

Sunday, December 22, 2019

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WORSHIP TIMES

Sunday Bible Class
9:30 AM

Sunday Morning
Worship 10:30 AM

Sunday Evening
Worship 6:00 PM

Wednesday Bible
Class 7:00 PM

*We livestream
Services and Bible
Study on Facebook
Live*

Forgiveness > Forbearance

What is forgiveness? Simply put, to forgive is to pay the debt yourself. Sometimes I think we pretend to forgive... when we really just push down our outward response to the injustice. We just kind of bury how we feel and grit and bear it. But that's not forgiveness... that's always still in the back of your mind. It's always subconsciously affecting how we react and deal with someone.

We're not so good at forgiveness... we usually settle for this kind of forbearance thing... we're all a little like loan companies, I'm sad to say!

The thing about forbearance is, even though the debt is pushed down the line, it's still there. Out of sight - out of mind, but by no means remembered for the last time. The worst thing about forbearance is that during that out of sight time, it does something peculiar... it still gains interest. And so do our places of unforgiveness!

Have you ever heard someone say "I forgave you... but you know what, after all this time you NEVER even called. You never texted. You never even tried to contact me. I have forgiven you but you know what I will NEVER forget."

Did you catch that? There's no real forgiveness there. There's actually MORE bitterness present than before. Because the debt wasn't forgiven... it was just out of sight. It just went into forbearance and it's been collecting the interest on all that time and bitterness ever since. Now the debt is too large for the person to ever even repay. The relationship is totally bankrupt.

As we approach a new year, we ought to take time to consider that the forgiveness extended to us by our great God comes from a totally different stratosphere. We read in Hebrews about the superiority of Christ's sacrifice for us. Old Testament sacrifices were able to 'cover' the sins of the people for a time, but ultimately sacrifices were required continually to keep up the forbearance. Christ's sacrifice was different. It was once and for all (Hebrews 9:26). It has the power not to merely cover, but to cleanse. In Jesus there is no more debt to pay. It has been paid. We don't owe interest on our past, and we don't accrue charges that we must atone for in the present or future.

When Jesus said "it is finished". It was.

As we enter 2020, may we have crystal clarity on what great lengths God has gone to in bringing us REAL forgiveness... and seeing as we have done nothing to deserve it, let us strive to extend the same grace, the same mercy, and the same forgiveness to others. Let's be finished collecting debts from people. Because God has paid ours Himself, all we owe...is praise.

-Marcus Stenson

OUR PRAYER LIST

Jay Eckhart still undergoing cancer treatments.

Stacey Haddock (daughter of Duane and Sandy) in continued treatment and testing for bladder cancer.

Susan McCoy (Alevia Mellott's grandmother and friend of Jim and Rita Taylor) is a member of Bridgestreet congregation and is having multiple health issues.

Sarah Morris (niece of Charlie & Lois) has colon cancer. She has begun chemo.

Betty Scritchfield (grandmother of Mark Furrer) is facing some health issues.

Hello Church,

Hope you are doing well. We are doing great here in Meru and The Lord has been good to us.

I am writing this message from my home at Machegene Meru and I plan to go to Meru town sometimes next week to buy some shopping for Christmas and also send some files to you at a cyber.

Hoping that this message will get to you on time, may I thank you in advance and also wish you a Merry Xmas.

In His service,
Geoffrey.

this week

- ☛ This month, please refer to the Donation calendar posted on the bulletin boards and on Facebook for our food pantry collection
- ☛ Wednesday Dec. 25 we will have one Bible study session at 7PM
- ☛ Love & Care today and Thursday
- ☛ Please submit events and meetings for the 2020 calendar

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I APPRECIATE THE EFFORT, BUT THE WHOLE 'SITTING ON MY RIGHT HAND' THING IS NOT AS LITERAL AS YOU SEEM TO THINK



PLEASE SHOWER THIS MEMBER WITH CARDS IN DECEMBER

Judy Beckett
2417 Gant Ave
Parkersburg, WV 26104



Some notes to say

Thank You

Thank you for the wonderful meal prepared and served following our mother's funeral. The 36th St. Church was very good to our mother and great encouragement. Best to all of you!

