

Sunday Morning Worship

Announcements(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead SingingJeff McVey
 First PrayerMike Mullins
 ReadingHerb Rowland
 ScriptureI Thessalonians 1:2-4
 Lord's Table (N)*Russ Chilcutt
 (S).....*Leonard Clemons
 (N)Micah Lawrence
 (N)Joe Maynard
 (N)Rodney Maynard
 (S)Kurt Maynard
 (S)Clent Kesey
 (S)David McColloch
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissZollie Settles

Sunday Evening Worship

Announcements(668-2918) Jeff Flatt
 Lead SingingJeff McVey
 First PrayerWillie Newby
 ReadingFarris Young
 ScriptureMatthew 28:18-20
 Lord's Table*Randall Gann
*Tim Gann
 SermonTony Lawrence
 DismissBobby Ashford

Wednesday Bible Study

AnnouncementsRodney Reynolds
 Lead SingingCory Prince
 First PrayerLarry Flatt
 Reading.....Dale Bennett
 Invitation.....Tony Lawrence
 DismissRoger Cook

Welcome Committee

A.M.Larry & Jane Flatt
 P.M.Steve Hillis Family

Bus Driver:.....Ronnie Prince (808-2598)

Ushers:Kurt Maynard & Tommy Crouch
 Attend Nursery:Myra Bell
 Un/Lock Building:Randy Griffith/David Keele
 Prepare Communion:Doris Smith/Missy Biles
 Assist Baptisms: Mary Flatt & Barbara Witty

Pantry Item:Cheddar Cheese Soup

Elder Closing Remarks:Leonard Clemons

Record For The Week...

A.M. Worship.....331
 Bible Study.....251
 P.M. Worship311
 Wednesday Bible Study.....201
 Contribution.....\$6,980

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Services

<i>Sunday</i>		<i>Wednesday</i>	
A.M. Worship	9:00 AM	Bible Study	7:00 PM
Bible Study	10:15 AM		
P.M. Worship	6:00 PM	<i>Monday (2nd & 4th of each month)</i>	
		Monday Morning Bible Class	9:00 AM

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Sick

At Home:

Carol Barrett
Daisy Maxwell
Jeff Elam
Flossie Warren
Evelyn Northcutt
Marva Hughes (Allen's mother)
Melinda Martin
Dorothy Hennessee (following outpatient surgery)

In The Hospital:

Dennis Eller - Good Samaritan Rehab, 500
Hickory Hollow Terrace, Antioch, TN 37013

Sermon Topics

Sunday AMFaith, Hope & Love

Sunday PM.Becoming a Real Disciple

Sympathy

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family of Randy Bouldin, father of our Junah Bouldin. His funeral was this past Friday in Spencer.

Ladies' Holiday Dinner

Monday, December 7, at 6 pm at the Chef & His Crew Restaurant. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board for those planning to go. Please see Stefanie McColloch or Judy Sullivan for cost and more information.

Singing

There will be a Gospel Singing at the Pleasant Knoll church of Christ on November 20, from 7-9 pm.

New Arrival

Congratulations to Dwight & Carol Barrett on the arrival of a new granddaughter, Reagan Caroline Crook. (Ryan & Courtney Crook parents). She was born last Wednesday evening, November 11, and weighed 7 lbs and 1 oz.

Youth News

BIRTHDAY WEDNESDAY is this Wednesday. We will be celebrating youth with November birthdays. ALL youth are encouraged to stick around after services and help us celebrate.

One of the time honored annual youth events on the BBYG calendar is **WEDNESDAY NITE YOUTH SOMETHING!** The date is Wednesday night, November 25th, following services. Everyone is asked to bring his or her favorite snack and board or card games.

Sign-up sheets are on the Youth Bulletin Board for three up-coming events. Evangelism University, Evangelism University 2, and Challenge Youth Conference. Please read the fliers carefully and see if these trips are for you.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

12/5 Bible Bowl Study
12/6 Bible Bowl
12/6 Pew Packers

The Perfect Church

I think that I shall never see

A church that's all it ought to be;

A church whose members never stray

Beyond the strait and narrow way;

A church that has no empty pews,

Whose preacher never has the blues,

A church whose deacons always deak,

And none is proud, and all are meek;

Where gossips never peddle lies,

Or make complaints or criticize;

Where all are always sweet and kind,

And all to other's faults are blind.

Such perfect churches there may be,

But none of them are known to me.

But still, we'll work, and pray and plan,

To make our own the best we can.

~ Author Unknown ~

Forgiveness -- Without Repentance?

Children of God should love all men, even their enemies, and when they repent, forgive them. Occasionally, I am asked if it is our duty to forgive those who sin against us when they neither ask for nor desire forgiveness. It is not only not our duty to do so, were we so disposed, but it is an utter impossibility.

The question recurs because many people persist in disregarding what the Scriptures teach is involved in genuine repentance and by substituting their concept of what they feel forgiveness should include. Those who do this imply, whether they intend to or not, that forgiveness is simply the cancellation of all bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable feelings toward those who sin against us, and the substitution of a disposition of kindness, love, and warm regard for the offending one or ones -- a disposition, they urge, which should always be characteristic of faithful Christians.

But many devoted and dedicated disciples of the Lord never experience bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable feelings toward those who sin against them, however cruel and heartless such actions may have been. This attitude of a kind disposition is not forgiveness, anyway. God never entertains "bitter, revengeful, and uncharitable" feelings toward even the most vile of sinners, but He forgives only those who repent.

Our Lord, in the shadows of Gethsemane, prayed for those who hated him so much they sought and obtained His execution, but He did not forgive them until they repented. Amid the agonies of the cross, He said to His Father. "Forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Lk. 23:34) a petition not unconditional in nature, since by His own words first uttered in the Great Commission (Mk. 16:15-16) and later applied by Peter it was intent that pardon be bestowed only on the basis of repentance and obedience to the commandments He gave (Acts 2:36-38).

The words "remission" and "forgiveness" often translate to the same Greek word *aphesis*, the meaning of which is "release," the "sending of sins away" and the consequent restoration of the peaceful, cordial, and friendly relationship formerly existing. Unless the offender wants this "peaceful, cordial, friendly" relationship, it is impossible for the offended to affect it, however much he may desire and seek it.

It is at this point people often say, "Yes, but we must be ready to forgive always," as indeed we ought, but it should be recognized that such readiness is not forgiveness. Our Lord made crystal clear our obligation in all such cases when He said, "Take heed to yourselves; If thy brother trespass, rebuke him; and if he repent, forgive him. And if he sin against thee seven times...turn again to thee saying, I repent, thou shalt forgive him" (Lk. 17:3,4). Thus, the divine edict is, if one sins against us, we are to rebuke him; and when he repents, we are to forgive him.

It is the duty of all children of God to love all men, even their enemies, actively to seek their good, and pray for their well-being; and, when they repent, to forgive them. It should ever be borne in mind that reconciliation is an integral and essential element of the relationship resulting from penitence on the part of the offender and forgiveness on the offended, and that is occasioned by an adjustment and settlement of all differences that led to the alienation. We must be sure that no action or attitude of ours deters the proper response of others to us because our fellowship here on Earth and our salvation in Heaven hereafter are matters intimately involved.

~ Guy N.Woods ~
