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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<u>November</u>	11		
Speaker	Jimmy Hinton		
Song Leader	Eric Maust		
Prayer of Preparation	DP		
Scripture	Mike Lowry		
Shepherd's Prayer	Bob Martin Tex Blenden CJ Gaibor		
Communion			
Passers			
	Mark McKlveen		
Communion Prep Greeter	Tes and Ruth		

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SOMERSET CHURCE

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
N	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
0 V	Potluck Hymn Sing			Mid-week worship 7pm	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm		
	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
				Thanksgiving Service	Happy Thanksgiving		
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				Hymn Sing @ Meadowview 7pm (meet there)	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm		D E C
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				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		

<u>Contacts for questions about</u>:

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 neice) 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

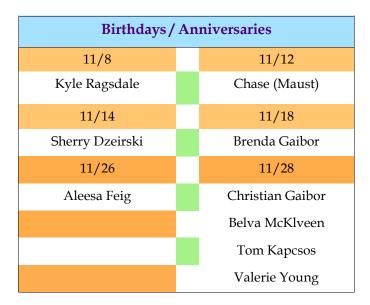
Lauren Cowen recovering from surgery Oct 30

Bill and Mary Ann traveling to Iceland

Patsy Fitzgerald

Notes

Ladies Class Details:



Special prayers for our Missionaries:

Ecuador:

Rusty & Laura Campbell and kids, Elizabeth, $\,$

Benjamin, Steve and Alex

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Haiti:

Stephanie and Roni Bhullar

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Hope House Wish List:

QTY 3 Toddler bed mattresses \$40.86 ea

Diapers & Pull Ups-all sizes

(donations are needed by Nov. 25—see Joyce)

\$22-49 ea