Family of Marie Cooper

To all of the wonderful elves who made Thanksgiving possible & yummy this year. Thank you for thinking of us! Everything was delicious!

Love, Cathy & Ed Deem



IN
SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY[®]
Sunday, December 29, 2019

This Sunday's topic is
"Pray without Ceasing"

"From time to time we must all reenroll in the school of prayer. Prayerlessness often leaves our souls weak and weary. To be truly strong spiritually we must continue to ask, seek, and knock."

TUNE IN AT 7:30 AM - WTAP TV

Tune in next Sunday morning to see how Phil Sanders addresses this subject. The program airs at 7:30 AM on WTAP TV.

DECEMBER 25

Mary Lamp

DECEMBER 27

Dorothy Metz

DECEMBER 28

Mary Beth Full, James King



Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER 22

Mike & Cathy O'Dell

Please Send Cards

- * *Judy Beckett (Get Well)*
- * *Roger Bibbee (Get Well)*
- * *Karen Case (Get Well)*
- * *Paula Garner (Thinking of You)*
- * *Ann Grimm (Get Well)*
- * *Sarah Morris (Get Well)*
- * *Glenna Radcliff (Get Well)*
- * *Phyllis Williamson (Sympathy)*

These can be left in the blue wire basket by the Deacon's desk. We will take care of the mailing. There are extra cards at the desk for your use. - Alice Hale

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Sunday, December 22, 2019 10:30 AM

TODAY'S ORDER OF WORSHIP

Opening Hymn(s)/Welcome

Opening Prayer

Lord's Supper Preparation Hymn

Lord's Supper Celebration

Hymn Before the Sermon

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 3:18-20

Sermon: "New Year, New Head Esteem "

(Text: 1 Corinthians 3:21 - 4:7)

Speaker: Marcus Stenson

Invitation Hymn

Announcements,

Closing Prayer & Dismissal

Sunday, December 22, 2019 6:00 PM

EVENING SERVICE

"God With Us"

Speaker: Marcus Stenson

**Attendance and Contribution Week of
12/15/2019**

Sunday AM Bible Study: 88

Sunday AM Worship: 168

Sunday PM Worship: 80

Wednesday Bible Study: 82

Contribution: \$4197.01

DECEMBER PRIVILEGED TO SERVE

Visitor Table:

Mary Beth Full

Head Usher:

Joe Carrico

Communion Table (Front):

Jim Kelley, Jim Hall, Ted Cramer, Kelly Gibbs

Communion (Rear):

Mark Carpenter, Jeff DePuy, Duane Smith, Gary
Grimm, Eddie Gray, Paul McDaniel

	12/29 AM	12/29 PM
Song Leader	Jay Houser	Mike Hale
Prayer	Jim Shuman	Marcus Stenson
Table Speaker	Tim Kirl	Jay Houser
Table Assist	David McCullough	Joe Carrico
Read Scripture	Ted Cramer	Jim Taylor
Closing Prayer	Jack Long	Kelly Gibbs

THOSE IN OUR PRAYERS

Our Long Term Care

Residents:

Edna Cain

(The Willows Rm 115)

Ann Grimm

*(Milestone Senior Living
426)*

Lola Hitzel

(Wyngate Rm 159)

Eva Leonhart

(Love & Care Rm 23)

Jerry Page

(Eagle Point Rm 334)

Peggy Smith

*(Edgewood Manor of
Lucasville Rm 607)*

Myra Zinn

(Cedar Grove Rm W60)

Our Military:

Chris & Melanie Depuy

U.S. Air Force *(son of
Jeff & Julie Depuy)*

Brad & Amber Gibbs

U.S. Navy
*(grandson of
Kelly & Genny Gibbs)*

Chad Williamson

U.S. Marines *(grandson of
Pat Williamson)*

Anthony Worst

U.S. Marines *(nephew of
Michelle Hershman)*

Our Homebound:

Gladys Frohling

Jim Hart

Ron & Jo Kress

Laura Menear

Glenna Radcliff

Charles Sams

Becca Simons

Pat Williamson