

Forgiveness Is a Gift

We've been talking about what it means to forgive as we have been forgiven by the Lord. We broke the myth that forgiveness is for you and *not for the person you are forgiving*. *This week we are getting into the nuts and bolts of forgiveness. Repentance precedes forgiveness. There is no such thing as unconditional forgiveness. That's an American concept that we've adopted. Victims of horrific crimes are told that they won't be forgiven unless they forgive their abuser. Or that they can never find peace unless they forgive. So what do we do if someone is unrepentant? Jesus is pretty clear: "If your brother sins, rebuke him, and if he repents, forgive him" (Luke 17:3). The word forgiveness doesn't appear that often in the Bible, but when it does it's often accompanied by the word "if."*

When Solomon dedicated the Temple, he prayed a prayer of forgiveness. Each time he mentioned forgiveness, it was preceded by the word "if": "If they repent with all their heart and with all their soul in the land of their captivity. . . then hear from heaven your dwelling place their prayer and their pleas, and maintain their cause and forgive your people who have sinned against you" (2 Chron. 6:38, 39). When God forgives us, it is a gift. Whether it's from God or a fellow believer, when our debt is forgiven we are released from our debt. That's an indescribable gift! When Joseph forgave his brothers they wept. Joseph gave them a gift when he forgave them. Repentance and forgiveness help to heal, restore, and keep peace.--**Jimmy Hinton**

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SOMERSET CHURCH OF CHRIST



November **18**

Speaker	Jimmy Hinton
Song Leader	DP
Prayer of Preparation	Victor Gaibor
Scripture	Brent Ragsdale
Shepherd's Prayer	Tex Blenden
Communion	Bill Riggs
Passers	Victor Gaibor Jr Dave Dzeirski
Communion Prep Greeter	Lisa, Tes and Ruth Betty



Caroling

- 11/28 7pm at Meadowview in Berlin
- 12/9 1:30pm at Somerset Towers
- 12/12 7pm at the Lutheran Commons

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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 O V	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		
	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		
	16	17	18	19	20	21	22
				Mid-week worship 7pm	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm		

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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

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
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- * Other *
 Activities Brent 717.315.9100 | or 814.445.5569

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 —————>

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)