

Withholding Forgiveness

It is viewed as blasphemous by many for someone to withhold forgiveness. Well-meaning Christians tell people all the time that they must forgive or they won't be forgiven. There is some truth to that but there's also a lot of untruth. The Bible has much to say about the unrepentant sinner. If we are to forgive as the Lord forgave us, that means that there are times where forgiveness is not extended. In fact, Jesus told his disciples "If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld" (John 20:23). There are times where withholding forgiveness is necessary. For example, Paul instructs the Corinthian church to handle the man who had sexual relations with his mother thus: "Let him who has done this be removed from among you" (1 Cor. 5:2).

There is not a hint of forgiveness in this passage. In fact, Paul says, "You are to deliver this man to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord" (1 Cor. 5:5). Premature forgiveness is a mockery of justice. Paul asks them to remove the man and hand him over to Satan, not forgive him. That is, until he repents. When the man repented, Paul said, "For such a one, this punishment by the majority is enough, so you should rather turn to forgive and comfort him, or he may be overwhelmed by excessive sorrow. So I beg you to reaffirm your love for him" (2 Cor. 2:6-8). When someone refuses to repent, withholding forgiveness is a necessary step to help the person repent.--**Jimmy Hinton**

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Speaker	Jimmy Hinton
Song Leader	Eric Maust
Prayer of Preparation	DP
Scripture	Mike Lowry
Shepherd's Prayer	Bob Martin
Communion	Tex Blenden
Passers	CJ Gaibor Mark McKlveen
Communion Prep Greeter	Tes and Ruth

Caroling

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SOMERSET CHURCH OF CHRIST



Regular Service Times

Sunday	Fellowship	9:30am
	Bible Class	10:00am
	Worship	11:00am
Wednesday	Study	7:00pm

Elders:

Bob Martin 445-8887 or 233-3321

Elton Blenden 443-6837 or 244-3059

	Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOV	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	Potluck Hymn Sing			Mid-week worship 7pm	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm		
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
			Thanksgiving Service	Happy Thanksgiving			
	25	26	27	28	29	30	1
			Hymn Sing @ Meadowview 7pm (meet there)	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm			DEC
2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
			Mid-week worship 7pm	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm			
	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
	Potluck/ Caroling @ Somerset Towers 12pm			Caroling @ Lutheran Commons 7pm (meet there)	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm Bible Study @ Betty's 7pm		

Contacts for questions about:

- Youth Night Valinda and Tim 814.443.1044
- Ladies Class Betty 814.442.0186
- Bible Study Bob 814.445.8887/233.3321 | Tex 443.6837/244.3059 | Betty 442.0186
- * Other *
- Activities Brent 717.315.9100 | or 814.445.5569

REMBEMBER:
 The weekly Building Cleaning Volunteers are listed on the website:
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Prayers

- Prayers for Anonymous
- Mike Lech (and family) – continued health issues
- Steiners- Lloyd and Neci health issues.
- Sammy (Lloyd & Neci's niece) Type I Diabetes
- Todd Kenyon serious health problems (Roxann's Son-in-law)
- Linda (Debbie's Aunt) struggling w/health issues
- Fran (Betty's friend) unexplained weight loss
- Gaibor: Audree health concerns
Andee fell off playhouse, stitches
- Briley health concerns
- Wendy various health concerns
- Bob Steadman various health concerns
- Lauren Cowen recovering from surgery Oct 30
- Bill and Mary Ann traveling to Iceland
- Patsy Fitzgerald

Notes

Ladies Class Details:

*Dec. 4- Tes hosting. Each lady to bring a dozen cookies and inspiration to share. In lieu of gifts we please contribute to a collection for the Hope House in Haiti. The moneys will be used for items on the Hope House Wish List —————>

Birthdays / Anniversaries	
11/8	11/12
Kyle Ragsdale	Chase (Maust)
11/14	11/18
Sherry Dzeirski	Brenda Gaibor
11/26	11/28
Aleesa Feig	Christian Gaibor
	Belva McKlveen
	Tom Kapcsos
	Valerie Young

Special prayers for our Missionaries:

- Ecuador:
Rusty & Laura Campbell and kids, Elizabeth, Benjamin, Steve and Alex
www.rustyandlaura.blogspot.com
www.foundationbellevue.org
rustyandlaura@gmail.com
- Haiti:
Stephanie and Roni Bhullar
www.Childrenofthepromise.org
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Hope House Wish List:

- QTY 3 Toddler bed mattresses \$40.86 ea
- Diapers & Pull Ups-all sizes \$22-49 ea
- (donations are needed by Nov. 25—see Joyce)