudge
 Christopher Staples

Sunday Evening Service

Announcements..... John Weaver
 Song Leader..... Jackie Perkins
 Opening Prayer..... Billy Pritchard
 Lesson..... Steve Higginbotham
 Presiding at the Table Tom Edwards
 Sam Bulle
 Dismissal Prayer..... Gary Edmunds

Wednesday Evening Service

Song Leader..... Walter Smith
 Prayer..... Fred Proffitt

Sunday Bible Study 9:30 a.m.
 Sunday A.M. Worship 10:30 a.m.
 Sunday P.M. Worship 6:00 p.m.
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00 p.m.
 Thursday Ladies' Class 10:00 a.m.

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