### 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

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



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# SOMERSET CHURCH

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## 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

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N	18	19	20	21	22	23	24
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				Hymn Sing @ Meadowview 7pm (meet there)	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm		E
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				Mid-week worship 7pm	Bible Study @ Church 6:30pm		
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	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		

### <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:

www.somersetchurchofchrist.com



#### **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

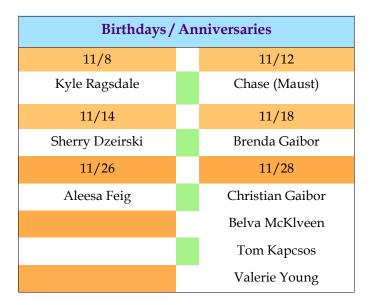
Lauren Cowen recovering from surgery Oct 30

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

\$22-49 ea

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